

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
Acknowledgements	iii
Abstract (English)	v
Abstract (Thai)	vii
Table of Contents	ix
List of Figure	xiv
List of Tables	xv
Chapter 1 Introduction.....	1
Background and Significance of the Research Problem	1
Objectives of the Study	13
Research Questions	13
Operational Definitions	14
Chapter 2 Literature Review and Related Research	16
An Overview of Cesarean Section and Normal Labor	16
Cesarean Section	16
Cesarean Section Indications	17
Advantages and Disadvantages of Cesarean section.	17
Factors Influencing Increasing Rates of Cesarean Section	20
Normal Labor	28
The Characteristics of Normal Labor	28
Advantages and Disadvantages of Normal Labor.	29

TABLE OF CONTENTS (Continued)

	Page
An Overview of Decision Making	30
Factors Influencing Decision Making	32
Perceptions of Cesarean Section	36
Perceived Susceptibility of Cesarean Section	39
Perceived Seriousness of Cesarean Section	40
Perceived Benefits of Cesarean Section	40
Perceived Barriers to Cesarean Section	41
Decision Making Style	45
Rational Decision Making Style	48
Intuitive Decision Making Style	48
Dependent Decision Making Style	49
Avoidant Decision Making Style	49
Spontaneous Decision Making Style	49
Personal Factors Related to Selection of Cesarean Section	52
Age	52
Educational Level	53
Occupation	55
Family Income	56
Parity	56
Health Insurance	57
Home Location	57
Selection of Hospital for Prenatal Care	58

TABLE OF CONTENTS (Continued)

	Page
Conceptual Framework	58
Chapter 3 Methodology	61
Phase One	61
Population and Sample	61
Research Instrument	62
Data Collection	62
Data Analysis	63
Results.....	63
Phase Two	65
Population and Sample	65
Research Instrument	66
Psychometric Test on the Instruments	69
Validity and Reliability	70
Item Analysis of Perceptions of Cesarean Section	72
Item Analysis of Decision Making Style	73
Factor Analysis	73
Factor Analysis of Perceptions of Cesarean Section	74
Factor Analysis of Decision Making Style	76
Data Collection Procedures	78
Protection of Human Subjects	78
Procedures for Data Analysis	79

TABLE OF CONTENTS (Continued)

	Page
Chapter 4 Results and Discussion	81
Results	81
Discussion	91
Personal Factors and Decision Making Regarding Cesarean Section	91
Perceptions of Cesarean Section and Decision Making Regarding Cesarean Section	97
Decision Making Style and Decision Making Regarding Cesarean Section	99
Predictors of Decision Making Regarding Cesarean Section	101
Chapter 5 Conclusions, Implications, and Recommendations	103
Summary of this Study	103
Results of Analysis	104
Implications and Recommendations	105
Implications for Nursing Practice	106
Implications for Nursing Education	107
Implications for Nursing Research	108
Limitations of the Study	109

