

# Geriatric Oral Health Care Science

## 1. Staffs (April, 2009)

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## 2. Purpose of Education

Students will acquire the fundamental knowledge and skill of geriatric oral health care for preservation and improvement of health for elderly people through lectures and preclinical/clinical practice. Students will also gain comprehensive knowledge in the field of social insurance, social welfare and health/medical care systems for elderly people throughout this entire period.

## 3. Research subjects

- 1) Oral care for elderly people
- 2) Improvement of oral hygiene for elderly people who require nursing care
- 3) Effects of geriatric oral health care science education on students
- 4) Development of teaching materials and programs for improvement of dental hygiene education

## 4. Clinical Service

We ensure better health through providing services of oral diseases prevention and maintenance such as dental caries, periodontal disease at the Oral Health Care Clinic. We also provide comprehensive dental services for improvement of health at the clinic for Gerodontics.

## 5. Publication

### Original articles

1. S. Takehara and K. Shimoyama: Factors affecting the motivation for dental check-ups and anxiety in the elderly in Tokyo. *Gerodontology* 26: 105-111, 2009.
2. Y. Chiba, K. Shimoyama and Y. Suzuki: Recognition and behaviour of caregiver managers related to oral care in the community. *Gerodontology* 26: 112-121, 2009.
3. Hakuta C, Mori C, Ueno M, Shinada K, Kawaguchi Y: Evaluation of an oral function promotion programme for the independent elderly in Japan. *Gerodontology* 26:250-258,2009.