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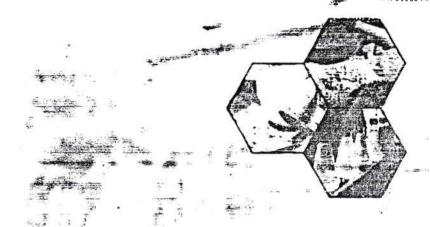
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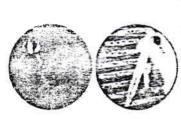
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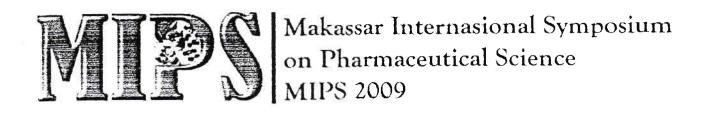


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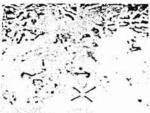
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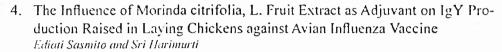
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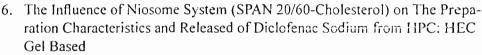
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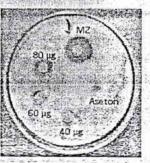
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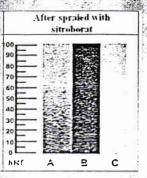


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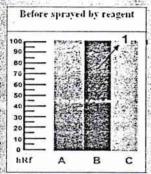
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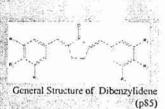
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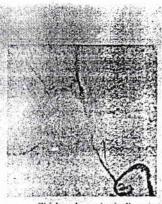
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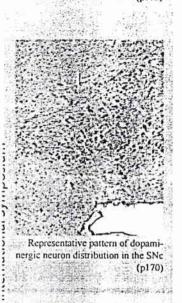
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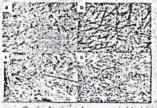
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Quality of Life Research on Geriatric Patients with Multipathology in Sardjito Hospital Yogyakarta

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Abstract

The growth of geriatric population increases from year to year. Characteristic of geriatric is multi-pathology leads to the use of polypharmacy. The research about quality of life of geriatric patients with multi-pathology has been done in Dr. Sardjito Hospital Yogyakarta. This research was intended to assess the quality of life of geriatric patients and factors which affecting the patients' quality of life. This research was observational research. Data was taken by interviewing the patients. The identity of the patients such as initial name of patient, gender, age, number of drugs consumed, number of disease diagnose and length of observation at geriatric polyclinic of multi-pathology were recorded. Population target was multi-pathology geriatric patients in geriatric polyclinic period November - December 2007. Quality of life measurement has been done by using SF 36 questionnaire which has been translated and validated in Indonesian version. But the translation procedures of SF 36 questionnaire has not been adjusted with the standard procedures. The standard procedures of translation and validation of SF 36 questionnaires are still done, in the backward translation. The backward translation is done by two native and independent translators. While the next steps such as pilot testing and validation of the questionnaires will be done soon. The result of research using SF 36 indicated that average of multi-patology geriatric patient have a medium quality of life. From 44 geriatric patients with multi-pathology, 9 patients (20,45%) with high quality of life, 27 patients (61,36 %) had medium quality of life, and 8 patients (18,18%) with low quality of life. There was significant influence with negative correlation between quality of life and the number of diagnose and number of drugs in consumed. Meanwhile, the length of observation at geriatric polyclinic did not have influence to the quality of life. The quality of life had a negative correlation with the number of diagnose and the number of drug consumed, while the length of the observation did not have influence on the geriatric patients' quality of life.

Keywords: Quality of life, geriatric, hospital, SF 36

Introduction

The growth of geriatric population increases from year to year. Currently the population of geriatric reach 21% of total population in Europe (Muszalik et al, 2009). The gradual phenomenon of aging of the population, named demographic transition, is the main reason for the renewed interest in the elderly (Reganon et al, 2009). Average life expectancy is increasing significantly. In Polandia the average life of expextancy is 70.2 for woman and 78.3 for man (Muszalik et al, 2009). In Indonesia, the life expectancy for Indonesian population (men and women) increase from 67,8 years old at 2000-2005 period to 73,6 years old in 2020-2025 period (Anonim, 2005). Enormous progress in medicine, especially in life saving interventions, as well as the development of infectious illness prevention, the development of social care, a higher life-standard, and the general progress of civilization has influenced the increase in the number of elderly people (Muszalik et al, 2009).

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The characteristics of the geriatric patient were multipathology, one patient has several illnesses at the same time. The main consequence of multipathology condition is one patient could consume lots of medicine (polypharmacy). Ninety-two percent of the geriatric patients that were treated in RSCM Jakarta during 2006, 84% among them had 5 diseases diagnosed or even more. Acquired illnesses, for example the coronary heart disease, COPD, ostheoarthritis, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and the urinary tract infection, may require one to two different medicine for each disease (Heriawan, 2007).

