

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : Factors Affecting the Participation of the Family Members in Caring
Schizophrenia Patients at Srithanya Hospital, Nonthaburi Province

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The research on Factors Affecting the Participation of the family members in Caring Schizophrenia Patients at Srithanya Hospital, Nonthaburi province had the objectives as followings;

1. To study the level of participation from the family members in taking care of Schizophrenia patients at Srithanya Hospital, Nonthaburi.

2. To find out the factors which had relations to the participation of family members in caring the Schizophrenia patients at Srithanya Hospital, Nonthaburi province.

3. To study the problems and obstacles which affect the participation of family members in caring the Schizophrenia patients at Srithanya Hospital, Nonthaburi province.

The researcher conducted the research with the target group namely the family members of Schizophrenia patients who had been treated at the hospital for at least 1 year. The research was conducted with 110 people from August to October 2001.

The research collected the information through surveys. The statistics used for information analysis was Descriptive Statistics including Percentage, Mean, Inferential Statistics namely t-test and F-test.

The research came up the following conclusions;

1. The general information of the sampled groups showed that the majority of them were male, accounting for 55.5 per cent, 53.6 per cent of them were more than 48 years of age, 49.1 of them were married, 35.5 per cent of were in agricultural sector, 69.1 per cent received earnings of less than Bt9,500, 33.6 per cent of them received bachelor degree.

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2. On the level of participation of family members in taking care of the Schizophrenia patients, it was found that the participation level of family members in taking care of Schizophrenia patients was medium. It was also found that the symptom observation was the most popular kind of participation, followed by the follow-up of medical treatment. The least popular type of participation by family members was to help Schizophrenia patients spend their free time usefully.

3. The hypothesis test found that the factors which were not relevant to the participation by family members in taking care of the Schizophrenia patients were gender, age, marital status, occupation, income, level of education, attitude to Schizophrenia patients. Factors relevant to the participation by family members in taking care of Schizophrenia patients were knowledge and understanding in taking care of the patients and the communication behavior of the family in taking care of the Schizophrenia patients.

4. Obstacles that discouraged family members from participating in taking care of Schizophrenia patients including an incorporation from the patients, the economic difficulty of the relatives, serious family burden and a lack of understanding and knowledge in taking care of Schizophrenia patients.

5. The recommendations to promote the participation by family members in taking care of Schizophrenia patients were as followings; organize the activities which relatives and patients jointly participate on a regular basis, family members should study and seek knowledge and understanding concerning the treatment of Schizophrenia patients, family members and neighbors should develop positive attitude towards patients, provide the treatment to the patients by using the moral principles and should encourage the family members take the Schizophrenia patients to attend the vocational programmers provided by the hospital.