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### **Abstract**

The purpose of this descriptive research was to study social support of caregivers of schizophrenic patients. The sample consisted of 160 caregivers of schizophrenic patients at the out patient department Suanprung Hospital and were selected by purposive sampling technique.

The instruments used for data collection were the Demographic Questionnaire and the Personal Social Support Questionnaire consisted of 2 parts : part 1, the Social Support Questionnaire developed by Saipin Kasemkitwatana (1993), part 2, the Social Support resources Questionnaire developed from Brandt and Weinert (1985).The reliability of the Social Support Questionnaire was .97.. The data were analyzed in terms of frequency, percentage, percentage, means, and standard deviation.

The results of study revealed that the total social support score of caregivers of schizophrenic patients was high. The part of social support which showed highest score was the assistance and guidance part.The high prevalent

social support resources of caregivers were health professionals, parents, and monks or priests, respectively.

These findings can be used as guidelines for health professionals to promote social support and social support resources among caregivers of psychiatric patients.