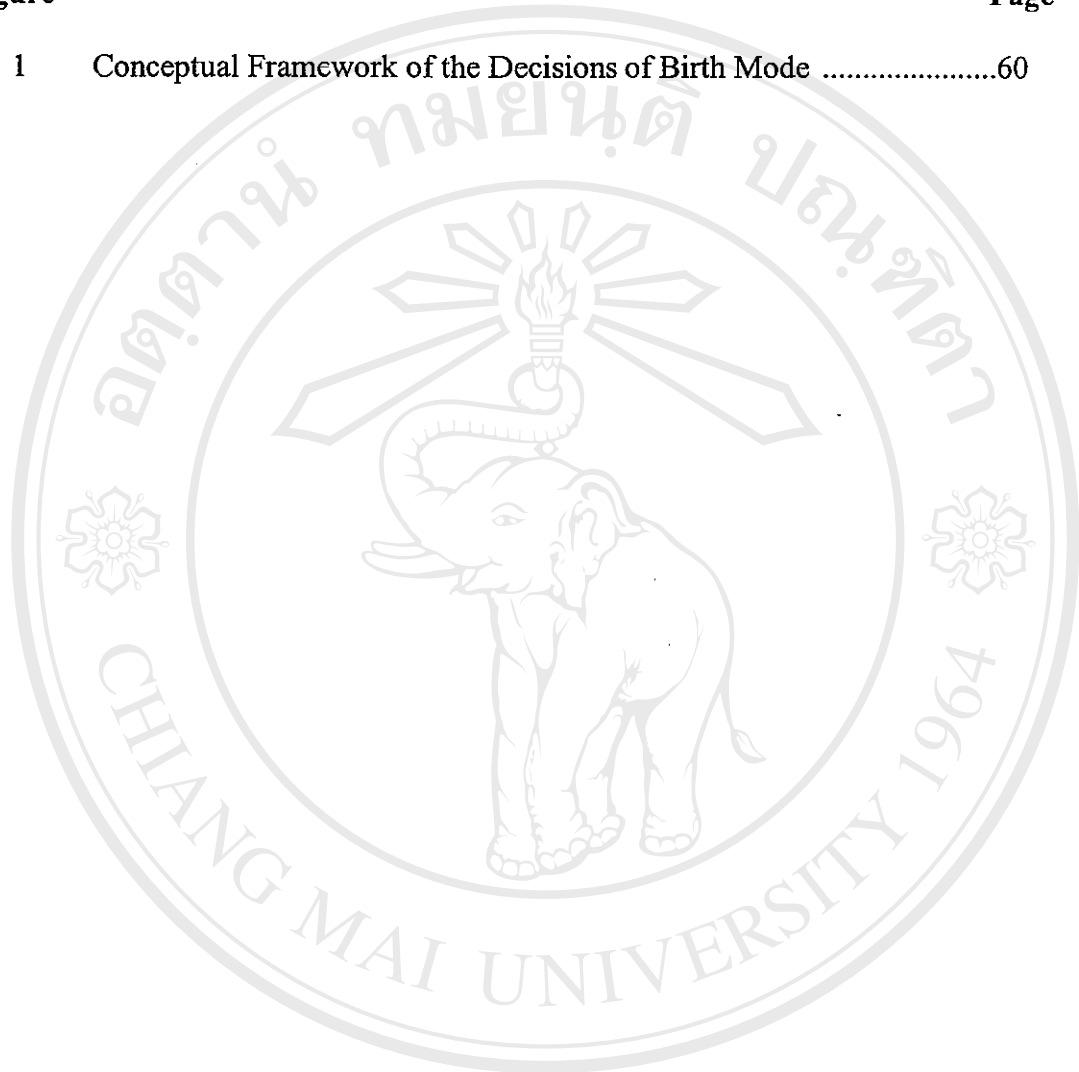
TABLE OF CONTENTS (Continued)

	Page
References	110
Appendices	130
Appendix A :Questionnaire Phase One	130
Appendix B :Protocol Contact	138
Appendix C :Sample Size	142
Appendix D : Questionnaire Phase Two	144
Appendix E : List of Expert	170
Appendix F : Additional Analysis	177
Curriculum Vitae	186

ลิขสิทธิ์มหาวิทยาลัยเชียงใหม่
Copyright© by Chiang Mai University
All rights reserved

LIST OF FIGURE

Figure	Page
1	Conceptual Framework of the Decisions of Birth Mode60



ลิขสิทธิ์มหาวิทยาลัยเชียงใหม่
Copyright© by Chiang Mai University
All rights reserved

LIST OF TABLES

Table	Page
1 Reasons for Selection of Cesarean Section without Medical Indications (n = 80)	64
2 Description Statistics and Reliability of Perceptions of Cesarean Section	72
3 Description Statistics and Reliability of Decision Making Style	73
4 Principle Component Analysis of Perceptions of Cesarean Section	74
5 Loading Factor and Communality of Perceptions of Cesarean Section	75
6 Principle Component Analysis of Decision Making Style	76
7 Loading Factor and Communality of Decision Making Style	77
8 Personal Factors and Decision Making Regarding Cesarean Section And Vaginal Delivery	82
9 Perceptions of Cesarean Section and Decision Making Regarding Cesarean Section and Vaginal Delivery.....	85
10 Decision Making Style and Decision Making Regarding Cesarean Section and Vaginal Delivery.	87
11 Predictors of Decision Making Regarding Cesarean Section	89
F1 Frequencies and Percentages of Subjects by Demographic Characteristics (n = 80) in Phase One	178
F2 Number and Percentage of Sample Divide by Method of Delivery In Phase Two (N= 434)	179
F3 Number and Percentage of Sample Divide by Owner Physician	180

LIST OF TABLES

Table	Page
F4 Association between Occupation, Family Income and Educational Level	181
F5 Association between Occupation, Family Income and Age.....	181
F6 Association between Age, Selection of Hospital for Prenatal Care.....	182
F7 Number and Percentage of Opinion about Perceptions of Cesarean Section	183
F8 Number and Percentage of Opinion about Decision Making Style.....	185



ลิขสิทธิ์มหาวิทยาลัยเชียงใหม่
Copyright© by Chiang Mai University
All rights reserved