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This study was aimed at determining how 150 gynecological patients with different social, demographic and economic characteristics who visited private and government hospitals in Bangkok had been treated with respect to their rights and how they exercised them. Four aspects of patients' rights were the right to know, the right to choose, the right to safety and the right to compensation. The methods of analysis of this study were descriptive, t-test and One-way ANOVA.

The finding of this study are that 58% , 45.3% and 88.7 % of patients had been treated with respect to the right to know, the right to choose and the right to safety respectively. Also, 63.8% and 42.7 % of patients exercised the right to know, the right to choose respectively. And 35% of patients would exercise the right to compensation by suing the health provider(s) if their rights were infringed upon. There were significant differences in some aspects of the patients' rights, with the level of education, type of disease, occupation, income and the need for additional child. However age, marital status, attitude towards the relationship between a physician and a patient, the period after operation, and the type of hospital were not significantly related to patients' rights.

The patients had been treated with respect to the right to safety more than they had been treated with respect to other rights. However, most patients did not exercise their rights because they trusted the physician or they did not know and were not concerned about their rights. The suggestion was that the physician should have more concern for patients' rights when he/she provided treatment. The government should campaign and encourage the patients to exercise their rights. The patients should also show concern and exercise their rights.