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The Results of 2017 Patient's Behavior Survey (Final Data) are released.

At the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, we compiled the results of “Patient's Behavior Survey (Final Data) 2017”, and hereby release them.

The survey is held every three years with the objective of inquiring patients using medical care institutions about their condition at the time of receiving medical care and the degree of their satisfaction, and obtaining basic data for health care policy making.

The results of the survey were obtained for “2017 Patient's Behavior Survey (Preliminary Data)” (released on September 4, 2018) by finalizing the preliminary data by data linkage and re-tabulation of “2017 Survey of Medical Institutions” (static; released on December 27, 2018) and “2017 Patient Survey” (released on March 1, 2019) and by adding new Figures and Tables developed by a cross tabulation of survey items of the Patient Survey.

[Key points of the results of the survey]

○ Subjective symptoms (by classification of major injury/disease, only for outpatients)

Those who "had no subjective symptoms" when they first visited a medical institution for the disease or condition concerned were as high as 45.5% for "neoplasm (tumor)" and 45.2% for "endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases".

Looking at malignant neoplasms (tumor), those who said they had “no subjective symptoms” were found most commonly found among those with “malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung (tumor)” at 64.3%, followed by “malignant neoplasm of the prostate (tumor)” at 59.7%, and “malignant neoplasm of liver and intrahepatic bile ducts (tumor)” at 55.6%. [Page 13, Figure 12]

○ Advice and guidance on lifestyle habits (by classification of major injury/disease)

Regarding the treatment and care of the disease or symptoms concerned, 56.3% of outpatients received "advice and guidance" on lifestyle habits from physicians, nurses, senior nutritionists, etc. Some 55.2% said they received advice and guidance on "nutrition and dietary lifestyle" while 48.3% responded "physical activity and exercise".

By classification of major illness/disease, the most common illness/injury of those who “received advice and guidance” was “Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases” at 75.3%, followed by “Diseases of the circulatory system” at 65.5%. By major illness/disease, “Diabetes” topped the list at 83.9%, followed by “Cerebrovascular diseases” at 67.4%. [Page 16, Table 7]

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