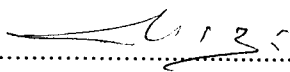



THESIS TITLE : RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SELECTED VARIABLES AND
THE DECISION MAKING ABILITY OF CHIEF OF NURSING
SECTION IN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL , REGION 6

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ABSTRACT

The purposes of this research were; (1) to study the decision making ability of chief of nursing section in community hospital ,region 6 (2) to examine the relationship between selected variable and the decision making ability of chief of nursing section; and (3) to search for the best variable which would be able to predict the decision making ability of chief nursing section. The sample subjects used in the chief of nursing section. A set of documentary analysis questionnaires were employed to collect data. The earned data were analyzed by a computer program SPSS For Window to acquire frequencies, percentage, arithmetic means, correlation and stepwise multiple regression analysis.

The Research Results :

1. Chief of nursing section in community hospital , region 6 had a high level of the decision making ability.
2. Leadership and time management were positively related to decision making ability at the 0.05 significant level. Age, the managerial experience,

administration training and hospital sizes did not relate to decision making ability at the 0.05 significant level.

3. Leadership and time management are the most effective predictors of the decision making ability which accounted for 53.4 percent.

4. These multiple regression equation of the decision making ability were as follows :

Raw score multiple regression equation

$$Y' = 39.736 + 0.733 \text{ LEAD} + 0.964 \text{ TIME}$$

Standardized score multiple regression equation

$$Z' = 0.419 \text{ LEAD} + 0.389 \text{ TIME}$$