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## Professionalism among nurses and midwives at a primary health care in a province in Turkey

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Professionalism in nursing is extremely important in providing quality care and the creation of standards for the profession. The study was carried out in order to determine the current professional behaviour of nurses and midwives in primary health care at a province in Turkey. The study population was all nurses and midwives working in family health centers that gives primary health care in a province. After research approval from the province health department and Ethics Committee, the questionnaires were distributed to 156 nurses and midwives from October 2016 to January 2017 by researchers. The response rates were 91.02% (142/156). Data were collected using a questionnaire and behavioral inventory form for professionalism in Nursing (BIPN). Data were analyzed in SPSS 22.0. Most of the participant are women (98.6%), 63.4% is between 31-40 ages, 55.6% have baccalaureate degree, 59.9% have 11-20 years working experience. The mean scores of BIPN is  $4.16 \pm 2.65$ . The most higher scores means at BIPN subscales are theory development, use and evaluation ( $1.75 \pm 1.16$ ) and competence and continuing education ( $1.03 \pm 0.71$ ). The lowests are publication ( $0.01 \pm 0.12$ ), self-regulation and autonomy ( $0.03 \pm 0.13$ ) and research development, use and evaluation ( $0.09 \pm 0.34$ ). There were significant differences between education level, working years in the current position and total BIPN scores ( $p=0.000$ ). This study showed that the nurses and midwives have low professionalism scores. It was found that higher the education level, higher the point of of professionalism. However, there was reverse relation in between score of professionalism and working year; higher the working year, lower the score of professionalism.

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