

RUNGNAPA PANITRAT : EFFECTS OF A HOLISTIC GROUP COUNSELING ON THE SELF-
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The purpose of this research was to study the effects of holistic group counseling on the self concept of persons with loss of body functions. The hypotheses tested were that the self concept of persons with loss of body functions after participating in holistic group counseling would be higher than the self concept of the control group who did not participate in holistic group counseling and would show a significant increase in the level of self concept.

The subjects were 16 volunteers with loss of body functions who were under the care of the Department of Orthopedics Surgery and Rehabilitation, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital and had a score on the Tennessee Self Concept Scale equal or below one half of the Total Positive Score. Subjects were randomly assigned to an experimental group and a control group, each group comprising 8 persons. The experimental group attended a 20 hour holistic group counseling for 3 days from 8.00 A.M. to 16.30 P.M. The leader was the researcher. The instrument used to measure self concept was the Tennessee Self Concept Scale constructed by William H. Fitts, translated and adapted by Ampai Siripipat.

The control group pretest-posttest design was used. The statistical method for data analysis was the t-test. Results show that the persons with loss of body functions in the experimental group increased their level of self concept, significant at the 0.05 level, after participating in holistic group counseling; there was a significant difference, at the 0.05 level, on self concept scale between the experimental group and the control group.