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The research were to investigate the needs of both physical and mental health of the aging people including health promotion, prevention and curation of the aging people. The total number of 563 respondents over the age of 60 were randomly selected and interviewed along the process of data collection. Collected data were analyzed by using percentage, arithmetic mean, One-way ANOVA and t-test.

The research study revealed that highest ailment found among the respective people were high blood pressure (21.30%). The latter were diabetes (6.70%) and cancer (0.70%) respectively. Medical check-up services were very much in needed for these group of people and they preferred to have much services firstly at the local health center and local hospital for the second priority. They preferred to go to provincial hospital and community hospital for curation for severe treatment. For minimal ailments, these people wanted to have some mobile unit and the provision of essential knowledge and services on general healthcare, focal as well as physical exercise appropriate for old age people. For psychological needs, most of these people preferred to be closed to their family members and need for some moral supports. They expected the young generation to be secured. As for the government, older people would like to see the promotion of traditional activities such as "Songkran Day" and other social gatherings among the local people. Some aging people went to see traditional local doctor or monk for their mental healing rather than psychiatrist rather than modern medical doctor if no symptom was physically founded. Future research satisfaction should be provided by giving service the general patient.