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What we know about child abuse as a health professionals in Turkey?

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Object: Ratio of child abuse about 33% in Turkey. If the mild findings of child abuse are skipped, more severe forms of abuse may develop. For this reason, all abuse signs and symptoms should be known by health professionals.

Methods: Journals which are in Turkish Psychiatric Index, Google Scholar, ULAKBIM and Turk Medline were searched by using identified key words “Child abuse”, “Knowledge level of health professionals in child abuse”, “Child abuse and neglect” and index term in the title, abstract and content. The reference lists of all articles searched for additional studies. Turkish and English articles that focused and conducted “knowledge level of health professionals about child abuse” in Turkey were selected.

Results: It has been found that 130 studies about child abuse. 13 of them were on health professionals and child abuse but only, 5 study is selected according to title which has “knowledge level of health professionals in child abuse” words.

Conclusion: Studies have showed that knowledge level of health professionals about child abuse is not at the desired level. They need education and structured evaluation forms about child abuse in clinics.

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