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Table1. Growth of Medical Cost and Contribution by Each Components

$$g(C_{ht}) = \sum_s \sum_i \{ g(c_{htsi}^D) + g(d_{htsi}^E) + g(e_{htsi}^N) + g(N_{hts}) \} \cdot w_{htsi}$$

$$= \sum_s \sum_i \{ g(c_{htsi}^D)w_{htsi} + g(d_{htsi}^E)w_{htsi} + g(e_{htsi}^N)w_{htsi} + g(N_{hts})w_{htsi} \}$$

Table Growth of Medical Cost and Contribution of Each Components

	General Hospitalization	General Outpatient	General Dental	Aged Hospitalization	Aged Outpatient	Aged Dental	General Sum	Aged Sum	Total
Share of Cost by Services	1981-1985	26.4	29.0	7.7	208	15.3	1.0	67.1	32.9 100.0
	1986-1990	25.0	26.4	6.8	235	17.2	1.2	59.7	40.3 100.0
	1991-1995	22.7	25.1	5.7	24.6	20.4	1.6	55.4	44.6 100.0
	1996-2000	20.1	21.9	5.2	27.2	23.4	2.2	49.4	50.6 100.0
Total Medical Cost	1981-1985	1.50	0.85	0.33	2.46	1.51	0.14	2.85	3.65 6.70
Growth Rate (per cent)	1986-1990	0.38	0.95	-0.03	1.08	1.30	0.09	1.34	2.38 3.78
	1991-1995	0.53	0.61	0.15	1.59	1.71	0.20	1.34	3.34 4.81
	1996-2000	0.58	0.37	0.14	1.64	1.33	0.22	1.14	3.06 4.26
Cost per Day	1981-1985	0.28	1.06	0.20	0.30	0.46	0.02	1.54	1.56 3.10
Growth Rate (per cent)	1986-1990	-0.02	1.01	0.03	0.10	0.57	0.02	1.02	1.14 2.16
	1991-1995	0.79	0.72	0.18	0.95	0.50	0.05	1.69	1.85 3.54
	1996-2000	0.89	0.25	0.09	1.21	0.28	0.05	1.22	1.54 2.76
Days per Event	1981-1985	0.21	-0.39	0.00	-0.05	-0.16	0.01	-0.17	-0.43 -0.61
Growth Rate (per cent)	1986-1990	0.13	-0.23	-0.08	-0.14	-0.27	-0.01	-0.18	-0.45 -0.63
	1991-1995	-0.15	-0.29	-0.01	-0.33	-0.28	0.00	-0.45	-0.63 -1.08
	1996-2000	-0.26	-0.42	-0.05	-0.51	-0.83	-0.05	-0.74	-0.99 -1.73
Events per Population	1981-1985	1.15	0.36	0.16	0.68	0.11	0.03	1.67	1.21 2.88
Growth Rate (per cent)	1986-1990	0.95	0.89	0.20	0.19	0.31	0.04	2.05	1.29 3.33
	1991-1995	0.13	0.46	0.05	-0.31	0.39	0.06	0.63	0.19 0.82
	1996-2000	-0.33	0.23	0.03	-0.70	0.46	0.08	-0.07	-0.45 -0.52
Days per Population	1981-1985	1.41	-0.03	0.18	0.55	-0.04	0.04	1.56	0.70 2.25
Growth Rate (per cent)	1986-1990	1.13	0.65	0.13	0.05	0.03	0.02	1.92	0.84 2.76
	1991-1995	-0.02	0.16	0.04	-0.62	0.09	0.05	0.18	-0.42 -0.23
	1996-2000	-0.60	-0.21	-0.02	-1.14	-0.38	0.02	-0.84	-1.38 -2.22
Numbers of the Insured	1981-1985	-0.16	-0.17	-0.05	1.46	1.07	0.07	-0.37	1.24 0.87
Growth Rate (per cent)	1986-1990	-0.66	-0.69	-0.18	0.92	0.68	0.05	-1.53	0.05 -1.48
	1991-1995	-0.24	-0.26	-0.06	1.28	1.07	0.08	-0.56	0.96 0.41
	1996-2000	0.30	0.32	0.08	1.70	1.46	0.14	0.70	2.10 2.80

Source: Author's calculation which method and data sources are explained in text.

