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A survey trial of long-term care need in rural eastern Taiwan- Encompassing interrelated long-term care scheme set up

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Abstract: The issues on aging have been drawing attention since Taiwan became an aging society. The study be focused on the operation & practice of elderly care of one local hospital settings in eastern Taiwan, having organized and analyzed their databank retrospectively over their sociodemography, health status or background [co-morbidity index by Quan(CCI-Q) & 16 morbid conditions accelerating or pre-matured aging decay], certified status of the disabled, and their long-term care (custody) needs(LTCN; ADLs & IADLs), for some description, correlation and regression ultimately, concurrently reflecting the suitability of current scheme in Taiwan. The result showed, there had been various areas with different urbanization levels in Taiwan, the study here could showed it just in an instance. However, currently in Taiwan, it seemed those with higher disability or LTCNs leveling might stay in urbanized zones, and with care-worker (i.e. good service utilization) conversely, those with under urbanized areas, living alone, undernourished(i.e. insufficient service utilization), those with lower disability or LTCNs leveling staying in sub-urbanized or undernourished zones. And certainly, still no definite or clear causal relationship or dependence linkage can be elucidated. Thus, originally it has been infeasible or with difficult to attain or implement the goal of “age in place” somewhere, and rather, mandatorily with strong reviewing and well-discussion on/to need/supply and resources allocation with uncertain-basis to LTC policy/ tactics contemporarily.

Biography

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