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ABSTRACT

The objectives of this study were to find out the level of

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Personnels to Control and Prevent Hypertension in

readiness, the factors related to readiness and to indentify factors predicting the readiness of health center personnels to control and prevent hypertension. The readiness of the health center personnels is considered to be composed of knowledge of disease, knowledge of roles and duties and attitude toward their jobs. All health center personnels of 320 persons who work more than one year in Suphanburi

province were recruited. The data used in this study were ascertained from the subjects by self-administration questionnaires. The descriptive statistics, correlation and stepwise multiple regression were used in the data analysis.

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can predict the readiness of health center personnels to control and prevent hypertension were salary income extended services of physician to the health center, "chance to get information about hypertension and educational level (technical nurse), and the value of prediction of all these factor was low (16.03 %).

and had chance to get information about hypertension. The factors that

The result of this study can use to be a guideline for training and produce aqualified personnels for health centers to deal with the hypertension-control and prevention programme.