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MAKING PROCESS OF HEROIN DEPENDANTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN A TREATMENT
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Making the decision to participate in a treatment program is the changing point from deviant behavior to a normal way of living. The purpose of this study is to investigate the decision-making process, including decision-making steps to participate, demographic factors, inner factors and outside factors on the participation in a treatment program of unemployed adult males who were addicted to heroin. A total number of 130 heroin addicted unemployed adult males, from treatment centers in Bangkok Metropolis and Vicinity were the subjects of this study. The study was conducted by means of questionnaire asking for personal data about inner factors and outside factors. The data were evaluated by calculating percentage, mean, standard deviation and the stepwise multiple regression.

The results of this study show that the subjects had a good mean score in decision-making steps to participate in a treatment program both overall and at each single step, except at the step of finding information concerning the problem, at which they had poor score. The result of the stepwise multiple regression analysis showed that peer support, health problem and family support level explained 29.87 percent of the variance of decision-making step to participate in a treatment program.

We suggest nurses should provide channels and methods for giving data about treatment and health problems and focus on peers and family of heroin dependants in order to support and transfer information to unemployed adult male heroin dependants who participate in a treatment program to help their decision-making.