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제 목	흡연에서의 사회경제적 불평등 : 1989년부터 2003년까지 성별, 연령별, 사회경제적 위치별 추이 Socioeconomic Inequality in Cigarette Smoking: Trends by Gender, Age and Socioeconomic Position in South Korea, 1989-2003				
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<p>Study objective: To examine trends of socioeconomic differentials in smoking rates by gender, age, and socioeconomic position in South Korea.</p> <p>Design: We used data from five Social Statistical Surveys of Korea's National Statistical Office from 1989 to 2003. Socioeconomic position indicators were education and occupation. We calculated age-standardised prevalence rates of current smoking and estimated relative indices of inequality (with 95% confidence intervals) with logistic regression analysis.</p> <p>Patients (or Participants): Representative annual samples (N=344,969) of South Korean men and women aged 20 or over.</p> <p>Main Results: Age-standardised smoking rates decreased in all age groups of men and women aged 45+ between 1989 and 2003. However, smoking rates among women aged 20-44 did not decrease. Education was inversely associated with smoking in both genders. On the other hand, women with non-manual occupations had greater smoking rates than women who performed manual labour. This result was opposite for that found for men. Based on the relative index of inequality, unfavourable inequality trends toward low socioeconomic groups (low education and manual workers) were detected among both genders aged 20-44. However, these trends were not found at ages 45-64.</p> <p>Conclusions: Anti-smoking policy measures toward young women's smoking habits in South Korea should be further developed. In addition, policy efforts to reduce educational inequality in smoking among young adult men and women should be exercised.</p>					