

who caring for disabled persons were defined as the case group, while the subjects in the family without disabled person were defined as the control group. This study compared the case group of the scores of Physical Component Summary (PCS) and Mental Component Summary (MCS) in SF-36 with that of the control group. Further, to analyze the factors of the characteristics of caregivers and disabled persons related to the health of primary caregivers.

Results: This study recruits 207 cases and 828 controls as the ratio of 1:4. The results show the mean scores of PCS and MCS in case group significantly lower than that in control group (PCS: 50.6 vs. 51.6; MCS: 46.2 vs. 48.5) and the related factors include job status, religion, and disability type (congenital or senile). Caregivers caring for persons with congenital disability lower level of mental health has, contrast to those caring for persons with senile disability have lower level of physical health.

Conclusions: This study provides solid data proving caregivers have the lower level of health status through the national wide survey, indicating the health issues of caregivers must be the top of long term care agenda.

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Physical and Mental Health among the Families of Patients with Psychosis— A Case-Control Study

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Objectives: This study compared physical and mental health of the families of psychotic patients with that of the families living without psychotic patients.

Methods: The secondary dataset of National Health Interview Household Survey 2001 derived from National Health Research Institution. The ratio of the number of case and control group was 1:4 and matched by gender and age. The former group was the families living with patients diagnosed as ICD9_CM code 290-299. The latter group was the families living without psychotic patients. The health was measured by SF-36. Owing to different subjects from the same household, this study conducted multilevel analysis to explore the physical and mental health in the case and control groups.

Results: This study recruits 563 cases and 2252 controls. The results reveal all the mean scores in 8 subscales of SF-36 of the case group (47.8-53.8) less than that of the counterpart (48.8-54.9). After multilevel analysis by controlling gender, age, marriage status, education level, religion, and household income, the difference of mental component summary score statistically signifies between case and control group, while there is no significantly difference of physical component summary score.

Conclusions: This study implies those who living with psychotic patients feel poor mental health. Therefore, the policy makers not only concern the health of primary caregivers of psychotic patients but also the health of the other families. It also emphasizes to advocate the national wide mental health campaign should be a top priority.

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Who Are Willing to Buy Long-Term Care Insurance?

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Objectives: The purpose of this research is to identify factors associated with the intention to purchase long-term care insurance.

Methods: Households were randomly selected using a automated dialing system and eligible respondents aged 50 or more were selected for telephone interviews.

Information collected included demographic characteristics, health status, living arrangement, and views on long-term care.

Results: Results shows that the intention to purchase long-term care insurance was associated with being male, younger, higher level of education, and higher income. Furthermore, those who were financially prepared for long-term care expenses, and those who perceived themselves to be institutionalized were also more likely to have the intention of purchasing long-term care insurance.

Conclusion: The older respondent did not perceive the need to purchase long-term care insurance probably due to the fact that there were not financially prepared and were probably already made relevant long-term care arrangements. For the younger respondents, it appears that the likelihood of being institutionalized in the future and the availability of financial resources will affect the intention to purchase long-term care insurance.

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A Longitudinal Analysis of Retirement, Spousal Loss, and Self-Assessments of Health among Older Adults in Taiwan

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Objectives: An increasing attention in social epidemiological research has been paid to the profound impact of life events on health status change for older adults. This study examines the effects of retirement and spousal loss on longitudinal change in self-assessments of health among community-dwelling older adults from 1989 to 2003.

Methods: Data on this study for 1,388 older adults aged 60-64 in 1989 were drawn from the national representative sample in the Taiwan Longitudinal Study of Aging (TLSA). Self-assessments of health consisted of self rated health and psychological distress measured by a short version of the Center for Epidemiologic Studies-Depression Scale. Analyses employed generalized estimating equations models with five waves of the TLSA data.

Results: After adjusting for age, gender, education, ethnicity, and other baseline individual socioeconomic and physical health covariates, significant cross-sectional associations ($p < 0.01$) were found between retirement and self rated health, with retirees reporting better health