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Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is one of the important social problems of Thailand because, still misconception and negative attitude towards the clients with HIV sero-positive. It has physical, psychosocial and emotional effects on clients with HIV sero-positive. So health-promoting behaviors are the importance factor to maintain their physical and mental health in good status.

The purposes of this study were to explore the relationship between health perception, social support and health-promoting behaviors of clients with HIV sero-positive. The sample was composed of 50 clients with HIV sero-positive who were in Camillian Social Center, Rayong, between 15 January 2000 – 15 February 2000. The method of study was quantitative and qualitative research, collecting data by interview and in-depth interview. Statistical techniques were implemented in the process of data analysis by using SPSS program for arithmetic mean, standard deviation and Pearson's Product Moment Correlation Coefficient. The results were as follows :

1. The overall mean scores of health perceptions in clients with HIV sero-positive were at a high level.
2. The overall mean scores of social support in clients with HIV sero-positive were at a high level.
3. The overall mean scores of health-promoting behaviors in clients with HIV sero-positive were at a high level.
4. Social support correlated positively to health perceptions ($r = .762^{**}$) at the statistically significant level of 0.01.
5. Health perceptions correlated positively to health-promoting behaviors ($r = .672^{**}$) at the statistically significant level of 0.01.
6. Social support correlated positively to health-promoting behaviors ($r = .889^{**}$) at the statistically significant level of 0.01.

The results of this qualitative research were as follows : This center has problems about space and a lack of health care workers. The opinions of clients with HIV sero-positive are that they need to acquire acceptance everywhere and need everyone to be aware of their life in order to prevent HIV infection.

Based on the results of this study, these measures would lower risks to their health, thus improving their quality of life. Recommendations are that clients need to acquire good health perceptions. Emphasis on the importance of suitable social support should be stressed.