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SAITHUM WONGSATITWILAIRUNG : RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ATTITUDE OF THE CAREGIVERS, ABILITY OF ELDERLY TO PERFORM DAILY LIVING ACTIVITIES, SOCIAL SUPPORT AND ADAPTATION OF CAREGIVERS OF THE ELDERLY IN RONGMUANG SUB-DISTRICT, PATHUMWAN, BANGKOK METROPOLIS. THESIS ADVISOR : ASSO.PROF. PRANOM OTAGANONT Ed.D. 113 pp. ISBN. 974-636-912-1

The purposes of this study were to study the adaptation of caregivers of the elderly, to investigate relationships between attitude of the caregivers, ability of elderly to perform daily living activities, social support and adaptation of caregivers of the elderly, and to explore the variables that predict the adaptation of caregivers of the elderly. The subjects were 210 caregivers in Rongmuang Sub-District, Pathumwan, Bangkok Metropolis, selected by simple random sampling technique. The instruments used in data collection were the structured interviews and questionnaires, eliciting attitude of the caregivers, ability of elderly to perform daily living activities, social support and adaptation of caregivers of the elderly.

Major findings were as follows :

1. Caregivers of the elderly had overall adaptation at a high level. Detailed analysis showed that caregivers scored high in every aspect of adaptation.

2. There were positive significant relationships between attitude of the caregivers, ability of elderly to perform daily living activities, social support and adaptation of caregivers of the elderly at a level of .05 ( $r = .43$ ,  $r = .17$ ,  $r = .33$ )

3. Attitude of the caregivers (ATTOTAL), social support (SUTOTAL) and ability of elderly to perform daily living activities (AXTOTAL) could predict the adaptation of caregivers of the elderly at .05 significant level. These predictors accounted for 19% ( $R^2 = .19$ ) of the variance.

The predicted equation in standard score form can be stated as follow :

$$Z = .2544 \text{ ATTOTAL} + .2443 \text{ SUTOTAL} + .1384 \text{ AXTOTAL}$$

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