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Making the decision to participate in a treatment program is the starting point of a change from deviant behavior to a correct way of living. The purpose of this study is to investigate the decision-making process of heroin dependants who participated in a treatment program, demographic factors, inner factors and outside factors on the decision making process of male adolescents who were addicted to heroin. A total number of 130 heroin addicted male adolescents were the subjects of this study. They participated in treatment centers in Bangkok Metropolis and vicinity. Data were collected by using personal interview concerning demographic factors, inner factors and outside factors. Percentage, means, standard deviation and the stepwise multiple regression were used to analyse the data.

The result shows that the subjects had a good score in the decision-making process to participate in a treatment program, but had a poor score in investigating the problem and finding information concerning the problem. The result of the stepwise multiple regression analysis shows that 27.7 percent of the variance of the decision-making process to participate in a treatment program was accounted for by three significant predictors; the effect of family support, friend support and duration of addiction. Male adolescents recieved emotional support from family at fair level.

We suggest that nurses should provide individual and group counselling and family should join in order to improve understanding and the family relationship. Moreover, there are other factors should be provided to improve understanding and encourage a good decision-making process.