Thesis Title: Knowledge and attitude of family members in accepting home-based care for HIV/AIDS in Thongphapoom district, Kanchanaburi province, Thailand

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ABSTRACT

A cross sectional study was conducted from 11th to 19th of March, 1998 by interviewing 165 adult family members in Thongphapoom district, Kanchanaburi province, with the aim to assess the knowledge and attitude of family members in accepting home-based care for HIV/AIDS.

The result of this study reveal that there is an association between some of the socio-demographic characteristics of family members with knowledge, attitude and acceptance of home-based care. The age of respondent ranged from 20 to 70 years. Regarding occupation of respondent, 27.9%, 13.9%, 32.1% and 26.6% were agriculture, laborer, government employee and businessman respectively. The majority had more than primary level of education.

The result of this study show that only 60.0% of respondent had good knowledge of HIV/AIDS, 55.8% had good knowledge of home-based care for HIV/AIDS, 50.9% had positive attitude towards HIV/AIDS and more than a half (55.2%) of the respondents accepted home-based care.

There was significant relationship between knowledge of HIV/AIDS and attitude towards HIV/AIDS as well as between knowledge and acceptance of home-based care, whereas the attitude towards HIV/AIDS had no significant relationship with acceptance of home-based care for HIV/AIDS.