Note: Based on figures of national means. Growth of medical cost is not the sum of its components due to the method.

Table2. Absolute Convergence of Cost per Capita (C/N)

Table. Absolute Convergence of Cost per Capita (C/N)

$$\ln y_{htsi} = e^{-\delta} \cdot \ln y_{ht-1,si} + u_{htsi}$$

dependt variable	General Hospitalization	General Outpatients	General Dental	Aged Hospitalizaiton	Aged Outpatients	Aged Dental
	l_gen_h_c_n_d	l_gen_o_c_n_d	l_gen_d_c_n_d	l_aged_h_c_n_d	l_aged_o_c_n_d	l_aged_d_c_n_d
Lag 1						
Coefficient	1.000 ***	0.989 ***	0.965 ***	0.974 ***	0.972 ***	0.977 ***
Standard Error	0.002	0.003	0.004	0.003	0.004	0.0034585
Implied Speed(δ)	0.000	0.011	0.036	0.027	0.028	0.023

Table3. Absolute Convergence with Regional Dummy Variables of Cost per Capita (C/N)

Table. Absolute Convergence with Regional Dummy Variables of Cost per Capita (C/N)

$$\ln y_{htsi} = e^{-\delta} \cdot \ln y_{ht-1,si} + \sum_{j=1}^H \gamma_j D_j + \sum_{l=1}^M \tau_l T_l + u_{htsi}$$

dependt variable	General Hospitalization	General Outpatients	General Dental	Aged Hospitalizaiton	Aged Outpatients	Aged Dental
	l_gen_h_c_n_d	l_gen_o_c_n_d	l_gen_d_c_n_d	l_aged_h_c_n_d	l_aged_o_c_n_d	l_aged_d_c_n_d
Lag 1						
Coefficient	0.857 ***	0.916 ***	0.876 ***	0.925 ***	0.917 ***	0.890 ***
Standard Error	0.013	0.012	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.010
Year Dummy	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Regional Dummy	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	suppressed
Implied Speed(δ)	0.155	0.088	0.132	0.078	0.087	0.117

Note: Implied speed is calculated by only a coefficient of a lagged variable.

For example, "l_gen_h_c_n_d" stands for natural log of "General Hospitalization Cost per capita in a form of diffrence from the national mean. "Gen" is "General", "h" is "Hospitalization", "o" is "Outpatient", "d" is dental service, "n" is number of population, "d" is the difference of a variable from the national mean.

