

The Needs for Participating in Health Care and Family
Preparation of Psychiatric Patient's Relative.

Abstract

The purposes of the research were to study the disease by patient's relatives for participation in health care while the patients were admitted and how they prepared themselves to receive the patients when they returned home.

Data were collected by interviewing 108 relatives of schizophrenic patients who were admitted to Khon Kaen Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital

The results found that most of the relatives (67.59 %) had emotional conflict with the patients. They had negative and positive feelings at the same time. 88.88 % of them believed that if they came to visit the patient in hospital, it could help the patient to recover, but they could not come because of economic reasons. 25.00 % of the patients had recovered. 91.67 % of them reported obstacles (e.g. no have time, no experience, economic problems and boring) preventing them from participating in caring for patient in the ward. 89.89 % supported the patients by talking and 54.10 % of them never encouraged the patients to have any activity which the hospital set for the patients. 72.22 % of the relatives understand how to care for the patient at home. They had a suitable plan for the patient when he/she return home. 87.96 % of them needed health personnel to help them , for example : to teach them health education (38.84 %) and give knowledge to develop thier neighbors attitude (18.18 %)