

Survey of medical examination in patients from foreign countries at department of psychiatry of three hospitals in Keihin district

1. Subjects of the study

Patients who are from foreign countries and received diagnosis and treatment between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2019 at department of psychiatry in three hospitals that participate this study: Toho University Omori Medical Center, Saiseikai Yokohamashi Tobu Hospital, and Kawasaki City Hospital.

2. Investigative purpose and method

We have begun a study named “, MEICIS” funded by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

The number of recent foreign residents is increasing and have exceeded 2.5 million according to the statistics of the Ministry of Justice. Especially, an increase of foreign residents in Tokyo that include the Keihin district is quite remarkable. Half of the foreign residents are in their twenties or thirties and the generation overlaps susceptible age for various mental illnesses. It is known many of them are not able to use support resources while the possibility of suffering from mental illness by various stresses in the different culture is expected. The problem of low usage of support resources appears to be caused by a delay to treat multilingual issue and a lack of cooperation in medical and public health resources. However, the number of comprehensive report of care-receiving behavior of foreign residents is limited. The aim of this study are to reveal current condition and problems of their care-receiving thorough the survey of medical records and to develop the optimal community-based integrated care system.

3. Sample and information used in the survey

General information such as age, sex, spoken language, usage of medical interpreter, and pathway to hospital, and clinical information such as diagnosis and outcomes. The information is anonymized.

4. Sample and giving information to the outside

Anonymized data locked by password is offered to department of neuropsychiatry, Toho University School of Medicine.

5. Research organization

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6. Inquiries

Please contact us when you have a question about the present study. A research plan and related material can be inspected within the range where there is no obstacle in the protection of individual information and the literary property of other people surveyed when you ask.

When patients or patients' deputy do not agree with the usage of patient's information to this survey, please contact us and we will not use the information. Even in that case, the patient never have any disadvantage.

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