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POJANEE KHUANNGOEN : THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ACCIDENTS RESULTING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF NURSES USING UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS AT LABOUR ROOMS IN REGIONAL AND GENERAL HOSPITALS, REGION VIII. THESIS ADVISORS : PIYATHIDA TREEDECH Dr. P.H., BHUSITA INTARAPRASONG Ph.D. (Dev.Adm.), PEERA KRUGKRUNJIT M.Sc. (Bios.), SUPATRA LEUMVARANGURA M.Sc. (PUBLIC HEALTH) 149 P. ISBN 974-664-786-5

The objectives of this study were to analyze the effectiveness of administration for the protection of accidents resulting from the performance of nurses using Universal Precautions in labour rooms in Regional and General hospitals, Region VIII. This study also evaluates the levels of psychological factors, such as knowledge and attitude of nurses, and administrative resources, such as manpower and materials in labour room. The relationships between personal characteristics, psychological factors, administration resources and the effectiveness of accident protection administration were also studied. In addition, the explanatory equation of attitude to the effectiveness of accident protection administration was evaluated. The sample consisted of 60 registered nurses and 30 technical nurses. Chi-square test, Simple Correlation and Multiple Regression were used for data analysis.

The results of this study showed that the effectiveness of whole accident protection administration and special paths of nurses in the labour room were found at a low level. The level of attitude was found equally at a high level and a middle level. Manpower was at a low level. Materials was at a high level. Age, experience, attitude and manpower had a positive correlation with accident protection administration of nurses in labour rooms, and only attitude could explain the effectiveness of accident protection administration by 18.5 percent. It is suggested, from the study, that hospital administrators must provide more knowledge and skills on the management process and Universal Precautions to all nurses, and must continuously evaluate their performances once a year.