

HOLISTIC HEALTH SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT FOR CHRONIC LIVER FAILURE TREATMENT BY APPLIED THAI TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

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Abstract - *The research of Holistic Health Society Development for Liver Failure Treatment by Applied Thai Traditional Medicine. An applied research with the purposes to 1) study wisdom in local medicine recipe medication, 2) study Chronic Liver Failure treatment by Holistic Applied Thai Traditional Medicine, and 3) study quality herb production of the communities in order to develop society in health - care aspect. Research procedure comprised data collection from folk medicine men and field data collection. Moreover, observation, interview, and focus group discussion were used as research tools.*

The result of the research found that there were 11 kinds of active constituents in local medicine recipe. These constituents could reduce liver inflammation, helped promoting liver restoration and Jaundice treatment. Besides, the result of using Holistic Applied Thai Traditional Medicine found that patients who were cured by local medicine recipe would be recovered and back to good health in 3 – 12 months. However, the combination of wellness systems which comprised physical, mental, and social system were needed in the treatment as well. In addition, the research also found that there were 3 groups of folk medicine men and farmers in the quality herb production; 1) the pesticide - residue – free - herb producers, 2) herb transformers in the act of farmer group, and 3) herbal - medicine users who did packaging and distribution. The herb production system helped to increase community's income and at the same time, the system also helped local herbs to be preserved. These would help to sustain health society development in the long term.

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INTRODUCTION

It can be observed from the social development and human security from the past until now that Thai traditional medicine is very important because it is one of the four basic necessities of human life. Thai traditional medicine is a medical system used to solve and relieve health problems of people in the past in which the healers are the folk healers who use holistic treatment methods resulting from their accumulated experiences that become inherited knowledge (Nikom Musikakama. 2002 : 185 – 190). Folk medicine is a health culture in which the folk healers act as the practitioners and work in accordance with ecosystem, socioeconomics and cultural-specific local knowledge. Health care methods used in Thai traditional medicine are linked to the specific local contexts (Saowanee Kulsomboon. 2012 : 2). In understanding the health care guidelines, it is necessary to consider conditions and both internal and external factors based on concept of holistic social security development (Saowanee Kulsomboon. 2012 : 8-14). According to the Public Health Statistics 2012 – 2014, the mortality rate for liver diseases in 2012 was 14,469 deaths per 100,000 population (22.51%), 15,472 deaths (23.94%) in 2013 and 15,306 deaths (23.56%) in 2014 which accounting for 12.5% or in the 21st rank of 103 diseases that are commonly found in the age range