

## 8 *Minamata disease in fetuses, children and adults*

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If you keep on eating many polluted fishes for long time, methyl mercury will be accumulated in your body and poison you. And this is called Children, Adults Minamata disease.

Methyl mercury in the fishes which you eat gets into your body and is carried to various organs. Especially the mercury which was carried to your brain and nerve cells damages them seriously. And there are various symptoms such as on the list will appear on you.

At the beginning of Minamata disease outbreak, there were some patients who had been serious and had gone mad to death within several days since they had gotten the disease.

The methyl mercury accumulated in the body goes gradually out from the body with pee, hair, and nails. However it is impossible to repair the brain and the nerve cells even after all methyl mercury went out from the body. There is no way to cure. The patients depend only on taking medicine or needle therapy to ease the pain.

#### Symptoms List

- Numbness in the limbs
- Hard to sense the pain
- Hard to sense hotness or coldness
- Uneasy motion
- Uneasy pronunciation
- Hard to hear
- Tunnel vision
- Headache
- Hard to smell and taste
- Tiredness

※There is wide range of levels and symptoms.