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**YAOWALAK SERISATHIEN : FACTORS INFLUENCING MATERNAL ROLE
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The objectives of this research were to investigate maternal role adaptations during pregnancy and to study the influence of marital relationships, social support, mother - daughter intimacy, age, family income, family characteristics, planning for having children, readiness for having children and childrearing experiences on maternal role adaptation during pregnancy of adolescents. Three hundred and thirteen (313) pregnant adolescents, below 19 years old age, were randomly selected to be subjects. Structured questionnaires and semi-structured interviews were used for data collection. Stepwise multiple regression analysis was employed for quantitative data analysis and content analysis was used to analyse the qualitative data.

The results of the study revealed that most of the subjects demonstrated fairly good adaptation of the overall maternal role during pregnancy. The adaptation on aspects of maternal - fetal relationship and acceptance of the role were good. The aspects of acceptance of pregnancy, preparation for childbirth, change of self, and change of marital relationship were fairly good. Five positive influencing factors of maternal role adaptation were marital relationships, social support, readiness for having children, childrearing experience, and age. Those factors could explain 51.67 percent of variances of maternal role adaptation ($p < .01$). The results suggest that nurses in prenatal clinics should be concerned about promoting maternal role adaptations during pregnancy of adolescents especially in adolescents who are below 16 years of age and are not ready for having children, have no childrearing experience, have low social support and poor marital relationships.