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This thesis deals with an anthropological field study of the Mo-tham, a type of traditional healer in the Northeast region of Thailand. It focuses on his healing process and his other roles in the sociocultural context of the village where the four-month fieldwork took place. The results will be briefly presented as follows.

In this village, all healers are male. It is believed that they possess magical knowledge which they use to empower all spirits that cause illness. They also have considerable knowledge in herbal medicine which they prescribe to their patients. They make use of other traditional rituals which they sometimes perform for their patients. They gain many followers, many of whom are their former patients. These followers perform certain annual rites to honor the Mo-tham. They also treat their healers as their spiritual leaders in their everyday life. These healers and their traditional knowledge are still relevant to the villager's life. So the Mo-tham concept survives in this century.