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The objectives of this research were 1) to study the internal - external locus of control, health belief and self care of adolescent patients at Pediatric out - patients of Ramathibodi hospital. 2) to compare the difference of self care of the adolescent patients according to the difference in personal factors and difference in illness factors. 3) to compare self care of the adolescent patients between the adolescent patients with internal locus of control and the adolescent patients with external locus of control. 4) to study the relationship between health belief and self care of the adolescent patients. Sample were 294 adolescent patients at Pediatric out - patients of Ramathibodi hospital. Questionnaires developed by the researcher of this project were used. Data were analyzed by a statistic package program. Statistic methods used in this study were percentage, mean, standard deviation, t-test, F-test, LSD (Least Significant Difference) and Pearson's coefficient of correlation.

Results could be summarized as followed: 1) the adolescent patients had high level of self care. 2) the adolescent patients with difference in personal factors and difference in illness factors were found to have difference in self care 3) the adolescent patients with internal locus of control and the adolescent patients with external locus of control were found to have difference in self care with level of significance at 0.05. 4) health belief was positively related to self care of the adolescent patients at 0.01 level of significance.

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