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SURVEY OF SPECIAL NEEDS IN ELDERLY PEOPLE: A QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

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The only way for going to rehabilitation and social participation expansion in elderly people is the identification of their special needs in a scientific and accurate way. This study conducted in order to identify the special needs in elderly people.

This article is a part of a qualitative research with grounded theory method. 15 elderly of Tehran city that were selected through a purposeful sampling participated in study. The main method for collecting data was semi-structured interview that continued until theoretical saturation of information. Data was analyzed with Strauss & Corbin coding manner or continued comparison and the assessor's viewpoints method is used for validity promotion of data. Totally, most important domains of special needs in aging group were: family and relatives, education, movement and transportation, building and places (houses and public places), social participation and occupation, amusement, health and treatment services, and people's attitude toward their problems.

Those elderly people's special needs that are disabling are often caused by their characteristics and obstacles which are created by society. Therefore, resolving these man-made barriers such as non efficient systems and services, discriminatory policies, prejudice attitudes, etc will help them in the field of rehabilitation and individual independence enhancement.