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The purpose of this quasi-experimental research was to develop in-patient nursing record forms in Phya Thai I Hospital. A nursing process, a nursing intervention classification and principle of records and documentation were integratively used as a framework for the development of the nursing records. The nursing records include Nursing Admission Assessment Form, Kardex : patient's problem and nursing care, Nurse's Note Form and Summary on Discharge Form. Four newly developed nursing record forms were implemented in 3 hospital units for 3 months and the satisfaction of the nurses was then evaluated by using nursing record forms regarding recording completeness, continuation, legal accuracy and convenience. The research subject group consisted of 36 professional nurses and 7 administration nurses. Statistics used for the analysis (comparing nurses' satisfaction with previous record forms and new record forms) were T-test and Wilcoxon sign-ranks test with a significance level of .05.

The findings of this research showed that the professional nurses' levels of satisfaction regarding recording convenience of previous record forms and new record forms were statistically different at a .05 significance level. The satisfaction levels of administration nurses were statistically different regarding recording completeness and convenience at a .05 significance level. The completed record forms were Nursing Admission Assessment Form, Problem List and Nursing Care Plan Form, Progress Nurse's Note Form and Summary on Discharge Form which were kept in the patients' charts. These concept categories assist the nurses by providing systematic direction for the delivery of patient care, record their forms by an integrated nursing process and reflect changes in nursing practice. The suggestion from this research is that the hospital implement an in-service nursing process program (emphasizing nursing diagnosis) for nurses, that the nurses be motivated to take more responsibility and that a manual of nursing record forms be developed.