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ABSTRACT

Objectives

We have developed Adachi Rehabilitation Programme (ARP), a community rehabilitation program in which older adults clean and plant flowers in the park and walk and shop in the shopping street under the supervision of professional caregivers. We examine the effects of ARP at small multifunctional at-home care.

Registration

The trial was registered at University Hospital Medical Information Network centre (UMIN000028317). The trial was also ethically reviewed and approved by Tohoku University Hospital Ethical Committee (2017-2-213 (Application-8996)) on 2 December 2017.

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ARP is a weekly exercise and occupational therapy that facilitated participation with low (<3 MET) aerobic physical activity and, if possible, moderate (3 to 6 MET) physical activity. The participants collaborated on solving multiple tasks. To facilitate communication with local residents, the trial is carried out outside of the facility.

In the first week, participants visit a shopping street to purchase the items for park cleaning and gardening. The total duration of transportation and shopping is approximately three hours.

In weeks two to four, participants go to a nearby park for cleaning and gardening with or without walking aids. For cleaning, participants hold a pair of tongs or a bin liner and walk around in the park to pick up litters. For gardening, they dig the ground, plant flowers and water them. The supervised intervention is carried out once a week, but the participants are encouraged to visit the park to take care of the flowers on other days. This four-week series is repeated three times.

The frequency, intensity, type and time of physical activities are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. The basic components of Adachi Rehabilitation Programme

Frequency	Intensity	Туре	Time
Once a week	low to moderate	Walk to bus stop	10
(Week 1)	low	Bus ride	30
	low	Stroll in the shopping street	60
		Rest	10
	low	Bus ride	30
	low to moderate	Walk from bus stop	10
		Total	150
Once a week	low to moderate	Walk to park	5
(Weeks 2 to 4)	moderate	Plant flowers	10
	low	Pick up garbages	40
	low to moderate	Walk from park	5
		Total	60

Note: The unit of time is minutes.

The basic component is a four-week programme. The basic component was repeated three times (12 weeks).