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The Purpose of this descriptive research was to study the factors related to health behaviors of patients seeking care at OPD-Medicine in Bhumibol Adulyadej hospital, Bangkok Metropolis. The group of samples were consisted of 400 people obtained by simple random sampling. Data were collected with the questionnaire constructed by the researcher and it quality was tested and accepted. The data analysis were made for percentages, mean, standard deviation. The relationships between predisposing factors, enabling factors, reinforcing factors and people's health behaviors were analyzed by Chi-square test and Pearson 's Product Moment Correlation

The results were as follows: 1) The health behaviors of Patients Seeking Care at OPD-Medicine in Bhumibol Adulyadej Hospital, Bangkok Metropolitan were at high level of 34.08 percent, The level is low of 33.80 percent and avage of 32.11 percent. 2) Predisposing factors namely knowledge and perceived self-efficacy: perceived health, perceived benefits, perceived barriers and perceiving of self-efficacy on health behaviors had relationships with health behaviors with statistic significance at the level of .01 . 2) The enabling factors namely accessibility to policies on health behaviors , service charge and health serviccs had positive relationships with health behaviors with statistic significance at the level of .01 . 3) The reinforcing factors namely receiving suggestion on health promotion, social support, reciving information message on health promotion had positive relationships with health behaviors with statistic significance at the level of .01 . 5) The bio-social factors such as level of education and income were significantly to the health behaviors with statistic significance at the level of .05. But the bio-social factors was sex, age, marital status, occupation and health condition were not significantly to the health behaviors of patients seeking care at OPD-Medicine in Bhumibol Adulyadej Hospital.

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