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In the present day, the quality of nursing is important for health services because all people desire a good quality of service, that is safe and worthwhile. All public health services must be ready for the action of quality control of nurses in nursing practice.

The main purpose of this analytical survey research was to assess factors affecting the readiness to control quality of nursing practice in Community Hospital in Nonthaburi province. The relationships between factors of the readiness to control quality of nursing practice were also investigated. The predisposing factors were classified as predictors. The sample consisted of 178 people working in a community hospital. The study was done during April-May 1999. Data were collected by interviews with questionnaires about knowledge and perception. Data were analyzed by using descriptive statistics. Test of relation was done by using Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient. The weighed prediction was done by using value from Stepwise Multiple Regression.

Results of this study showed that 71.9 percent of nurses had low level of the readiness to control quality of nursing practice. It was also found that knowledge about quality control, the policy perception of the department, the attention to control quality of nursing practice, the self-efficiency perception to control quality of nursing practice and resources supported by chief of directors were statistically correlated with the readiness to control quality of nursing practice. (P-value < 0.001). About 29.70 percent of the variance of the readiness to control quality of nursing practice could be significantly predicted by the attention to control quality of nursing practice, resources supported by chief of director and the self-efficiency.

The result of this study suggested that, the Board of Directors and the Chief of Directors should provide necessary resources and support with supervision to develop skills in nursing practice.