The consequence of using combine drug interventions, especially among elderly, need to be assessed in terms of their effects in improving the quality and not merely the duration of life. This research encourage the use of broadly based health-status measures which encompass the aspects of physical, psychological and social well-being in evaluating the outcomes of different forms of treatments and cares. These consist of both disease-specific measurement which are designed to be sensitive to the outcomes of particular disease processes, and generic measures designed to be ap-

plicable across a wide range of medical conditions (Hayes et al. 1995)

Quality of life (QoL) is defined as individuals' perceptions of their position in life in the context of the culture and value systems in which they live, and in relation to their goals, expectations, standards, and concerns: it is a broad-ranging concept, incorporating in a complex way the person's physical health, psychological state, level of independence, social relations, personal beliefs, and relationship to features of the environment (Yen et al. 2007). Impairments of both physical and cognitive functions with old age are major sources of economic expense, anxiety, and deterioration in quality of life, not only for the elderly people themselves but also for their younger family members who often end up supporting them (Johnson et al, 2009)

The quality of life could be generally measured with complex situation that consist of item, the scale, the authority, and the instrument. Item was a single question, and the scale contained the availability of categories or other mechanisms to state the response to the question. The authority identified the focus of certain attention, like the argumentation capacity or functional, and possibly became the response to item single or the response to several item that was related. The instrument was the collection from item that was used to obtain the data. The instrument could contain a single question global or several items that could or possibly will not be classed in the authority that was separated (Luderitz, 2000).

Several factors influencing the instrument could be used to measure the quality of life, which are the reliability, the validity, the responsiveness, the sensitivity, the appropriateness of the question, and the practical use. If the reliability of the instrument was significant means that the instrument of the quality of life must produce the same results when re-done in the similar condition. The validity was the compatibility of the instrument measuring the quality of life to the patient's population. The responsiveness was a measurement from the change inside score that was observed and thought that was true from a construction. Sensitivity referred in the grating capacity to reflect true changes or differences in the quality of life (Luderitz, 2000).

The SF-36 was derived from an original 149-item health-status questionnaire developed and tested on a population of over 22 000 patients as part of the Medical Outcomes Study (MOS). Its 36 questions comprise eight health scales measuring three aspects of health (functional status, well-being, and 'overall evaluation of health') and also includes an un-scaled assessment of change in health status. The SF-36 is intended to provide a short, comprehensive and easy to administer tool for use in clinical settings and to be applicable across social and demographic groups. The validity and reliability of the SF-36 has been confirmed among patient populations in the USA and shown to detect differences in health status for patients with different types and severity of medical condition (Hayes et al, 1995).

In Indonesia, the valid version of SF 36 is not available yet. At the moment, the researcher is doing translation procedures which called backward translation. The

backward translation is done independently by two native English translators who have good capability in Indonesian language. The next procedures are the discussion between researcher and the translators to make the valid version of SF 36 and then the pilot testing will be done (Koller et al., 2007).

Material and Methods

Subjects and setting

The research—was descriptive analytic design which was carried out prospectively during one month in the geriatric polyclinic of RSUP Dr. Sardjito Yogyakarta. The target population was all the geriatric patients (>60 years old) who had multipathology diagnose. The patients got more than 3 types of drugs because of the multipathology conditon. The exclusion criteria were patients who was rejecting to be a respondent and could not be interviewed due to the condition of the patient which hamper them to answer the question.

SF 36 questionnaires

The SF-36 measures quality of life using eight dimension scales, in which the higher scores (range: 0–100) indicating better quality of life. The SF-36 has been intensively validated in many countries and in patients with various medical conditions. The translation procedures in this research was done by 1 translator for the forward translation and the backward translation has not been done. The validity and reliability was carried out against 30 geriatric patients treated the road in the geriatrics polyclinic of RS Dr. Sardjito Yogyakarta.

The logical validity was carried out by comparing r counted with the r of table. The item will be the valid variable when r counted positive and r counted > r of table, while the item will be invalid variable when r counted negatife and r counted < r the table. The internal consistency of the Indonesian version was assessed using Cronbach's alpha coefficients. Internal consistency of a magnitude of 0.70 or greater was sought.

Data Analysis

Data was descriptively analysed and showed in the tables. The scores of each item questions were calculated and divided with the number of question, then grouped based on the each domain. Regression and correlation analysis (p< 0.05) was carried out to know the effect of multipathology diagnose, the length of patients' observation in hospital and the number of drugs consumed by the patients into patients' quality of life.

Result and Discussion

An aging society is a serious challenge for the civilization. Old age is not an illness, it is a physiological process that is impossible to stop. It is only possible to prevent early aging and age-related unfitness. High levels of medi-

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cal and social care also improve the quality of life of the chronically ill elderly persons (Muszalik et al, 2009)

The validity test from the SF questionnaire 36 showed that there were 11 items of the question that thought recounted < r of table. It meant that this item was invalid. The items that were invalid were question no 2, 3, 20, 23, 25, 26, 27, 30, 34, 35, 36. The invalid question was withdrawn from the questionnaire. Cronbach's a was higher than 0.70 for each item of the SF instrument, means that the reliability is high.

