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ABSTRACT

This descriptive research was designed to examine the relationship between dependent-care deficit and family well-being while the basic conditioning factors of number of years in education, income of family, number of children, duration of illness and number of convulsion were statistically controlled, within the theoretical framework derived from Orem's conceptual model of nursing. The purposive sampling was used to obtain from 80 mothers of epileptic children who attended and followed up at the neurology clinic of Ramathibodi Hospital during November 1991 till March 1992. The Dependent-care Deficit Scale developed by the investigator and Family Well-being Assessment developed by Caldwell (1988) were administered to the sample.

Results of the study indicated that when basic conditioning factors: number of years in education, income of family, number of children, duration of illness and number of convulsion were statistically controlled, dependent-care deficit correlated with family well-being which was statistically significant ($p < .05$) and accounted for 6.63% of the variance in family well-being.

The result of the study expanded Orem's theory of Self-care Deficit in concept of dependent-care deficit and family. The limitations of this study, implication for practice, education, and further research were recommended.