KETKONG SRIHAVONG: RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PERSONAL FACTORS, HEALTH PERCEPTION, KNOWLEDGE OF DRUG AND DRUG USE BEHAVIORS OF ELDERLY IN RONGMUANG SUB-DISTRICT, PATHUMWAN, BANGKOK METROPOLIS. THESIS ADVISOR : ASST. PROF. PUANGTIP CHAIPHIBALSARISDI, Ph.D. 143 pp. ISBN 974-636-145-7.

The purposes of the study were to study drug use behaviors of the elderly in Rongmuang Sub-District, Pathumwan, Bangkok Metropolis and to search for the variables that correlated with drug use behaviors. These variables were personal factors, health perception and knowledge of drugs. The research subjects consisted of 143 elderly, selected by simple random sampling technique. The instrument used in data collection was an interview consisting of questions concerning personal factors, health perception, knowledge of drugs and drug use behaviors of the elderly.

The results of this study are as follows:
1. The arithmetic mean of drug use behavior of the elderly in Rongmuang Sub-District, Pathumwan, Bangkok Metropolis was at a good level ($\overline{X}$ = 2.58). The arithmetic mean of the other three sub-drug use behaviors, i.c. drug seeking patterns, drug preservation and drug utilization, were 2.56, 2.55 and 2.59 respectively, which are also at good levels.
2. There was a significant relationship between family income and drug use behaviors of elderly at the .05 statistical level. However, there was no statistically significant relationship between other personal factors and drug use behaviors. The other personal factors were sex, age, marital status and educational status.
3. There was no statistically significant relationship between health perception and drugs use behaviors at the .05 level.
4. There was no statistically significant relationship between knowledge of drugs and drug use behaviors at the .05 level.

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