

Factors Affecting the Use of Visual Inspection Acetic Acid Test: Multilevel Analysis on the Contextual Effect of Health Center

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ABSTRACT

Background: Cervical cancer is one of the deadliest diseases that are a major cause of female morbidity and mortality in developing countries. This study aimed to determine the effect of health centers on the use of visual inspection acetic acid (VIA) tests using social cognitive theory.

Subjects and Method: This was an analytic observational study with a cross sectional design, conducted at 25 community health centers (Puskesmas) in Surakarta and Karanganyar, Central Java, Indonesia. A sample of 225 married women at reproductive age was selected by random sampling. The dependent variable was the use of VIA test. The independent variables at level 1 were intention, self-efficacy, attitude, outcome expectation, imitation, type of contraceptive method, distance to health service, belief, and time to attend health services. Puskesmas was independent variable at level 2. The data were collected by questionnaire and analyzed by a multilevel logistic regression.

Results: The use of VIA tests was positively affected by intention ($b= 1.25$; 95% CI= 0.30 to -2.13; $p= 0.010$), attitude ($b= 1.25$; 95% CI = 0.30 to -2.13; $p= 0.010$), outcome expectation ($b= 0.86$; 95% CI= -0.89 to -0.19; $p= 0.076$), imitation ($b= 1.58$; 95% CI= 0.62 to 2.54; $p= 0.001$), intra uterine device ($b= 1.55$; 95% CI= 0.65 to 2.45; $p= 0.001$), distance ($b= 1.39$; 95% CI= 0.44 to 2.34; $p= 0.004$), self-efficacy ($b= 1.11$; 95% CI= 0.26 to 1.97; $p= 0.011$), trust in health service ($b= 1.84$; 95% CI= 0.87 to 2.81; $p < 0.001$), and spare time to attend health center ($b = 0.76$; 95% CI = -0.11 to 1.64; $p= 0.090$). Puskesmas accreditation status had contextual effect on the use of VIA tests with ICC= 30.68%.

Conclusion: The use of VIA tests was positively affected by intention, attitude, outcome expectation, imitation, intrauterine device, distance, self-efficacy, trust in health service, and spare time to attend health center. Puskesmas accreditation status had contextual effect on the use of VIA tests.

Keywords: visual inspection acetic acid, social cognitive theory, multilevel analysis

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BACKGROUND

Cervical cancer is ranked second after breast cancer in women worldwide. The cause of cervical cancer is 70% caused by Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) types 16 and 18. The prevalence of HPV in Central and South America is the highest at a young age of <25 years, and increases at an older age of ≤ 45 years (Burdette et al., 2014; WHO, 2017; Keulen et al., 2017).

More than 20 million new cancer cases were found mainly in low and middle

income countries (Ferlay et al., 2015). This is because cervical cancer screening facilities in developing countries are only a few and mostly concentrated in urban areas (Ajenifuja et al., 2013).

VIA test is a very important and simple examination that can be carried out by health personnel who receive training especially doctors, nurses and midwives. VIA test is used at the level of primary health care and secondary to cervical cancer (Emmanuel et al., 2016).

Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia (2017) reported that early detection coverage reached 1,925,943 people (2.76%) from 69,739,202 total women of reproductive age in Indonesia. Data from the Central Java Province Health Profile (2017) reported that the coverage of VIA visits was 447,812 (5.07%) from 8,832-601 women of reproductive age in Central Java. The coverage is still very low, so it requires more effort to reach the target.

The government optimized the early cervical cancer detection program to improve the implementation of prevention and early detection of cancer in women in Indonesia in 2015 to 2019, it is expected that in 2019 the number of women of reproductive age) who make early detection reaches 50 percent (Ministry of Health, 2017).

Public Health Center is a basic health facility that is affordable for all people, especially for the middle to lower economic community. Health centers are expected to become professional health service institutions, which are oriented to service quality that is competent, innovative, needs oriented, and customer or patient satisfaction, especially in accredited Puskesmas (Radito, 2014). Accredited Puskesmas have health personnel who actively provide information and increase women of reproductive age knowledge through counseling, thus motivating women to carry out VIA tests (Lubis et al., 2016).