Table 4. Instrumental Variable Estimation

Table 4. Instrumental Variable Estimation of C/D, D/E, E/N, D/N

Symbol	Variables	Coef.	Standard Error	t-statistics	Coef.	Standard Error	t-statistics	
C/D	$I_{gen_h_c_d_d}$	0.800 ***	0.014	55.190	$I_{age_h_c_d_d}(Lag)$	0.780 ***	0.014	54.530
D/E	$I_{gen_h_d_e_d}$	-0.139 ***	0.028	-4.940	$I_{age_h_d_e_d}$	-0.316 ***	0.040	-7.940
E/N	$I_{gen_h_e_n_d}$	-0.065 ***	0.014	-4.640	$I_{age_h_e_n_d}$	-0.046 ***	0.012	-3.810
GDP	$I_{gdp_n_real_d}$	0.049 ***	0.011	4.450	$I_{gdp_n_real_d}$	0.070 ***	0.015	4.620
Beds	$I_{beds_pop_d}$	-0.017	0.012	-1.370	$I_{beds_pop_d}$	-0.009	0.018	-0.510
Doctors	$I_{doctor_pop_d}$	0.036 **	0.015	2.380	$I_{doctor_pop_d}$	0.074 ***	0.020	3.620
Nurses	$I_{nurses_pop_d}$	0.040 ***	0.014	2.940	$I_{nurses_pop_d}$	0.041 **	0.019	2.180
Bed_Use	$I_{bed_use_rate_d}$	-0.010	0.017	-0.600	$I_{bed_use_rate_d}$	0.024	0.028	0.850
Aged Home	$I_{aged_home_d}$	0.003	0.004	0.880	$I_{aged_home_d}$	-0.001	0.006	-0.220
	Time Dummy	suppressed				suppressed		
	Regional Dummy	suppressed				suppressed		
D/E	$I_{gen_h_d_e_d}$	Coef.	Stdard Error	t-statistics	$I_{age_h_d_e_d}$	Coef.	Stdard Error	t-statistics
D/E(t-1)	$I_{gen_h_e_d_d}(Lag)$	0.608 ***	0.023	26.180	$I_{age_h_e_d_d}(Lag)$	0.670 ***	0.021	31.690
C/D	$I_{gen_h_c_d_d}$	-0.078 ***	0.013	-6.000	$I_{age_h_c_d_d}$	-0.047 ***	0.008	-5.530
E/N	$I_{gen_h_e_n_d}$	0.022 *	0.012	1.790	$I_{age_h_e_n_d}$	0.051 ***	0.006	8.000
GDP	$I_{gdp_n_real_d}$	0.019 **	0.009	2.020	$I_{gdp_n_real_d}$	0.015 *	0.008	1.790
Beds	$I_{beds_pop_d}$	0.011 *	0.011	1.060	$I_{beds_pop_d}$	0.008	0.010	0.800
Doctors	$I_{doctor_pop_d}$	0.043 ***	0.013	3.380	$I_{doctor_pop_d}$	0.017	0.011	1.540
Nurses	$I_{nurses_pop_d}$	-0.024 **	0.012	-2.100	$I_{nurses_pop_d}$	-0.019 *	0.010	-1.880
Bed_Use	$I_{bed_use_rate_d}$	0.015	0.015	1.060	$I_{bed_use_rate_d}$	0.021	0.015	1.400
Aged Home	$I_{aged_home_d}$	-0.017 ***	0.003	-4.720	$I_{aged_home_d}$	-0.022 ***	0.003	-6.830
