

Thesis Title Caring Needed and Caring Received by Patients with AIDS during Hospitalization
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Abstract

The purposes of this descriptive research were to describe and compare caring needed and caring received by patients with AIDS during hospitalization. One hundred and eighty-six patients with AIDS were interviewed during their hospitalization in public hospitals in Songkhla province. The sample was selected by using a purposive sampling technique. Data were collected by using questionnaires covering demographic variable, caring needed and caring received. The results by Cronbach's alpha reliability of caring needed and caring received questionnaires were .87 and .89 respectively. The data were analyzed using percentage, mean, standard deviation and paired t-test.

The results of the study revealed that.

1. The mean score of caring needs was at the moderate level. The highest caring needed was that for warmth and preventing loneliness while the needs of caring for building cheerfulness, for respect human being's right and for helping the patients were progressively lower.

2. The mean score of caring received was at a mild level. The highest caring received was the care of warmth and preventing loneliness, while the caring received for building cheerfulness, for respect human being's right and for helping the patient were progressively lower.

3. Comparisons of the mean score of caring needs and caring received as a whole and in each part showed that caring needs were significantly higher ($P < .001$).

The findings provide suggestions in developing knowledge which can help in the development knowledge about the care of AIDS patients, relevant to the areas of nursing practice, administration, education and research.