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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to survey needs related to truth telling about illnesses of cancer patients in regional hospitals, southern Thailand. Two hundred and ninety adult cancer patients admitted to regional hospitals in southern Thailand were selected purposively. Questionnaires included (1) demographic characteristics, (2) experiences of cancer patients in being told the truth about their illnesses from the health team, (3) needs in being told the truth about illnesses, which included type of information, the truth teller, the place and time, and methods of truth telling, and (4) help needs after being told the truth. The questionnaires were tested for content validity by 3 experts and for reliability, yielding a Cronbach's alpha coefficient of .81. Data were analyzed using frequency, percentage, mean, and standard deviation.

The results demonstrated that the mean total score of needs of cancer patients related to truth telling about illnesses was at a moderate level. For each dimension, it was found that the mean scores of needs regarding type of information and needs regarding the truth teller were at a high level. The mean scores of needs regarding place and time, and needs regarding methods of truth telling were at a moderate level. The mean total score of needs for help after being told the truth was at a moderate level. Among the dimensions of needs for help, it was found that the mean scores of financial need, and physical need were at a high level. The mean score of psychosocial need was at a moderate level and the mean score of spiritual need was at a low level.

The results of this research should facilitate the formulation of guidelines for the health team in telling the truth to cancer patients, and in providing help for patients based on their values and needs.