	Time Dummy	suppressed				suppressed		
	Regional Dummy	suppressed				suppressed		
E/N	$I_{gen_h_e_n_d}$	Coef.	Stdard Error	t-statistics	$I_{age_h_e_n_d}$	Coef.	Stdard Error	t-statistics
E/N(t-1)	$I_{gen_h_e_n_d}(Lag)$	0.875 ***	0.012	70.670	$I_{age_h_e_n_d}(Lag)$	0.944 ***	0.012	80.850
C/D	$I_{gen_h_c_d_d}$	-0.001	0.014	-0.040	$I_{age_h_c_d_d}$	0.044 ***	0.015	2.930
D/E	$I_{gen_h_d_e_d}$	-0.038	0.026	-1.430	$I_{age_h_d_e_d}$	0.154 ***	0.038	4.020
GDP	$I_{gdp_n_real_d}$	-0.005	0.010	-0.540	$I_{gdp_n_real_d}$	-0.020	0.015	-1.370
Beds	$I_{beds_pop_d}$	0.054 ***	0.011	4.770	$I_{beds_pop_d}$	-0.047 ***	0.017	-2.830
Doctors	$I_{doctor_pop_d}$	0.003	0.014	0.230	$I_{doctor_pop_d}$	-0.013	0.019	-0.650
Nurses	$I_{nurses_pop_d}$	0.007	0.012	0.580	$I_{nurses_pop_d}$	0.022	0.018	1.230
Bed_Use	$I_{bed_use_rate_d}$	-0.020	0.016	-1.290	$I_{bed_use_rate_d}$	-0.115 ***	0.026	-4.360
Aged Home	$I_{aged_home_d}$	0.011 ***	0.004	2.820	$I_{aged_home_d}$	0.016 ***	0.006	2.800
	Time Dummy	suppressed				suppressed		
	Regional Dummy	suppressed				suppressed		
D/N	$I_{gen_h_d_n_d}$	Coef.	Stdard Error	t-statistics	$I_{age_h_d_n_d}$	Coef.	Stdard Error	t-statistics
D/N(t-1)	$I_{gen_h_d_n_d}(Lag)$	0.862 ***	0.013	64.810	$I_{age_h_d_n_d}(Lag)$	0.982 ***	0.014	71.480
C/D	$I_{gen_h_c_d_d}$	0.030	0.022	1.330	$I_{age_h_c_d_d}$	0.111 ***	0.023	4.800
GDP	$I_{gdp_n_real_d}$	-0.005	0.014	-0.370	$I_{gdp_n_real_d}$	-0.033 *	0.020	-1.660
Beds	$I_{beds_pop_d}$	0.085 ***	0.015	5.640	$I_{beds_pop_d}$	-0.010	0.023	-0.430
Doctors	$I_{doctor_pop_d}$	0.010	0.018	0.520	$I_{doctor_pop_d}$	-0.025	0.026	-0.960
Nurses	$I_{nurses_pop_d}$	-0.001	0.016	-0.050	$I_{nurses_pop_d}$	-0.003	0.024	-0.130
Bed_Use	$I_{bed_use_rate_d}$	-0.024	0.022	-1.090	$I_{bed_use_rate_d}$	-0.075 **	0.035	-2.130
Aged Home	$I_{aged_home_d}$	0.003	0.005	0.690	$I_{aged_home_d}$	0.002	0.007	0.260
	Time Dummy	suppressed				suppressed		
	Regional Dummy	suppressed				suppressed		

