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The Relationship between Coping-Support Nursing Care and

Anxiety of Parturients

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Abstract

The purpose of this descriptive correlation study was accomplished by examining the relationship between coping-support nursing care and anxiety of parturients. The theoretical framework underlying this study was the Lazarus and Folkman stress, appraisal and coping model. The purposive samples consisted of 300 parturients who had vaginal delivery within 12-24 hours, admitted at postpartum unit of Chonburi Hospital during March to May 1997. The data collection instruments included the Demographic Data Record, the Coping-Support Nursing Care in Labour Questionnaire which was derived from the Bryanton Adaptation of Nursing Support in Labour Questionnaire and Spielberger's State Anxiety Inventory which Chavee Baosoung translated and modified for the parturients.

Results of the study indicated that subjects perceived almost high level of coping-support nursing care in total and by parts. A mean score of anxiety was at moderate level. There were statistically significant difference in perception of parturients who had different levels of education and types of service (P < .05), but no statistical significance due to age, income, labour experience and length of stay in labour room. Coping-support nursing care was negatively related to anxiety of parturients (P < .001).