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The purposes of this study were :-1) to study self concept, social support and mental health of the elderly at the elderly club Division of Community Development and Social-Welfare Bangkok District, Bangkok :-2) to compare mental health of elderly according to their personal factors :-3) to find the relationship between self concept and mental health of the elderly :-4) to study the relationship between social support and mental health of elderly.

Samples consisted of 295 elderly at Elderly Club Division of Community Development and Social-Welfare Bangkok District, Bangkok. The research tools were questionnaires. The data collected were analyzed by using computer package program. The statistical analysis were percentage, mean, standard deviation, t-test, F-test, multiple comparison (LSD) and Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient.

The results of the study were as the follows :-1) self concept, social support and level of mental health of the elderly were high level. :-2) there were no personal data which had an effect on mental health. :-3) self concept; physical and personal self, showed a positive correlation with mental health which were statistically significance at .05 and .01. 4) Social support ; emotional and instrumental support, had a positive correlation to mental health which were statistically significance at .05 and .01.

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