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# to preventing frailty

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# Research summary

#### **Regional diagnosis**

- Early detection and appropriate intervention in pre-frailty are important to prevent frailty and long-term care.
- Frailty is not only a biological or physiological state, but also a multidimensional concept such as cognitive state, social state, or nutritional state.
- Oral frailty is supposed to be related to the deterioration of general health in recent years.

#### Aim

- Clarifying an useful indicator for finding an early stage of pre-frailty, we investigated participants in a dental clinic.
- We studied the usefulness of evaluating psychological burden for early detection in muscle weakness in healthy young women under the condition of weight load on their bodies.

#### **Main results**

- We are investigating the factors related to the progression of pre-flailty onset from multiple perspectives and analyzing the relationship between pre-frailty and nutritional factors.
- It was suggested that evaluating psychological burden may be useful for early detection in muscle weakness.

## Prospects for collaboration

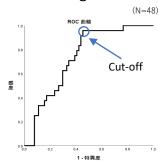
**Cooperation with the field of dental health** We examine to clarify whether nutritional intervention is useful for preventing the progression of oral frailty.

#### **Cooperation with clinics**

At the clinics, I'm working on nutritional support to prevent frailty in middle-aged and older patients with lifestyle-related diseases

#### Changes in psychological burden with loss of knee extension strength





Reproducing muscle weakness in healthy young subjects

ROC curve: Time to stand up in TUG and knee extension strength (日本病態栄養学会誌,2020)

# Nutritional support to Oral Frailty



#### Nutritional guidance for middle-aged and older patients with lifestyle-related diseases





## **Research Themes**

Contributing to "Creating a society people of all ages can live well" through nutritional approach.