Based on this, the authors wanted to find out the effect on the individual level and the contextual influence on the public health center on the possible use of VIA tests in Solo and Karanganyar.

SUBJECTS AND METHOD

1. Study Design

This was an analytic observational study with a cross sectional design. The study was conducted in Solo and Karanganyar, Cen-

tral Java, Indonesia, from February to March 2019.

2. Population and Sample

The target population in this study were women who had taken the VIA test and women who did not take the VIA test. A sample of 225 women aged 20 to 49 years of reproductive age was selected by random sampling.

3. Study Variables

The dependent variable was the use of the VIA test. The independent variables at level 1 were intention, self-efficacy, attitude, outcome expectation, imitation, type of contraceptive method, distance, trust in health service, and spare time to attend health service. Puskesmas was an independent variable at level 2.

4. Operational Definition of Variables

The use of VIA test was described as the result of the women's answer about the behavior of using the VIA test (ever/never). Self-efficacy was described as the women's ability about self-confidence in driving motivation to routinely conduct VIA tests.

Intention was described as the desire of the women to do or not to do and VIA test. Attitude was described as women's response related to ease or obstacles to influence mothers in conducting VIA tests.

Time was described as the time the women has in addition to the time to work or take care of the household which can be used to conduct an VIA test. The type of family planning is described as a type of contraception used by respondents.

Outcome expectation was described by the results expected by respondents if they take the VIA test and if they do not take the VIA test. Imitation was described as the women actions to imitate other people behavior after seeing other people take VIA tests.

Distance was described as the distance traveled by the respondent to the public

health centers from the last place of activity. Trust in health service was described by respondents regarding professional services or health personnel to provide VIA test at public health center.

5. Study Instruments

The data were collected by a set of questionnaire that has been tested for validity and reliability. The total item value is >0.2 , Alpha Cronbach >0.7 .

6. Data Analysis

Univariate analysis was performed to see the frequency distribution and the percentage of the characteristics of the study subjects. Bivariate analysis was conducted to study the relationship between the use of IV test and independent variables using chi-square test and calculation of odds ratio (OR) with a confidence level (CI) of 95%. Multivariate analysis was performed using logistic regression through a multilevel analysis approach.

7. Research Ethics

The research ethics include informed consent, anonymity, confidentiality, and ethical clearance. Ethical clearance was obtained

from Research Ethics Committee at Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Sebelas Maret, Surakarta, Central Java, with Number of Ethical Eligibility: 456 / UN27.06 / KEPK / 2019.

RESULTS

1. Characteristics Samples

Table 1 showed a description of the sample characteristics. The majority are 30 years old with a minimum age of 20 years and a maximum age of 40 years. The average value of the intention is 12 with a minimum value of 1 and a maximum value of 24. The average attitude value is 10 with a minimum value of 1 and a maximum value of 20.

The majority of the women's outcome expectation is 10 with a minimum value of 1 and a maximum value of 20. The average value of imitation is 12 with a minimum value of 2 and a maximum value of 24. The majority of respondents' distance to the Puskesmas is 8 km with a minimum value of 1 km and a maximum value of 14 km. The average value of women's self-efficacy was 10.

Table 1. Sample characteristics (continuous data)

Variables	N	Mean	SD	Minimum	Maximum
Age (year)	225	30.0	5.7	20.0	40.0
Intention	225	12.0	6.2	1.0	24.0
Attitude	225	10.0	5.4	1.0	20.0
Outcome expectation	225	10.0	5.5	1.0	20.0
Imitation	225	12.0	6.6	2.0	24.0
Distance (km)	225	8.0	3.8	1.0	14.0
Self-Efficacy	225	10.0	5.7	1.0	20.0

2. Univariate Analysis

Univariate description of study variables explains the general description of data. Each of the variables studied is described in the table which shows that the percentage of research subjects included: did not do VIA tests totaling 128 (56.89%). Women

with weak intention were 126 (56%) and negative attitude were 133 (59.11%). Women with positive outcome expectation were 152 people (67.56%). Women who imitated were 142 (63.11%). The majority of women used intra uterine device (IUD) contraceptive method with 123 (54.67%).

