

Cancer Is a Fatal Disease; Perspectives among Muslim Married Men in Indonesia

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Abstract- The aim of this study was to explore married Muslim man's perceptions related to breast and cervical cancer in order to gather information of about their roles in women's cancer. A descriptive exploratory approach was used involving focus group with 11 groups (n=77) of men from rural and urban areas of West Java province, Indonesia. Data were analyzed using The Inductive Comparative Qualitative Analysis Approach in Focus Group (ICQAAF). Men perceived that cancer is a fatal disease for women because they regard it as deadly, dangerous, scary, and costly. Participants also cited that this disease is given from God, and He will help to cure it. The study highlights that men views of women's cancer are various and influenced by experience of cancer in their family or communities, and beliefs. Men's perceptions of women's cancer could be influence to their roles in women's health.

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