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 TREATMENT PROGRAM: A CASE STUDY OF EMPLOYED ADULT MALES AT  
 TREATMENT CENTERS IN BANGKOK METROPOLIS AND VICINITY. THESIS  
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The decision-making process of heroin dependants who participated in a treatment program for the good of themselves and their families. The purpose of this study is to investigate factors affecting the decision-making process of heroin dependant employed adult males who participated in a treatment program. A total number of 145 heroin dependants, whose ages were more than 21 years old to 40 years old, who were employed continuously up to the treatment date participate in treatment in the 30 days prior to the treatment date in treatment centers in Bangkok Metropolis and vicinity. Questionnaires were used to ask for demographic factors, internal factors, external factors and the decision-making process of heroin dependants who participated in a treatment programs. Analysis of data was done by stepwise multiple regression.

The results reveal that the subjects had the overall score of the decision-making process at good level. The scores of the evaluation of information, the listing and selecting of alternatives and the implementation of decisions were at good level but the problem identification and the information search were at bad level. The results of stepwise multiple regression showed the family support, friend support and health problems explained 17.76 percent of variance of the decision-making process.

Thus, it is recommend that nurses should practice family therapy and group therapy of heroin dependant employed adult males who are attached to their friends in order to help the decision making process to participate in a treatment program.