Note: *** significant at 1% level

** significant at 5% level

* significant at 10% level

Figure1. Time Dummy Effects and Regional Dummy Effects (Hospitalization)

$$\ln y_{htsi} = e^{-\delta} \cdot \ln y_{ht-1,si} + \sum_{j=1}^H \gamma_j D_j + \sum_{l=1}^M \tau_l T_l + u_{htsi}$$

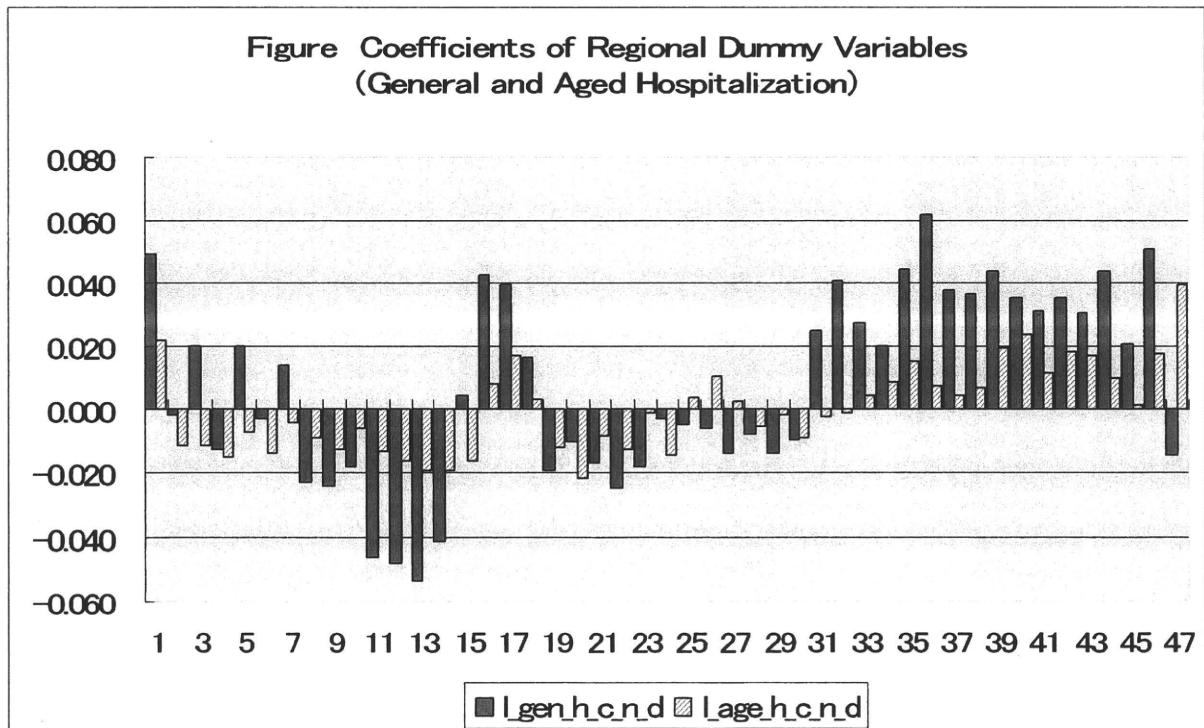
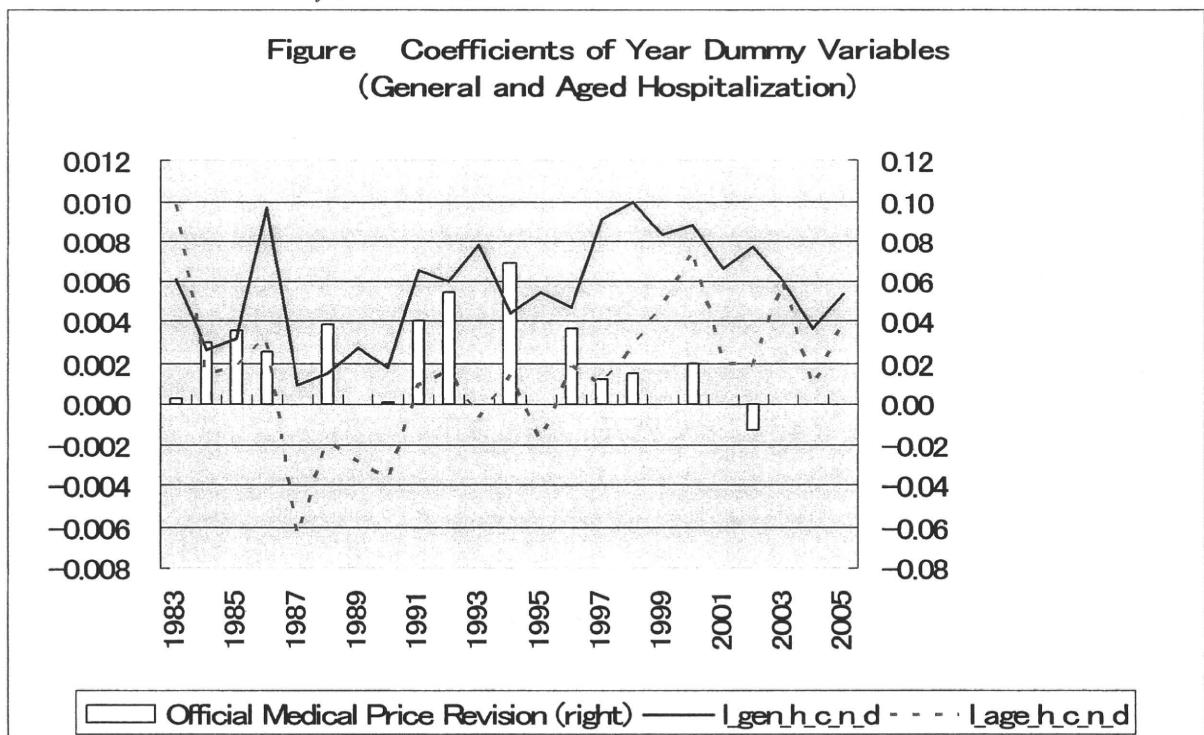
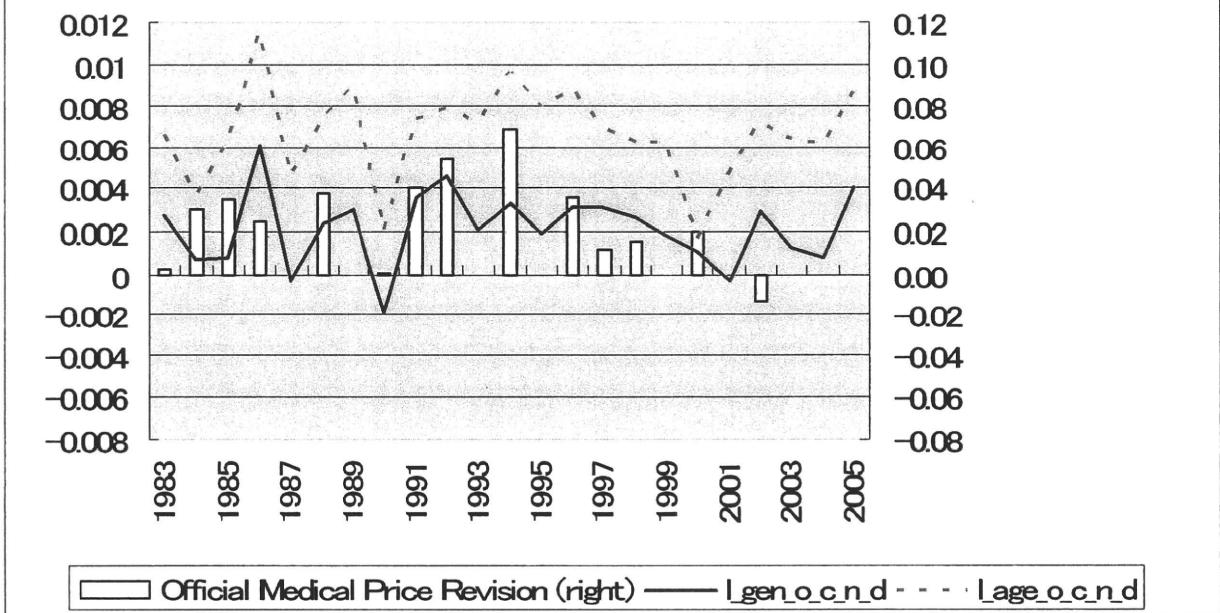


