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The purpose of this research was to analyse needs and readiness for drug information service establishment in regional and general hospitals. The target population are hospital directors, health professionals, and hospital pharmacists. A total of 2,032 questionnaires were returned for a response rate of 38.5 percent after two follow-up mailings. The major findings were as follows :

1. There were statistically significant difference between health professionals and pharmacists at the level of 0.05 in many types of present drug resources, which are; (1) The frequency of pharmacists' drug information need was more than those of health professionals. (2) The needs for each category of drug information. (3) The cause of drug information needed. (4) Creditibility of drug information resources. It was found that pharmacists gained credit in the high level, following that of foreign text books. and (5) The needs for drug information by list of printings.

2. With respect to the existing drug information service, health professionals and hospital directors would mainly research the drug information by themselves, and followed by asking the pharmacists. All groups were mostly of an opinion that drug information services should be included in the pharmacy department, but different in that most of hospital directors and pharmacists thought that the pharmacy department should run the administration while most of health professionals thought that there should be a particular committee to run the administration. There were high average on the opinion of advantages of drug information services in 3 groups.

3. In general, pharmacists had readiness in providing drug information services at the moderate level with no difference between regional and general hospital pharmacists. In this regard, the major obstacles are workload of pharmacists and shortage of text books and references. However, these are correctable, because most of the hospital directors support the drug information services in high level.