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Early pregnancy loss is a critical period for women with miscarriage who are in the grieving process. These women are always in needs of caring. The purposes of this study were to determine grief, caring needs and the relationship between grief and caring needs of women with miscarriage. In this study subjects were 100 women who had experienced miscarriage within the previous 1-3 days, admitted at septic wards in Siriraj, Wachira, Charoenkrungpracharak and Central Hospitals during February-May 1997. Data were collected by interview and questionnaires composed of personal data, grief and caring needs. The data were analyzed by using percentage, mean, standard deviation and Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient.

The results revealed that most of the subjects had quite high level of grief and moderate level of caring needs. These subjects had high level of caring needs in the modes of self-care knowledge, human dignity and comfort & safety. In addition there was significantly positive correlation between grief and caring needs of women with miscarriage at .01 level ( $r=.417$ ).

The results suggested that nurses should aware of caring needs of miscarriage women in order to help them cope with loss and grief. By assessing grief level and providing holistic care, the caring needs of these women could be met.