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II. Educational Outline of Graduate Course

It is the nutrition that is the fundamental of the elderly's health. It is the aim of the gerodontology education that we teach the basic way of thinking, they take the nutrition from the mouth to sustain and improve their health.

Up to now, we have believed that the problem has been solved by the dental treatment for recovering their chewing function. And we have believed that we have not had the effective treatment for the case of dysphagia from sequel of cerebral apoplexy, nerve and muscular diseases. But now, we recognize the possibility of functional recover by dysphasia rehabilitation. So, we teach the basics and clinical research about dysphasia.

And most of aged patients have many other diseases, so we teach how to do the medical management, when we give dental treatment.

III. Research Subjects

1) Monitoring during dental treatment in elderly

The elderly have many disorders in their daily lives, because they are physically weak of their function by aging and diseases. About physical conditions of patients who come to gerodontology clinics, we have extracted problems by asking them their symptoms and medications. And about elderly patients with circulatory diseases, we make many reports on the cases, these reports have been doing a great deal for the progresses of safe dental treatments.

2) Masticatory Function Rehabilitation

Masticatory function rehabilitation is one of the goals in prosthetic treatments. However, none of the agreeable method has been established for the objective evaluation of mastication. We study the method for evaluation of masticatory performance. We have developed a new method using a color scale. This method was examined to be useful in quantitatively evaluating masticatory performance of denture wearers as well as dentate patients.

3) Dysphagia and dental problem

We find eating disorders in the elderly as well as cases of sequel (cerebral apoplexy, nerve and muscular diseases). Because the older they grow, the more factors they have which are laryngeal decencies, depression of tongue movement function and reflex, and so on. Our study throws light on these difficult factors from basic sides. We need screening tests that we can give functional evaluation at anytime and by anyone. So we have accumulated basic data to lay the evaluation system.

4) Development of Denture Materials

The overlying mucosa decreases in thickness according to the resorption of residual ridge. To avoid irritation and soreness of mucosa in the case of an extremely resorbed residual ridge, it is necessary to compensate for the lost thickness and viscoelasticity of the mucosa. We study soft lining materials to line the inner surface of the denture base. A light curing soft lining material has been developed recently in addition to a previously developed heat curing material.

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