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## Summary

**Objective:** Health organizations are between workplace that violence is the most common places. The people in the early years of their professional life are more at risk for exposure to violence. This study was performed to determine nursing third grade students' ideas about violence towards healthcare workers.

**Method:** This descriptive study was carried out with 63 nursing third grade students in the 2013-2014 academic years. Data were collected by a questionnaire with 13 questions which is assessing students' knowledge and ideas about violence in health institutions. Data were analyzed using number, percentage and chi-square tests.

**Results:** The average age of the students who participated in this study is  $21.38\pm0.997$  and 82.5% of them are female. Almost all the students (95.2%) have knowledge about violence in health institutions and they had obtained most of this knowledge (74.6%) from written and visual media. The majority of students (79.4%) were thinking that nurses are the most exposed to violence. According to the students, the sources of violence were patient relatives (84.1%), health workers (50.8%) and patients (46%); the reason for the violence in health institutions was long waiting time (96.8%), mood of patients' relatives (61.9%), and lack of interest and informational (36.5%). Almost half of the students (47.6%) said that the association between education level and acts of violence was.

**Conclusion:** Almost all the students have knowledge about violence, but they had received information from the media. However, the individuals who are candidate to work in health institutions will encounter some problems in professions life. These problems should be learn in educational environment instead of media or elsewhere. Thus, students will be informed more accurately.

Key words: violence, health organization, nursing students

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