Table 2. Sample characteristics (dichotomous data)

Characteristics		n	%
VIA Test	Yes	97	43.11
	No	128	56.89
Intention	Strong (score ≥ 12)	99	44
	Weak (score < 12)	126	56
Attitude	Positive (≥ 10)	92	40.89
	Negative (< 10)	133	59.11
Outcome Expectation	Positive (≥ 10)	152	67.56
	Negative (< 10)	73	32.44
Imitation	Yes (≥ 12)	142	63.11
	No (< 12)	83	36.89
Type of family planning	IUD	123	54.67
	Non IUD	102	45.33
Distance	Close (< 8 km)	150	66.67
	Far (≥ 8 km)	75	33.33
Self-Efficacy	High (≥ 10)	102	45.33
	Low (< 10)	123	54.67
Trust to health service	Good	137	60.89
	Poor	88	39.11
Time	Yes	97	43.11
	No	128	56.89

3. Bivariate analysis

Bivariate analysis was used to examine the relationship between independent variables (intention, self-efficacy, attitude, outcome expectation, imitation, type of family planning, distance, trust in health services and time) and the dependent variable (use of VIA test). The results of bivariate analysis can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3 showed the results of bivariate analysis. 63 (63.6%) of women used the VIA test and had strong intentions (score ≥ 12). Women with strong intention were 5 times more likely to use the VIA test and it was statistically significant (OR= 4.73; $p < 0.001$).

Women who used the VIA test had a positive attitude (score ≥ 10) in a total of 53 (57.6%). Women with positive attitude were 3 times more likely to use the VIA test and it was statistically significant (OR= 2.74; $p < 0.001$).

Women who used the IVA test had a positive outcome expectation (score ≥ 10) which was 83 (54.6%). Women with a positive outcome expectation were 5 times more

likely to use the VIA test and it was statistically significant (OR= 5.06; $p < 0.001$).

A total of 74 (52.1%) women who used the VIA test performed imitation (score ≥ 12). Women who imitated were 3 times more likely to use the VIA test and it was significant (OR= 2.83; $p < 0.001$).

A total of 76 (61.8%) women who conducted the VIA test used IUD contraceptive method. Women with IUD were 6 times more likely to use the VIA test and were statistically significant (OR = 6.23; $p < 0.001$).

Short distance increased the use of VIA test. Distance (< 8 km) increased the likelihood of women to use VIA test and it was statistically significant (OR= 2.64; $p = 0.001$). Strong self-efficacy increased the use of VIA test and it was statistically significant (OR = 2.43; $p = 0.001$).

Trust in health service increased the use of VIA test and it was statistically significant (OR= 4.36; $p < 0.001$). Women who had spare time to attend health service were 2 times more likely to use the VIA test and it was significant (OR= 1.97; $p = 0.013$).

Table 3. Bivariate analysis in the use of the IVA test

Variable	IVA Test Examination				Total		OR	p
	No		Yes		N	%		
	n	%	n	%				
Intention								
Weak(score < 12)	92	73	34	27	126	100	4.73	<0.001
Strong(score ≥ 12)	36	36.4	63	63.6	99	100		
Attitude								
Negative < 10	89	66.9	44	33.1	133	100	2.74	<0.001
Positive ≥ 10	39	42.4	53	57.6	106	100		
Outcome Expectation								
Negative < 10	59	80.8	14	19.2	73	100	5.06	<0.001
Positive ≥ 10	69	45.4	83	54.6	152	100		
Imitation								
No < 12	60	72.3	23	27.7	83	100	2.83	<0.001
Yes ≥ 12	68	47.9	74	52.1	142	100		
Type of Family Planning								
Non IUD	81	79.4	21	20.06	102	100	6.23	<0.001
IUD	47	38.2	76	61.8	123	100		
Distance								
Far ≥ 8 km	54	72	21	28	75	100	2.64	0.001
Close < 8 km	74	49.3	76	50.7	150	100		
Self-Efficacy								
Low < 10	82	66.7	41	33.3	123	100	2.43	0.001
High ≥ 10	46	45.1	56	54.9	102	100		
Trust to health service								
Poor	68	77.3	20	22.7	88	100	4.36	<0.001
Good	60	43.8	77	56.2	137	100		
Time								
No	82	64.1	46	35.9	128	100	1.97	0.013
Yes	46	47.4	51	52.6	97	100		

4. Multilevel Analysis

The number of variables observed was nine at level 1, one variable at level 2 with the number of observations was 225. The number of groups observed was the health center at level 2, the average group has 9 observation subjects.

