DUANGTA UTOOMPRUCKPORN: RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PERSONAL AND FAMILY BACKGROUNDS AND THE READMISSION OF ADULT SCHIZOPHRENIC PATIENTS IN SOMDETCHAOPRAYA HOSPITAL. THESIS ADVISOR: ASSO.PROF.

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The purposes of this research were to study the relationships between personal and family backgrounds and the readmission of adult schizophrenic patients in Somdetchaopraya Hospital and to search for the variables that would be able to predict the readmission of adult schizophrenic patients in Somdetchaopraya Hospital. The variables in this study were patient's income, Life events, family's economic status, family's expressed emotion and family's relationship. The subjects consisted of 90 schizophrenic patient's relatives, selected by multi-stage random sampling. Instuments were questionnaires which measured the predicting variables, developed by the researcher.

Research instruments were tested for content validity and reliability.

Major findings included the followings.

- 1. There were no relationship between patients's income, life events, family's economic status, family's expressed emotion and family's relationship and the readmission of adult schizophrenic patients in Somdetchaopraya Hospital.
- 2. None of all variables was able to predict the readmission of adult schizophrenic patients in Somdetchaopraya Hospital.
- 3. Means of the readmission and life events of schizophrenic patients were 18.88 months and 8 events, consequently
- 4. Means of the family's economic status, family's expressed emotion and family's relationship were in the medium level.