

Thesis Title Perceived Family Functioning and Adaptation of Schizophrenic Patients

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to determine the perceived family functioning and adaptation of schizophrenic patients. The sample consisted of 120 schizophrenic patients attending the out patient department at Suanprung Psychiatric Hospital. The instrument of this study was questionnaire which consisted of three parts : 1) Personal Data Recording Form 2) the Perceived Family Functioning and 3) the Adaptation Inventory. The reliability of Perceived Family Functioning was assured by Cronbach Alpha's Coefficient from which the reliability coefficient obtained was .85. Index of Content Validity was used to demonstrate the validity of the Adaptation Inventory which value obtained was .78 and Cronbach Alpha's reliability coefficient for this instrument was .86.

Data were analysed by descriptive statistics and Pearson's Product Moment Correlation. The result revealed that :

1. The perceived family functioning scores for subparts of problem-solving , communication , roles , affective responsiveness , affective involvement , and general functioning were at quite well level while behavior control subpart was at good level.

2. The overall and subpart adaptation scores were at good level.

3. Perceived family functioning score was positively related at moderate level to the overall adaptation score of schizophrenic patients ($r .44, p < .001$).

The finding of this study can be used as a preliminary data for promoting adaptation of schizophrenic patients.