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SUDARAT SOOKCHARAEN : KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES CONCERNING DENTAL HEALTH OF PRATHOM SUKSA SIX STUDENTS, IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PRIMARY EDUCATION COMMISSION, BANGKOK METROPOLIS.

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The purposes of this research were to study and to compare the knowledge, attitudes and practices concerning dental health of Prathom Suksa Six students, in elementary schools under the Jurisdiction of the Office of the National Primary Education Commission, Bangkok Metropolis. The independent variables were genders and school sizes. A population of 450 students, 226 boys and 224 girls in Prothom Suksa Six from 16 primary schools under the Jurisdiction of the National Primary Education Commission, Bangkok Metropolis were randomly sampled. Students were asked to respond to the questionnaires devised by the researcher. All or 100 percent of the questionnaires were returned and then analyzed in terms of percentages, means and standard deviations. A t-test was applied to determine the significant differences. One-way analysis of Variance and the Scheffe's method were also employed to determine the significant differences at the .05 level.

The findings were as follows:

1. The students' knowledge concerning dental health were found in the fairly good level. Although, it was found that students should improve in many areas such as more effective brushing techniques in the prevention of dental caries and teething age. There were statistical significant differences at the .05 level regarding students' knowledge between male and female students, but there were no statistical significant differences at the .05 level among large, medium and small sized schools.

2. The students' attitudes concerning dental health were in the good level, but it was found that students should improve in many areas such as the mis-conception that teeth will fall out naturally due to old age no matter how much care is taken and the causes of dental caries. There were statistical significant differences of students' attitudes at the .05 level between male and female students, but there were no statistical significant differences of students' attitudes at the .05 level among large, medium and small sized schools.

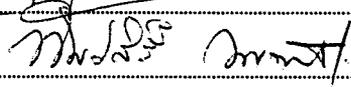
3. The majority of students' dental health practices were at the fairly good level. Although, there are many areas that need improvement such as brushing teeth after lunch time and using dental floss. There were statistical significant differences of students' practices at the .05 level between male and female students, but there were no statistical significant differences at the .05 level among large, medium and small sized schools.

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