

# The Efforts of UGM Pharmacy to Revitalize Practical Pharmacy

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The UGM Faculty of Pharmacy was organizing an online seminar entitled "Qualitative Research in Pharmacy Practice" on Tuesday (30/6). This seminar was held via the Zoom platform and was broadcast live through the UGM Pharmacy Knowledge Channel Youtube channel.

There were two speakers presented to fill this seminar. The first speaker was Prof. Dra. RA. Yayi Suryo P., M.Sc., Ph.D. (Professor of FKKMK UGM) who presented the topic "Overview of Qualitative Research Methodology". The second speaker was Dr. Anna Wahyuni Widayanti, MPH., Apt. (UGM Pharmacy Lecturer) with the issue of exposure "Application of Qualitative Methods in Research in the Field of Social Pharmacy".

The background of the UGM Faculty of Pharmacy is holding this seminar because seeing in the era of patient care centres. A pharmacist is required to understand a situation that is not only focused on medicine. However, many other aspects are often not captured by pharmacists. This situation is like the social, cultural, and psychological aspects.

The Dean of Pharmacy UGM, Prof. Dr. Agung Endro Nugroho, S.Sc., M.Sc., Apt., in his remarks,



stated that pharmacy education, there are five pillars. They are life sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, pharmaceutical industry, clinical pharmacy, and social pharmacy or pharmacy practice. He called the situation mentioned earlier actually included in social pharmacy.

However, Agung claimed there were not many experts in the pharmaceutical pillar. That is because these pillars are not like others which tend to be quantitative in their research. While for social pharmacy, and has carried out the qualitative analysis.

Therefore, Agung invites the pharmacists to develop the branch. "We start by discussing the basic things to understand, namely by first mastering qualitative research methods," he explained.

Agung hopes that with the strengthening of this practical pharmaceutical pillar, the other four pillars will also be more substantial. If the five-strong pillars are strong, then the profession and pharmacy education will also be more reliable. With that, the pharmacists produced will also be more professional and dependable.

"If later there is a discussion of the roles of pharmacists in several jobs, then they can explain not only medicine. However, it is also the context of why the drug is needed and made. Thus the pharmacist profession will increasingly be required by colleagues and other colleagues," he concluded.

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