

## Abstract

The study on "Social support of caregivers of psychiatric patients in family from Somdetchaopraya institute of psychiatry", aims to study the problems of caregivers who took care psychiatric patients in family and the need for social support of those caregivers of psychiatric patients. It was a survey study. Questionnaire is a tool storage collected from 120 samples. The statistics for data analysis were percentages, mean, standard deviation, analysis of different variables by t-test, F-test and analysis of variables associated with calculating the correlation coefficient Pearson (Pearson's Product Moment Correlation) Level of significance  $p < 0.05$  study can be summarized as follows.

The majority of the women aged 41-60 years completed primary education. Most continue career monthly income, marital status, and more than 10,000 baht. Member of family members 2-4 people, time psychiatric care 1-5 years, mostly mother of psychiatric patients. Problems of social and economic sample most average 3.81 follow by physical and emotional average 3.80 average 3.68 average 3.75 overall sample have a problem in most all areas. Needs are supported in the sample of information most average 3.59, followed by appraisal average 3.30 average level of emotional average 3.25 average level of instrumental and the facilitator of the average 3.06 moderate overrell average of 3.28 samples to be supported social moderate. The relationship of the data found that gender needs are social support of caregivers of psychiatric patients in family with different statistical  $p < 0.05$ . The problems of patient's psychiatric care of caregivers of psychiatric patients in family and needs to get social support of caregivers of psychiatric patients tie in the medium and statistically significant of  $p < 0.05$

Recommendation from the study. At the policy level, department of mental health should be published and spread knowledge of mental health and psychiatric unit should produce media to educate caregivers of psychiatric patients continuously. They should have access to all media personnel in psychiatric practice level should be aware

of the problems of caregivers of psychiatric patients in their families, along with the treatment of patients. Coordination of social network in community on discharge is very important. Psychiatric personnel should be recognized appraisal of caregivers of psychiatric patients in family. Encourage the whole family involved in caring for psychiatric patients at home. With love and commitment in psychiatric patients and let the caregivers have an opportunity to share their experiences with each other.