

A Study of Hemiplegic Patients at an Outpatient Clinic

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Abstract

This survey was designed to study hemiplegic patients visiting an outpatient clinic. The subjects were 38 hemiplegics utilizing the outpatient clinic at Kawasaki Medical School Hospital.

The items in the survey included : 1) the length and frequency of visits, 2) FIM (functional independence measure), 3) the purpose of the visit, and 4) activities outside the home. The mean length of treatments was 65.2 ± 40.6 months, and the mean FIM score was 108 ± 18.9 . Nineteen patients visited the clinic to maintain motor function. Twenty-two patients did not leave their homes except to visit the hospital. The results showed that visiting the outpatient clinic was a long-term habit and many of the patients showed a high degree of independence concerning their ADL.
