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This research aims to study the operation of the role and structure of working on health care of the elderly and compare the operation on health care of the elderly of the Watchaiyatit community and Taksinsampan community.

The data were collected through documentation, observation and interview with 10 community committee members and 24 elderly of the Watchaiyatit community and Taksinsampan community.

The study results showed 4 aspects of the elderly care activities of the Watchaiyatit community namely; 1. Physical Health 2. Mental Health 3. Social Health and 4. Spiritual Health. No physical direct health care activities of the elderly were found in Taksinsampan community. The internal factors affecting the health care of the elderly were the same in both communities, namely enthusiasm, and women leadership. Different factors were aspect of the area, relationship, aggregation and attitudes of working committee, recognizing the problems of the community committee and budget within the community. The external factors effecting the elderly health care were different supportive organizations and budget.

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