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都市における高齢者の食の実態と課題 --- 大衆食堂利用者へのインタビューより ---

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Current State and Problems of Meals for the Aged in an Urban Area —— From Interviews of Cafeteria Users ——

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Abstract

This study was done by interviewing 10 elderly people in an urban area using a cafeteria. The results are as follows. 1 cooking for themselves was a burden. 2 many ate an unbalanced diet. 3 many were concerned about their financial condition. 4 many were uneasy about their health. 5 some had chronic illnesses. 6 many were lonely. Diet can be a clue to a human's QOL. Though many aged in urban areas have a need for meal service, they don't have the necessary information about social resources for obtaining help for meals from medical and social welfare agencies. The role of medical welfare in determining the actual nutritional state of the aged in urban areas important, and offering information about social resources for meal service is necessary.

大衆食堂を利用する都市の高齢者10人へのインタビューを行った. その結果, 外食を行う都市の高齢者の実態として1食事の支度負担2食事内容に偏りがある. 3経済的不安がある. 4健康に不安を感じなが暮らしている. 5慢性疾患受療中. 6孤独な生活実態の一端が明らかになった. 食生活は人間の最低限のQOLを知る手がかりになる. 都市の高齢者は食事サービスのニーズを持ちながら, 医療, 福祉双方から食事サービス等食生活援助の社会資源情報を知る機会がなかった. 医療福祉の役割として地域で生活する高齢者の食生活の実態把握が重要であり, また食事サービス等の社会資源の情報提供の役割も負う.