

THE RELATIONSHIP OF FAMILY RELATIONS AND PERSONALITY TRAITS OF DRUG ADDICT PATIENTS IN THANYARAK HOSPITAL

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ABSTRACT

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The purpose of this research was to study the relationship of family relations and personality of drug addict patients at Thanyarak Hospital according to the demographic variables of gender, age, occupation, education level and parents' marital status and the correlation between family relations and personality of drug addict patients.

The subjects were all together 282 drug addict patients. The three instruments distributed were 1) a Demographic Questionnaire, 2) Index of Family Relations Questionnaire (IFR 25), and 3) Personality test of "How well do you know yourself".

The data were analyzed by using Pearson's Product-Moment Correlation, One-way ANOVA and General Linear Model. The findings revealed that:

1. There is a significant difference in family relations in relation to the selected demographic variables of occupation and parents' marital status of drug addict patients at the 0.5 level of significance.
2. There is a significant difference in personality in relation to the selected demographic variables of gender, age, education level, occupation and parents' marital status of the drug addict patients at the 0.5 level of significance.

3. There is a positive relationship between family relations and personality dimensions of irritability, dejection, nervousness and impulsiveness of drug addicts patients at 0.01 level of significance.
4. There is a significant negative relationship between family relation and personality dimensions of novelty-loving, cooperativeness and dynamism of drug addict patients at 0.01 level of significance.

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