Dietary pattern and lifestyle of elderly people following ashram and urban lifestyle

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Nutrition has a significant influence on health and development throughout the life. The aim of this study was to assess the dietary pattern and lifestyle of elderly people following ashram and urban lifestyle. The sample was taken at random, from both the groups that is ashram and urban lifestyle group. Nutrient intake was recorded using 7 days dietary records. Meal consumption was higher in ashram elderly group in comparison to urban elderly group. Consumption of supplementary food was higher among urban elderly group in comparison to ashram elderly group. Preference of normal food was higher in urban elderly group in comparison to ashram elderly group.

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