

Khajohnsri Saenpunya 2010: Death Anxiety, Optimism, Spiritual Well-Being and Adjustment to Death of Elderly with Chronic Illness at Geriatric Clinic, Phranangklaao Hospital Nonthaburi Province. Master of Science (Community Psychology), Major Field: Community Psychology, Department of Psychology. Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Tippavan Surinya, Ph.D. 175 pages.

The objectives of this research were of fourth folds:- 1) to study death anxiety, optimism, spiritual wellbeing and adjustment to death of elderly with chronic illness at geriatric clinic, Phranangklaao hospital Nonthaburi province; 2) to compare adjustment to death of elderly with chronic illness by personal factors; 3) to find out the correlation among death anxiety, optimism, spiritual wellbeing and adjustment to death of elderly with chronic illness; 4) to study predictive variables that could predict adjustment to death of elderly with chronic illness.

The samples used in the research were 385 elderly with chronic illness at geriatric clinic, Phranangklaao hospital Nonthaburi province. Data were collected by using questionnaires. The statistical methods used for analysis were percentage, mean, standard deviation, t-test, F-test, Multiple Comparison (LSD), Pearson's Product Moment Correlation Coefficient and Multiple Regression Analysis. Statistical significant was set at 0.05 level of confidence.

The results of the study were as follows:- 1) adjustment to death in acceptance stage was at high level 2) Death anxiety, optimism and spiritual wellbeing had correlation with adjustment to death which was statistically significant at .001; 3) death anxiety and spiritual wellbeing had been predictively efficiency to adjustment to death in acceptance stage by 24 percent

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