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Support and Prenatal Attachment in Primigravidas

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Abstract

The purpose of this descriptive correlational research was to investigate the attitude toward pregnancy, social support, prenatal attachment, and the relationships among attitude toward pregnancy, social support, and prenatal attachment in primigravidas. The sample was composed of 100 normal primigravidas who attended prenatal care at Maharaj Nakorn Chiang Mai Hospital. The instruments for collecting data included Demographic Data Recording Form, the Attitude Toward Pregnancy Questionnaire, the Support Behavior Inventory, and the Maternal-Fetal Attachment Scale. Data were analysed using SPSS/PC program in terms of frequency, percentage, means, standard deviation,

Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient, and the stepwise multiple regression analysis. The results of the study were as follows:

- 1. The attitude toward pregnancy in primigravidas was at the highest positive level. (\bar{X} =105.12, S.D.=6.76)
- 2. The social support from husband in primigravidas was at the highest level. (\overline{X} =47.02, S.D.=7.09)
- 3. The social support from mother in primigravidas was at the high level. (\bar{X} =45.28, S.D.=8.47)
- 4. The prenatal attachment in primigravidas was at the highest level. (\overline{X} =105.02, S.D.=7.98)
- 5. There was a significantly positive relationship between attitude toward pregnancy and prenatal attachment in primigravidas. (r=.3448, p <.001)
- 6. There was a significantly positive relationship between social support from husband and prenatal attachment in primigravidas. (r=.5299, p < .001)
- 7. There was a significantly positive relationship between social support from mother and prenatal attachment in primigravidas. (r=.2773, p < .01)
- 8. The results of the stepwise multiple regression analysis showed that 28.08 percent of the variance of prenatal attachment in primigravidas was accounted by social support from husband, while the other predictors ie., attitude toward pregnancy, social support from mother, age, education, family income, and planning of the pregnancy could not explain the variance of prenatal attachment in primigravidas.