Figure2. Time Dummy Effects and Regional Dummy Effects (Outpatient)

$$\ln y_{htsi} = e^{-\delta} \cdot \ln y_{ht-1,si} + \sum_{j=1}^H \gamma_j D_j + \sum_{l=1}^M \tau_l T_l + u_{htsi}$$

**Figure Coefficients of Year Dummy Variables
(General and Aged Outpatient)**



**Figure Coefficients of Regional Dummy Variables
(General and Aged Outpatient)**

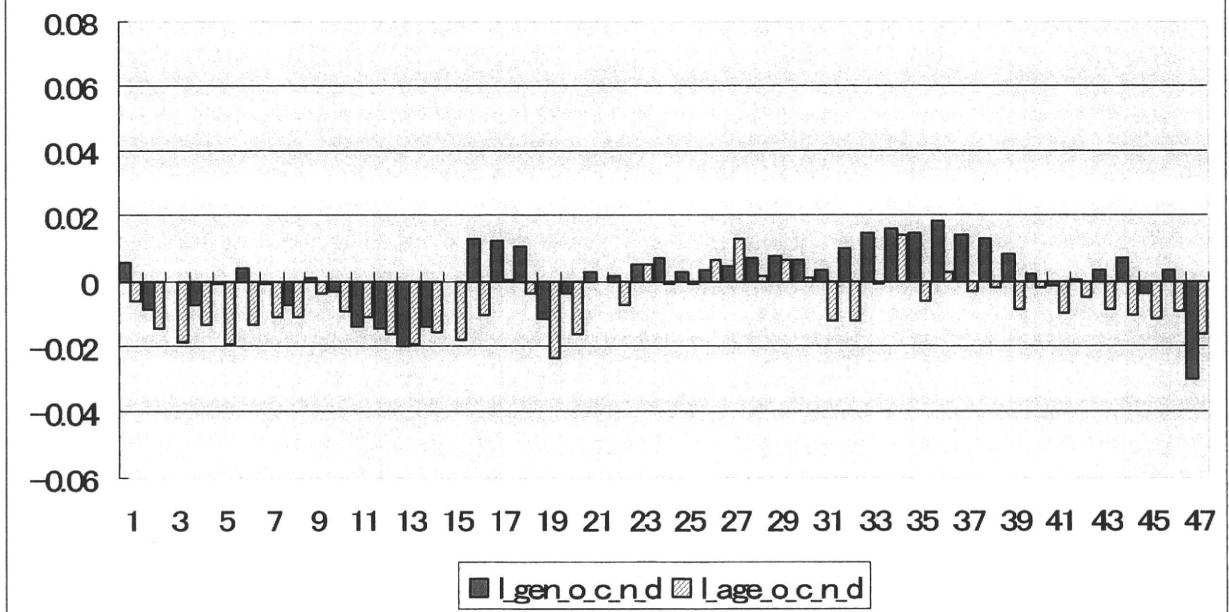