Table 4 showed that the use of VIA tests increased with strong intention ($b=1.23$; 95% CI= 0.32 to 2.13; $p=0.008$), positive attitude ($b=1.25$; 95% CI= 0.30 to -2.13; $p=0.010$), positive outcome expectation ($b=0.86$; 95% CI= -0.89 to -0.19; $p=0.076$), imitating ($b=1.58$; 95% CI= 0.62 to 2.54; $p=0.001$), IUD use ($b=1.55$; 95% CI= 0.65 to 2.45; $p=0.001$), short distance to health service ($b=1.39$; 95% CI= 0.44 to

2.34; $p=0.004$), high self-efficacy ($b=1.11$; 95% CI= 0.26 to 1.97; $p=0.011$), trust in health service ($b=1.84$; 95% CI= 0.87 to 2.81; $p<0.001$), had spare time to attend health service ($b=0.76$; 95% CI= -0.11 to 1.64; $p=0.090$).

The result of ICC= 30.68% indicated that 30.68% of the variation in VIA test use was determined by accreditation of health center. This number was greater than the standard size of 8-10% role of thumb. It was indicated that community health center (Puskesmas) had contextual effect on the use of VIA test. The value of $p=0.001$ indicated that multilevel analysis models had statistically significant differences with the regular logistic regression model.

Table 4. Multilevel logistical analysis

Independent variables	b	95% CI		p
		Lower limit	Upper limit	
Fixed Effect				
Intention strong)	1.23	0.32	2.13	0.008
Attitude (positive)	1.25	0.30	2.19	0.010
Outcome Expectation (positive)	0.86	-0.89	-0.19	0.076
Imitation (yes)	1.58	0.62	2.54	0.001
Type of FP (IUD)	1.55	0.65	2.45	0.001
Distance to Health Center (close)	1.39	0.44	2.34	0.004
Self-efficacy (high)	1.11	0.26	1.97	0.011
Free time (yes)	0.76	-0.11	1.64	0.090
Trust in health services (high)	1.84	0.87	2.81	<0.001
Constants	-7.03	-9.15	-4.98	
Random Effect				
Health center				
Variant (constant)	1.45	0.42	4.98	
n observation = 225				
n health center group= 25				
Log likelihood = - 87.02				
LR test vs. Logistic regression, p= 0.001				
ICC = 30.68%				

DISCUSSION

1. The Effect of Intention on the Use of VIA Test

The results of this study supported the Planned Behavior Theory (TPB) proposed by Ajzen that "the greater the intention, the greater the likelihood of behavior occurrence". Intention was formed from the presence of attitudes toward the behavior of someone (Azwar, 2013; Murti, 2018).

The results of this study were in line with Saptowati et al. (2018), which stated that the use of VIA test was directly affected by intention. Ulfiana (2013) also stated that most women of reproductive age intended to do Pap smear, so that they were able to take a positive attitude to conduct Pap smear to prevent cervical cancer.

2. The Effect of Attitude on the Use of VIA Test

The results of this study supported the TPB theory found by Ajzen that attitude was a tendency to respond in the form of beliefs, feelings or behaviors to an idea, object, person and event or social situation that was important which in this case was doing VIA

tests. Attitude was influenced by beliefs about behavior (Murti, 2018). Attitude referred to the extent to which a positive or negative evaluation of a person toward the desired behavior (Abiodun et al., 2014).

The results of this study were in line with a study by Fauza et al. (2018), which reported that there was a significant relationship between attitude and participation of women in early detection of cervical cancer with VIA test. Women of reproductive age with positive attitude would influence the desire to do VIA test.

Ranabhat et al. (2014) reported that positive attitude has a direct and significant effect on the use of VIA tests.

3. The Effect of Outcome Expectation on the Use of VIA Test

The results of this study were in accordance with Bandura's theory which states that positive out-come expectation would increase behavior and vice versa. Outcome expectation was strongly influenced by the environment in which observers grow (Murti, 2018). MacLaughlin et al. (2011) showed that women who performed cervical cancer

screening have a positive outcome expectation that can avoid cervical cancer.

