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Abstract

This is an anthropological study in traditional and modern therapy in Nontaburi Province ; Wat Phothongbon and Pra Nang Klao Hospital were selected for the field study.

It was found that the traditional medicine is still practiced among a certain group of the population (depending on socio - economic factors) who live in Nontaburi and Bangkok. The etiology is supernatural. The curers are buddist monk and laymen. The therapeutic process is simple and harmonious with the patients'beliefs.

At the hospital, the process of modern therapy is complicated and the high technology make the patients afraid and they do not understand. Furthermore there are problems in

communication between the practitioners and the patients.

The patients in the medical inpatient ward suffer from cancer, hypertension, diabetesmilitus, asthma and paralysis, many of which are chronic. These people have experience in both the traditional and the modern therapy.