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### Nurses' Tendency of Malpractice in Turkey

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#### Abstract

**Background:** Nurses main role they play in the health care team is to serve as a key guardian of patient safety.

**Aim:** This research was carried out as a descriptive study in order to determine nurses' tendency of malpractice in Turkey.

**Methods:** Seventy eight (78) nurses who are working in a randomly selected hospital from five hospitals in Giresun city centre were involved in the study. During data collection 'Information Form for Nurses' and 'Malpractice Tendency Scale' were used.

**Results:** The weekly working hours of the nurses are found out to be  $53.6 \pm 7.9$  hours. It is also determined that the nurses' highest point average of the scale related to the subtitles is "*Drug and Transfusion Applications*" ( $X = 4.98 \pm 0.11$ ) and the lowest average is "*Prevention of Falling*" ( $X = 4.70 \pm 0.45$ ).

**Conclusion:** The present study showed that the weekly working hours of the nurses are too much. Moreover, it is seen that the points of "*Prevention of Falling*" and "*Communication*" subtitles of the malpractice scale is low and the possibility of making mistake is high for the nurses.

**Key Words:** Malpractice, Medication error, Nurse, Nursing practice, Patient safety