4. The Effect of Imitation on the Use of VIA Test

The results of this study were in accordance with Social Cognitive Theory (SCT) found by Bandura, stating that when individuals observed a model that was carrying out a behavior, they would use that information to guide the behavior that would be carried out. The process of imitation of someone on the development of someone's personality has a big impact, by following a good example it would encourage individuals to carry out good behavior and vice versa (Murti, 2018).

This study was supported by Sahr et al. (2018), which stated that imitating peers influenced behavior for conducting VIA tests and it was statistically significant.

5. The Effect of Contraceptive Method on the Use of VIA Test

Some studies showed that women who have used an intrauterine device (IUD) have a lower risk of cervical cancer (American Cancer, 2016).

The results of this study were supported by Leno et al. (2018), which stated that the majority of women with IUD contraception tend to conduct cervical cancer screening compared to women who use other methods.

Khalili et al. (2015) reported that the majority of women who did cervical cancer screening use IUD contraception. This was because before using IUD contraception, cervical cancer screening was done so that women get used to do cervical cancer screening.

6. The Effect of Distance on the Use of VIA Test

The results of this study supported the PRECEDE-PROCEED theory that distance was one of the enabling factors. The distance to access health services that were too far

away and the difficulty of getting public transportation were some of the factors that have prevented women of reproductive age from conducting VIA tests.

Alfaro et al. (2015) showed that women of reproductive age which had an access distance of <10 km to a health care facility, tended to do an VIA test compared to a distance of > 10 km. Nordianti et al. (2018) stated that the affordability of distance affected women to do VIA tests to the health center significantly.

7. The Effect of Self-Efficacy on the Use of VIA Test

The results of this study were in accordance with social cognitive theory, one of the constructs was self-efficacy. The more skilled an individual was in carrying out a behavior, the greater the individual's self-confidence in carrying out the behavior (Murti, 2018).

The results of the study by Sidabutar et al. (2017) showed that there was a significant relationship between self-efficacy and the use of VIA tests. Self-efficacy increased women awareness and confidence in conducting VIA tests. Higgins et al. (2016) reported that women with positive self-efficacy had a significant influence on the use of pap smears.

8. The Effect of Health Service Trust on the Use of VIA Test

The results of this study were in accordance with the PRECEDE-PROCEED theory that trust in health services was one of the enabling factors. Health personnel in providing services have a huge influence on the use of VIA tests, because they were considered as sources of information and experts in the health field (Chang et al., 2017).

The results of study by Lubis et al. (2016), which stated that support from health care providers had a significant relationship with mothers from participation of couples of reproductive age for the VIA test.

According to the results of a study by Sundari et al. (2018), it was found that mothers who received good support from health personnel mostly conducted VIA test.

9. The Effect of Time on the Use of VIA Test

The results of this study were in accordance with the PRECEDE-PROCEED theory that time was one of the enabling factors. Free time was the time available for conducting VIA test. Working women have the opportunity to get information about VIA test examinations from coworkers. But they would tend to spend more time at work so they did not have time to conduct VIA test (Wulandari, 2018). The results of a study by Wongwatcharanukul et al. (2014) showed that the majority of women who were busy did not get cervical cancer screening.

10. The Effect of Health Center Level on the Use of VIA Test

The quality of cervical cancer prevention service providers was a major determinant of women in doing cervical cancer screening in developing countries. Service providers include health personnel, leadership/ governance, finance, and information (Nwobodo et al., 2016).

Health center was a basic health facility that was affordable for all people, especially for the middle to lower economic community. The health center was expected to become a professional health service institution, which was oriented to service quality that was competent, innovative, needs oriented, and customer or patient satisfaction, especially in accredited health center (Radito, 2014). Accredited health centers have health personnel who actively provide information and increase women's knowledge through counseling so as to motivate WRA to carry out VIA tests (Lubis et al., 2016).

AUTHOR CONTRIBUTION

Siti Kholifah collected the data, analyzed the data, and wrote the paper. Uki Retno Budihastuti suggested in the discussion. Bhisma Murti arranged the conceptual framework, ran the data analysis, and interpreted the results of data analysis.

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