Completed questionnaires were collected from 44 subjects. The characteristics of the respondent or the subject of the research could be clarified in this research, the multipathology diagnosa, the number of drug consumed and the length of hospital observation are shown in table 1.

A considerable increase in life expectancy in many countries results in the increasing number of elderly people, including the chronically ill ones. Treatment, nursing and rehabilitation of these patients require a large financial expenditure. Chronic diseases may significantly deteriorate the quality of life. The medicine and nursing of today aspire to take holistic care of each patient, to restore the affected functions of the patients. If a disease is chronic, it is necessary to maximize the patient's independence and efficiency (Muszalik et al, 2009).

The description of patients' quality of life was shown in table 2 and table 3.

Generally, patients' quality of life is moderate. This condition could be resulted from the good life style and their health were under the good controlled by health proffesional. Otherwise, the uncontrolled existence of the body internal disease could reduce the quality of the life.

Table 3 showed that the highest average score of quality of life in the geriatric patients was social function and the lowest score was vitality. It could be said that in general the vitality of the geriatric patients with multi-pathology was low. This vitality could be linked with the tired and energy loss. Otherwise the body pain was one of the biggest problems that was experienced by geriatric patients with multi-pathology.

Previous study of Banages et al (2006) about the quality of the life of the hypertension patients Spain suggested that women in Spain the age 60 years above that experienced hypertension had the quality of the life was worse than to non-hypertension women. This study said that the psychosocial factor could influence the quality of the life. Medical treatment showed the change in a level that was small in the psychosocial dimension. Meaning that the existence of the well-off maintenance can inrease level of quality of the life despite small, or most could not maintain the quality of the life of the patient in order to be not increasingly low. In this research, most of the patients had hypertension and the social function was one of the lowest domains in SF 36. Given this feature, to increase the social function of the patients could be encreasing the quality of life.

From the regression and correlation analysis, it was showed that the patients quality of life had negative correlation with the number of drugs consumed and the number

Table 1. Patients' characteristics (n=44)

	N	%
Age, year :		
a. 60-65	10	22,73
b. 66-70	12	22.27
C. 71-75	11	25.00
d. 75-80	11	25.00
Sex:		
a. Male	18	40.81
b. female	26	68.09
Employment status:		
a. Housewise	9	20.45
b. Homemaker	2	4.55
c. Government employee	6	13.64
d. Retiree	27	61.36
Multi-pathology diagnosa :		
a. 2 diseases	27	61.360
b. 3 diseases	11	25.000
c. 4 diseases	5	11.370
d. 5 diseases	1	2.270
Number of drug consumed:		
a. 2 drugs	7	15.91
b. 3 drugs	15	34.09
c. 4 drugs	11	25.00
d. 5 drugs	8	18.18
e. >5 drugs	3	6.82
Diagnosa :		
a. Hypertension	30	68.18
b. Ostheoarthritis	12	27.27
e. Gout	11	25.00
1. Hyperlipidemia	10	22.72
e. Ostheoporous	8	18.18
Length of observation:		
a. 0-1 year	6	13.54
o. 1-5 years	16	35.36
c. 6-10 years	14	31.31
l. 11-15 years	1.	9.09
e. 16-20 years	4	9.09

Table 2. Patients' quality of life (n=44)

Quality of life	N	%
a. High	9	20.45
b. Moderate	27	61.36
c. Low	8	18.18

of diseases. It means that the more number of drug consumed and the more number of disease, the lower of quality of life. While, the length of observation did not have correlation with the quality of life.

Multi-pathology often becomes the cause of polypharmacy. For each problem, the health proffesional possibly gave one or two drugs. The clinical appearance that was most unclear for geriatric patients, caused some problems for the physician in diagnose the geriatric patients. In this framework, it was needed the role of pharmacy to give some information about the drugs, for example drug-drug interaction, drug-food interaction, and adverse drug reaction. In an aging society, the percentage of geriatric patients using the medical services increases. Results of the present study show that health related factors have an influence on quality of life of elderly persons. These results may be useful in planning and providing professional geriatric care. The results of such type of research may be used as an aid in the planning of professional medical and nursing care for patients of various ages.

Tabel 3. Mean, SD and % mean

	Mean	SD	% Mean
Quality of life	68,23	12,73	
Physical Function	20,00	5,22	74,07
Physical Condition	5,98	1,75	74,71
Pain	7,00	2,25	70,00
General Health	7,66	1,49	76,59
Vitality	4,20	1,39	70,00
Social Function	4,36	0,96	87,27
Emotional	4,29	1,44	71,59
Mental health	14,84	3,32	82,45

Table 4. Regression analysis between quality of life and patients' characteristic

Patients'characteristic	Significancy
Multi-pathology	0,013
Number of drugs consumed	0,015
Length of observation in the hospital	0,824

Conclusion

The average of multi-pathology geriatric patients had a medium quality of life. From 44 geriatric patients with multi-pathology is obtained patient with high quality of life as 9 patient (20,45%), medium quality of life 27 patients (61,36%), and 8 patients (18,18%) with low quality of life. There was significant influence with negative correlation between quality of life and the number of diagnose and number of drugs in consumption. Meanwhile, the length of

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