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INFLUENCE OF BALANCE CONFIDENCE IN PERFORMING ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING IN COMMUNITY DWELLING ELDERLY POPULATION

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ABSTRACT

Background- Maintaining balance confidence is crucial as people age in order to avoid unnecessary, self-imposed activity limitations and to avoid a future handicap so aim of the study is to determine association between balance confidence and ADLs in community dwelling elders.

Methodology- a cross-sectional study which includes 40 elderly participants whose age was 60 and above The ABC scale was used to measure balance confidence and Katz Index to assess functional status as a measurement of the client's ability to perform activities of daily living independently.

Result- Mean age of participants in the study was 70.07 ± 7.525 Pearson's correlation was used to know the association between balance confidence and ADLs. The study shows statically significant result (p=0.001)

Conclusion- The study concluded that low balance confidence is associated with decline in ability to perform daily living activities in community dweeling elderly population.

KEYWORDS: Balance Confidence, Adls, Elderly, Fear of Fall.