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### ABSTRACT

The first purpose of this study is to examine the characteristics about demographic, Socio-economic factors of husbands who used prostitute service. The second purpose is to study the husbands's reasons for using or not using prostitute service, as well as the reason for going on or stop using prostitute service after the wide spread of AIDS.

The respondents are 400 married men who accompanied or visited their wives at the Maternal and Child Hospital, Ratchaburi Province during November 17 - December 31, 1990. It can be divided as husbands who never used prostitute service (25 percentage) and husbands who ever used prostitute service (75 percentage). Of these husbands who ever used prostitute service 25 percent had stopped more than 5 years ago, 43 percent stop using within the last 5 years. and 32 percent going on using at present. Percentage, Mean, and Chi-Square Test are used in the analysis.

The results showed that the most important characteristic of husbands who used prostitute service is these who have high income (more than 40,000 baht per year). Husbands who have higher income used prostitute service more than husbands who have lower income. Another characteristic is the age of husband. Younger husbands used prostitute service more than the older ones.

The reason of never used prostitute service is dislikeness. The reason of had stopped prostitute service for more than 5 years ago are having family and prepare to marry. The reason of stop using within the last 5 years is afraid of AIDS. The reason of continuing visiting is thinking that using condom could prevent AIDS.