

Analysis on the differences in medical service usage in terms of income levels

<Abstract>

The purpose of this study is to analyze the differences in medical service usage in terms of income levels and to compare the level of medical service usage of Korea with that of other countries.

First, there are few differences in terms of income levels for quantitative medical service usage.

Second, for qualitative medical service usage, there are lots of differences in terms of income levels, and the qualitative medical service usage of low income groups are low.

Third, the difference in terms of income levels for qualitative medical service usage in older age groups is larger than younger age groups.

Last, quantitatively, medical service usage is similar for Korea and other countries, but qualitatively, Korea has yet to make huge strides for improvement.

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