

**ATTITUDE OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS TOWARDS
DISABILITY AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
OF SPINAL CORD INJURED PATIENTS**

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ABSTRACT

This exploratory study aims to discover the attitude of the family members about disability and vocational rehabilitation of their spinal cord injured family members. Five family members of the spinal cord injured patients were chosen for the study using convenience sampling. Semistructured, face to face interviews were conducted to obtain the information. All the interviews were audio taped and transcript. Analysis of the transcripts identified a number of important themes, including the theme of different beliefs on the causes of disability, recurring through out the data. The beliefs of the family members were the focus of the study. Influences of distinct spiritual and negative beliefs during the rehabilitation process were discussed. The study also focussed on the view of family members towards vocational rehabilitation.