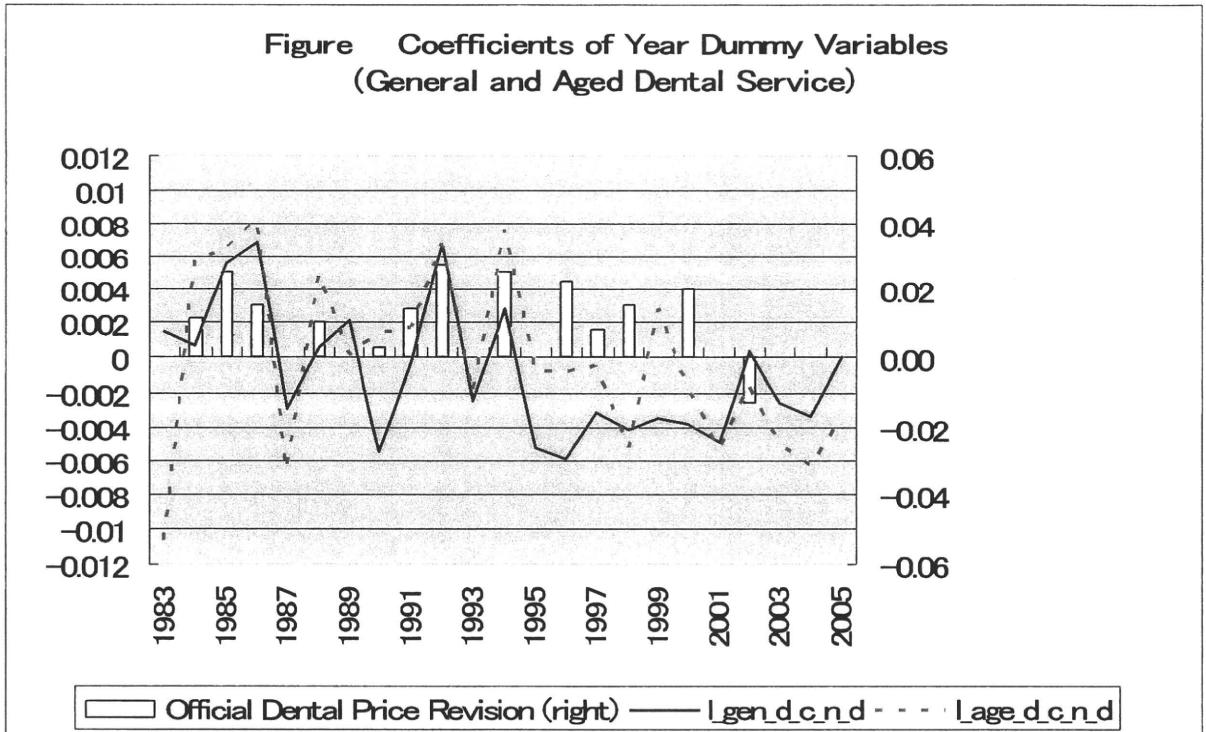
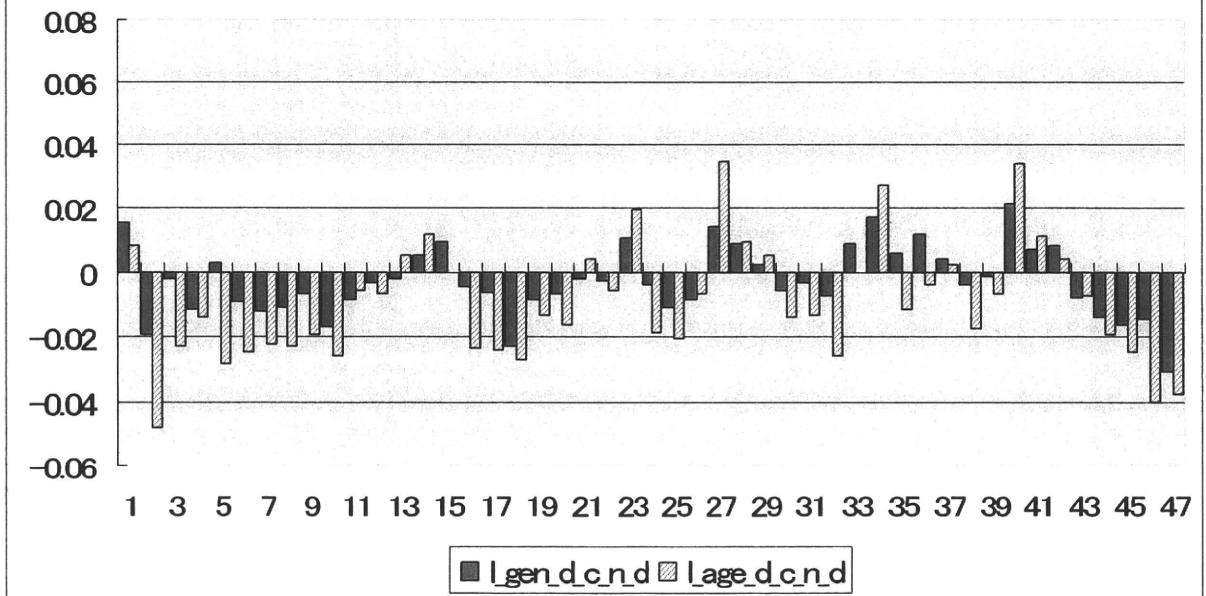


Figure3. Time Dummy Effects and Regional Dummy Effects (Dental Service)

$$\ln y_{htsi} = e^{-\delta} \cdot \ln y_{ht-1,si} + \sum_{j=1}^H \gamma_j D_j + \sum_{l=1}^M \tau_l T_l + u_{htsi}$$



**Figure Coefficients of Regional Dummy Variables
(General and Aged Dental Service)**



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