

## ABSTRACT

The elderly problem in Japan has been on Japanese mass media since the end of 80's until the beginning of 90's. The changing of the family system from "ie" to "kaku kazoku" is causing the increased amount of nursing house to accommodate elder people who are abandoned by their family. Kojuen is one of those nursing house located in Suita city, provide them the best facility so they can live comfortably. However, eventhough the nurses has been giving their best, problems still arise. Therefore, the writer of this study visited the Kojuen to answer the following questions: **(1) What is the role of the nurses working on Kojuen Nursing House?** **(2) How are nurses addressing problems occured on Kojuen Nursing House?**

This is a descriptive-qualitative research done by using observation method and interview. The objects of this research are 3 Kojuen staff, including Kojuen's director. Data collecting process are done by 1 month direct interview and 2 months interview by mail. This research is also done by using rope theory.

Basically, a nurse's role is to do a medical treatment such as medical check-up, etc. But when the problem occur, they are demanded to take care of their patient extra carefully. Psychological factors, health condition, and family relationship are 3 highlighted and related main problems, whereas the conclusions are different according to the patient individually.

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