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Abstract

Rearing a child is the sharing roles of the parents. In the past, father's role in child-rearing was neglected because society had placed this role to the mother. At the present, attitude toward child-rearing in society, economic and characteristics of the family has been changing. Since mothers need to work outside in order to support the family, their roles in child-rearing and house-keeping are reduced. The father needs to participate and involve in child-rearing increasingly.

The purpose of this study was to investigate the paternal roles in rearing of the first-year child and to study the correlation between selected factors relating to the father, the family, the child and paternal roles in rearing the child. The sample was composed of 200 fathers who brought their children to the out patient pediatric department, pediatric clinic and pediatric wards of in patient department of Siriraj hospital.

The data were collected by using two sets of questionnaires, i.e., the demographic data and paternal roles in rearing first-year child interview form. Statistical techniques were implemented in the process of the data analysis by using SPSS/PC program for the percentage, arithmetic means, standard deviation, one way analysis of variance, Scheffe's method and the Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient.

The results were as follows :

1. Sixty-eight percent of the sample had moderate performance of the paternal roles in rearing the first-year child.
2. The comparison of paternal roles were found that there was statistically significant difference between caretaker role, protector role, and learning and stimulating role. ($p < .001$) There was statistically significant difference between protector role and learning and stimulating role. ($p < .001$)
3. There were significant positive correlations between most father factors, one family factor and paternal roles. ($p < .05$) There were no significant correlation between child-factors and paternal roles ($p > .05$)

It is recommended that nurses should have the direct roles in encouraging the paternal roles in rearing their children by providing information and teaching to all fathers.