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## ABSTRACT

Food waste in hospital refers to food ingredients to prepare meals and go through food production step intended to be eaten by patients but several factors at kitchen that make them remains unserved or being thrown away. This study focused on reasons food waste occurred by pointing at food safety practices, food hygiene practices, food storage and preparation, management issues and other factors that related to wastage among food handlers in private hospital located at Klang valley area. Survey questionnaire was self-administered to 50 respondents from July to September 2011 at five private hospitals. A 100% response rate was obtained. Descriptive analysis, independent t-test and correlation were used. The results showed food storage aspects and food preparation aspects are the main causes to food waste. This involves overproduction meals (54%), over trimming the vegetables (54%), hospital policy (50%), food that coincidentally fell down (48%) and failure to reseal the food ingredients (42%). However, based on gender, male practiced better compared to female in food safety aspects, food hygiene aspects, food storage and preparation. Food handlers that had received training showed better food safety and food hygiene practices. Interestingly, the food handlers that had not received any formal training showed better food storage and food preparation practices. The result also showed low level of food waste knowledge and high level of food waste awareness among respondents with mean score 1.54 and 2.89. The study concluded that although food waste knowledge was low and food waste awareness of respondents was high, it is still not enough to reduce or eliminate food waste at kitchen.

## **ABSTRAK**

Sisa makanan yang dihasilkan di hospital merujuk kepada bahan-bahan makanan yang digunakan untuk menyediakan hidangan bagi pesakit tetapi beberapa faktor di dapur yang menyebabkannya tidak dihidangkan dan dibuang. Kajian ini mengetengahkan faktor-faktor berlakunya sisa makanan dengan memberi fokus kepada amalan keselamatan makanan, amalan kebersihan makanan, amalan penyimpanan dan penyediaan makanan, isu-isu pengurusan dan sebab-sebab lain yang berkemungkinan menyebabkan penghasilan sisa makanan dalam kalangan pengendali makanan di hospital swasta di kawasan Lembah Klang. Walaubagaimanapun, kajian ini hanya dapat memberikan data awal kepada hospital swasta untuk meningkatkan lagi pengurusan sisa makanaan dengan lebih baik. Penyelidik telah mengedarkan soalan kaji selidik kepada 50 orang responden dari bulan Julai hingga September 2011 di lima buah hospital swasta dan mendapat 100% respons. Analisis deskriptif, ujian T bebas dan ujian korelasi telah dijalankan. Keputusan yang diperolehi menunjukkan aspek penyimpanan makanan dan penyediaan makanan adalah punca utama terjadinya sisa makanan. Antaranya adalah penghasilan makanan yang berlebihan (54%), kesalahan memotong sayuran (54%), polisi hospital (55%), makanan yang telah terjatuh (48%) dan kegagalan untuk menutup semula pembungkus makanan selepas dibuka (42%). Keputusan berdasarkan jantina menunjukkan lelaki lebih baik daripada perempuan dari segi amalan keselamatan makanan, amalan kebersihan makanan dan amalan penyimpanan dan penyediaan makanan. Responden yang telah menerima latihan secara formal menunjukkan bahawa mereka lebih baik dari segi amalan keselamatan makanan dan amalan kebersihan makanan tetapi bagi pengendali makanan yang tidak menerima apa-apa latihan secara formal, mereka lebih baik dari sudut amalan penyimpanan dan penyediaan makanan. Kajian ini juga telah membongkar tahap pengetahuan mengenai sisa makanan pengendali makanan di hospital swasta adalah rendah dengan skor min 1.54 tetapi tahap kesedaran mereka adalah tinggi dengan skor min 2.89. Kesimpulannya, walaubagaimanapun, ianya masih tidak mencukupi untuk mengurangkan kejadian lebihan makanan di dapur hospital swasta.