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The object of this survey was to study the factors affecting treatment behavior regarding both modern treatment and folk treatment. The methods used in this survey were both questionnaire and in-depth interview. The sample size consisted of 200 persons for questionnaire and 6 persons for in-depth interview. They asked the inpatients of Tanyaluk Hospital and Thamkabok Temple about amphetamine dependence.

In conclusion the sample mostly finished school at the secondary level 50 percent were unemployed and worked part-time, The average salary was 4,300 baht/month. They have abused amphetamines more for than 2 years. They first abused amphetamine on advise from a friend. Most are in the hospital for the first time. The reason for treatment was to quit.

Factor related to amphetamine dependence treatment

Furthermore the three main factors, which related to amphetamine dependence treatment, were socioeconomic, knowledge about drug abuse, and families and friends support. We found that there were no difference impact in socioeconomic and knowledge about drug abuse among the modern treatment and folk treatment. However, the last factor, willing of families and friends were the most important for treatment. In addition, the way of treatment in modern one was significant better than the folk one.

Finally, we recommened encouraging the families and friends of the drug abuser learn more on drug abuse knowledge and give more chance for them to treatment.