

THESIS TITLE : RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SELF-ESTEEM, MARITAL
RELATIONSHIP AND COPING BEHAVIOR OF INFERTILE WOMEN.

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research was to study relationships between self-esteem, marital relationship and coping behavior of infertile women. The conceptual framework was constructed based on Sherman's concept (1991). By systematic random sampling, seventy-eight infertile women were selected from the infertile couple clinic, outpatient department, Srinagarind Hospital, Khon Kaen University during May to June 1993. Instruments used in this study comprised of four kinds of questionnaires : Demographic data, Rosenberg Self-esteem Scale (1965), Marital relationship questionnaire developed by the investigator and Jalowiec Coping Scale (1984). Demographic data were

shown in percentage. Scores from self-esteem, marital relationship and coping behavior were shown by arithmetic mean and standard deviation. The relationship between self-esteem, marital relationship and coping behavior were analysed by using Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient and Multiple correlation.

The result revealed that :

1. there was a statistically significant positively high degree of correlation between self-esteem and coping behavior (Pearson $r = 0.9595$, $P < 0.0001$).

2. there was a statistically significant positively high degree of correlation between marital relationship and coping behavior (Pearson $r = 0.9571$, $P < 0.0001$).

3. there was a statistically significant positive correlation between self-esteem, marital relationship and coping behavior (Multiple $R = 0.9665$, $P < 0.0001$).

4. there was a statistically significant high degree of correlation between self-esteem and marital relationship (Pearson $r = 0.9663$, $P < 0.0001$).

On the basis of this study, the recommendation is presented that evaluation of self-esteem alone is enough in promoting coping behavior of infertile women.