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SUPORN LIMVIPAVEANUNT : NURSES' ATTITUDE TOWARD ELDERLY PATIENTS
AND NURSES' BEHAVIOR DURING INTERACTION WITH THE ELDERLY PATIENTS.

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This descriptive research was designed to study nurses' attitude toward elderly patients and nurses' behavior during interacting with the elderly patients and to study the relationship between selected variables which were working experience, knowledge about aging, marital status and type of family and nurses' attitude toward elderly patients, nurses' behavior during interacting with the elderly patients. One hundred nurses in general medical and surgical wards who interacted with the elderly patients were selected as the samples. The research instruments were elderly patients' attitude developed according to guidelines described by Fishbein and Ajzen, knowledge about aging questionnaire and observation tool designed by the researcher. The major findings were as followed :

1. The mean of nurses' attitude toward elderly patients was 162.06 which was positive at the low level.
2. The mean of nurses' behavior during interacting with the elderly patients was 24.96, which was appropriate at the middle level.
3. There were no correlation between background of nurses and nurses' attitude toward elderly patients and nurses' behavior during interacting with the elderly patients.