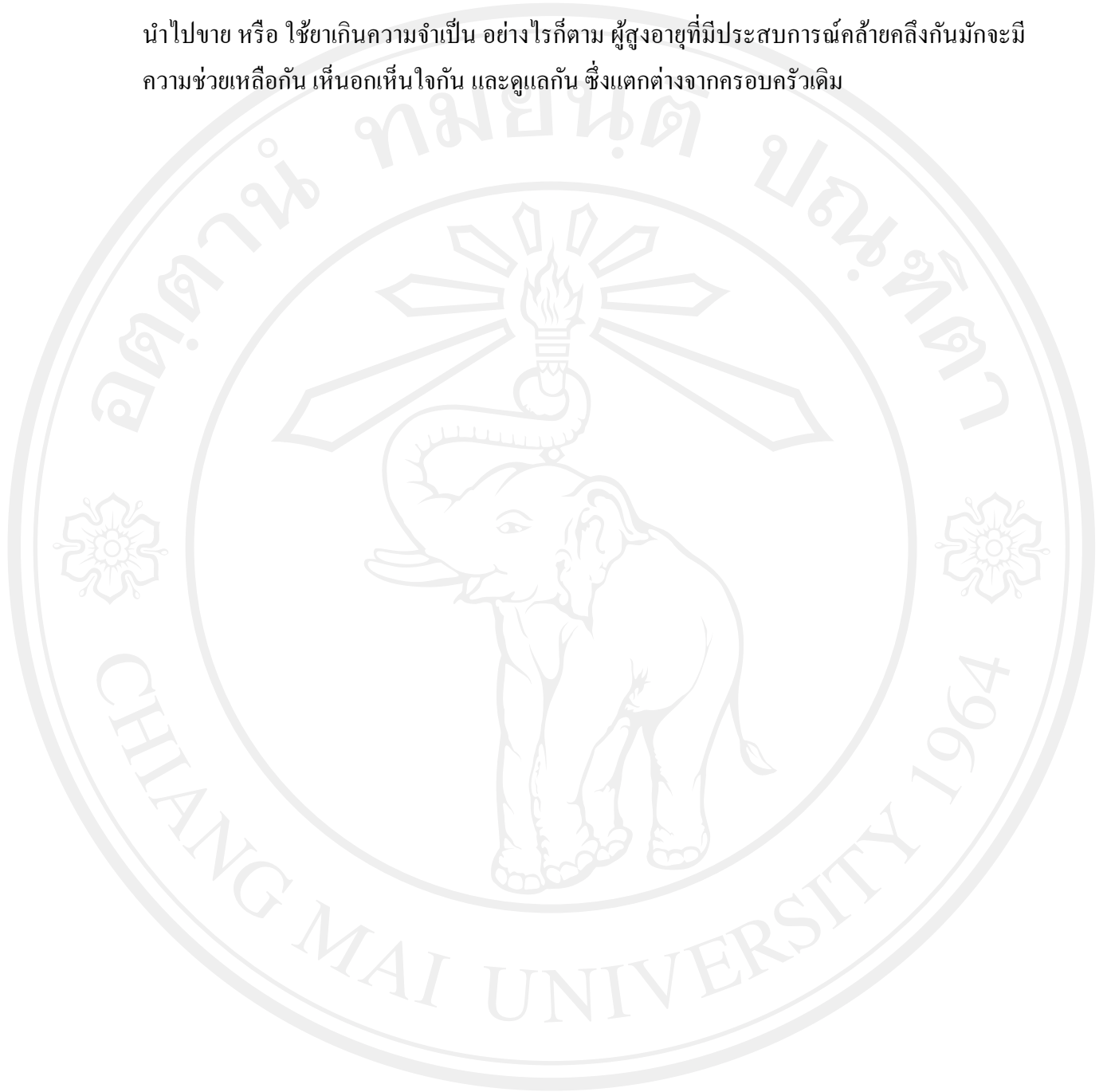


นำไปขาย หรือ ใช้จ่ายเกินความจำเป็น อย่างไรก็ตาม ผู้สูงอายุที่มีประสบการณ์คล้ายคลึงกันมักจะมี
 ความช่วยเหลือกัน เห็นอกเห็นใจกัน และดูแลกัน ซึ่งแตกต่างจากครอบครัวเดิม



ลิขสิทธิ์มหาวิทยาลัยเชียงใหม่
 Copyright© by Chiang Mai University
 All rights reserved

Thesis Title	Social Interaction and Illness of the Elderly in the Elder Welfare Development Centre, Chiang Mai Province	
Author	Miss Matinee Noiruan	
Degree	Master of Arts (Health Social Science)	
Thesis Advisory Committee	Lecturer Dr. Malee Sitthikriengkrai	Advisor
	Assistant Professor Dr. Thapin Phatcharanuruk	Co-advisor

Abstract

This thesis studies social interactions and illnesses of the elderly who are in residence at the Elder Welfare Development Centre, Chiang Mai Province. By using the concept of social interaction in an analysis of the illness of the elderly, the objectives were 1) to study the life history relating to the original family and health problems before they became residents in a new environment, 2) to study the social interactions and symbols of illness, and 3) to study the health care of the elderly through social interactions. This study used qualitative research method based on participant observation, and in-depth interviews with 10 case studies.

From the study, can be classified according to their relationship with the original family into two groups: the elderly who are single, and the elderly who have family, but virtually no family. The elderly who are single tend to live alone without a husband and have no clue of their own parents. They must face life alone. The elderly who have family, but virtually no family, tend to have been hurt by their own descendants who did not take care of them. Some family members had usurped land. In the past life of the elderly, they were living in a world filled with loneliness and relied only on themselves. Now, they are living in the Elder Welfare Development Centre, Chiang Mai Province which provides them with security, safety, and a feeling of "home".

The Elder Welfare Development Centre, Chiang Mai Province is home to the elderly, but they are also anxious about the future. Especially when they get sick. This can be seen in the fact that the elderly tend to accumulate a lot of drugs. The nurses interpret that the elderly patients collect drugs for sale or use drugs more than necessary. However, the elderly who often have similar experiences help each other, show compassion and care, which is different from their original family.