Assessment on long-term care potential among patients in discharge – Planning Program – in a Regional Hospital in Eastern Taiwan

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The purpose of medicine advancement is for a healthier and longer life. Long-term care development in Taiwan needed to stress not only on prolong life, but also on care quality. Prevention play an important role on long term care policy. The purpose of this study was to explore the potential long-term care needs for clients in discharge planning program. This study adopted a cross-sectional design, and a purposive sampling technique was used. Patients who are more than 40 years old were recruited from medical and surgical ward. The Japan’s Kaigo-Yobo checklist and chart review were used to collect relevant data. 104 clients were recruited with mean age 65.2 ±12.3 years. 84 participants (81%) were indicated as LTC risk in potential. Among the 84 participants (81%), 31 (30%) participants were at the risk on general LTC needs domain. The collected data were analyzed by Logistic regression analysis. The results showed that the factor of individuals’ social-economic status and their potential LTC needs were significantly corrected. The relatively risk on LTC potential of individuals with low socio-economic status was 6.3 times higher than the individuals with high socio-economic status. The Japan’s Kaigo-Yobo checklist is a screening tool, which is used to early detect LTC risks. This study tried to apply a more holistic screening tool on clients who discharged from hospital services and we hope this tool could play a major role on early detected LTC potentials and provide a better prevention program.

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