

Thesis Title      Role perception and Role Performance in  
the Rearing of 0 - 2 month Old Child  
of Father with First Child.

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### ABSTRACT

The objective of this survey research was to study the relationships between the father's factors, child's factors, family's factors, father's role perception and father's role performance in child rearing of 220 fathers of first child age 2 months, who brought their children to attend the well baby clinic of Rajhavithi hospital and Children hospital. The data was collected from March 15<sup>th</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1994 by interview using questionnaires. Data were analysed by

using SPSS/PC<sup>+</sup> program for percentage, arithmetic mean, standard deviation, Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient and the Stepwise multiple regression.

The results showed that seventy-eight percent of the sample had moderate score of the role's perception in child rearing and sixty-five percent of the sample had moderate score of role's performance in child rearing. From analysis of Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient, the factors positively significant correlation with the father's role performance in child rearing were father's time for child rearing and father's role perception. From analysis of stepwise multiple regression, it was found that father's time for child rearing and father's role perception can predict the father's role performance about 15.99 percent.

It is recommended that it should encourage the father's role in child rearing in order to offer more father's time allowance for their children. Moreover, the student or the grown-up men should be educated and trained for their role in child rearing.