

Title of Research Paper : Eye Accidental Patients' Self-concept and Adaptation :
A Study of Out-patients Yala Hospital Center.

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The objectives of this research are 1. to study the eye-accidental patients' self-concept, 2. to study the eye-accidental patients' adaptation, 3. to study the patients' problems and obstacles in self-adaptation. 14 eye-accidental patients receiving treatment at Yala hospital were interviewed in-depth as key-informants for the study. Data collected were then analysed with logical context description and descriptive statistics.

Results of the study are briefly presented below :

1. The eye-accidental patients hold both positive and negative self-concept ; the positive ones include the family, the moral, physical, social and self-criticism. On the negative side, personal and satisfaction aspects are revealed.

2. The adaptation or self-adjustment can be divided into 3 aspects, i.e ; physical, emotional-psychological and social. 2 levels of adaptation were reported, i.e ; 1. the moderate level with partial acceptance of the handicapped, partially self-help but remaining a problem to the family ; 2. well adaptation with fully accepted of the situation, attempting to help one-self in daily life, having small occupation and joining social activities.

3. In social supports, the patients receive in the forms of money and psychological support from the family, and community. Assistance from the government are, for example, health care, physical equipment, and advices.

4. Problems and obstacles found are the poverty condition of the patients, lack of time for family members in taking care, the community is not ready for help and others.

The patients recommend both increased self-help and community support for better quality of life of the eye-accidental patients.