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## Ageism among nurses in Japan: A literature review

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**Topic:** The population of the elderly is increasing rapidly in Japan. Nurses need to become more conscious of elderly abuse. Ageism may affect the nurse's abilities to discover elderly abuse.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this study is to review literature concerning ageism among nurses in Japan.

**Sources:** The sources selected for the study is published in nursing literature 2001 to 2016 from Japan Medical Abstracts Society.

**Results:** There were twenty-two articles, 2 of them were about ageism of nurses and care givers who work in nursing homes. All the other articles were about ageism of nursing students or education of ageism in nursing schools. According to several authors, education and experiences of associating with elderly people effects ageism. However, there weren't any articles about ageism of nurses in general hospitals.

**Conclusions:** Researching ageism of nurses in general hospitals is a matter of great urgency.

### Biography

Yuki Ohtsuyama is an Assistant Professor who has worked with the elderly for many years in clinical environments. Her personal experiences led to her interest in research on elderly abuse and how it can be better identified by nurses. After graduating with a BSN in 2008, she began clinical work with patients as an RN in a surgical ward specializing in respiratory medicine, and orthopedic and gastrointestinal surgery. She continued work as a nurse both in an emergency room and in a nursing home while working to achieve her MSN. She graduated with a specialization in Gerontology in 2014.

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