



# Directions and Possibilities in the Development of Forensic Nursing in Japan;

## A Questionnaire Survey among Clinical Nurses

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# INTRODUCTION Part 1

Forensic nursing (FN) is an area that has been developed in North America in 1980s to protect human rights of serious crime victims.

Since serious crimes are becoming more common in Japan, opportunities for forensic nursing is expected to expanding.

# INTRODUCTION Part 2

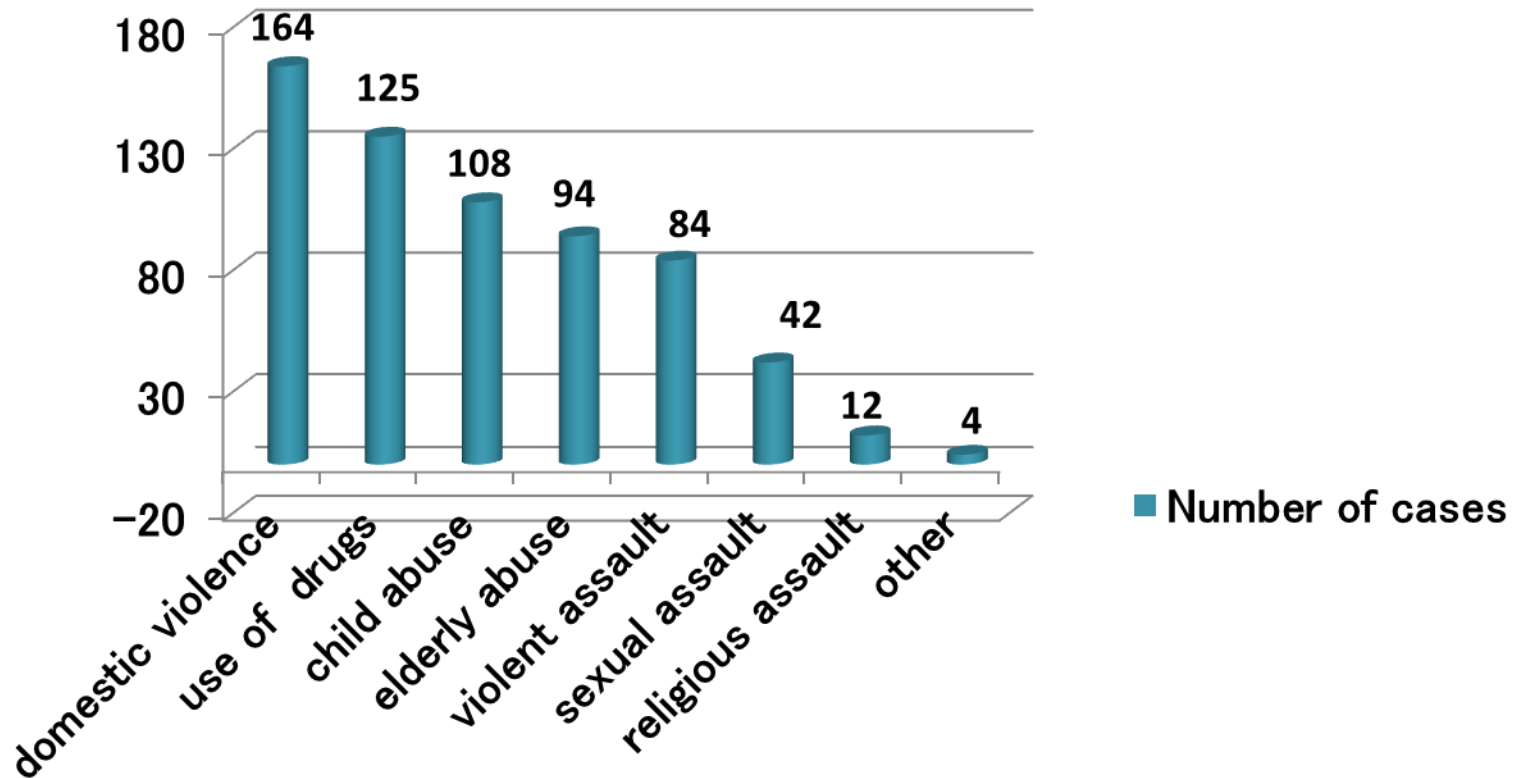
Because the concept of FN is not well-known in Japan, characteristics that are specific to FN has not been necessarily executed.

So we carried out a questionnaire survey among 581 clinical nurses to investigate the knowledge of FN in Kyushu area, Japan.

# SITUATION OF CLINICAL NURSES IN JAPAN

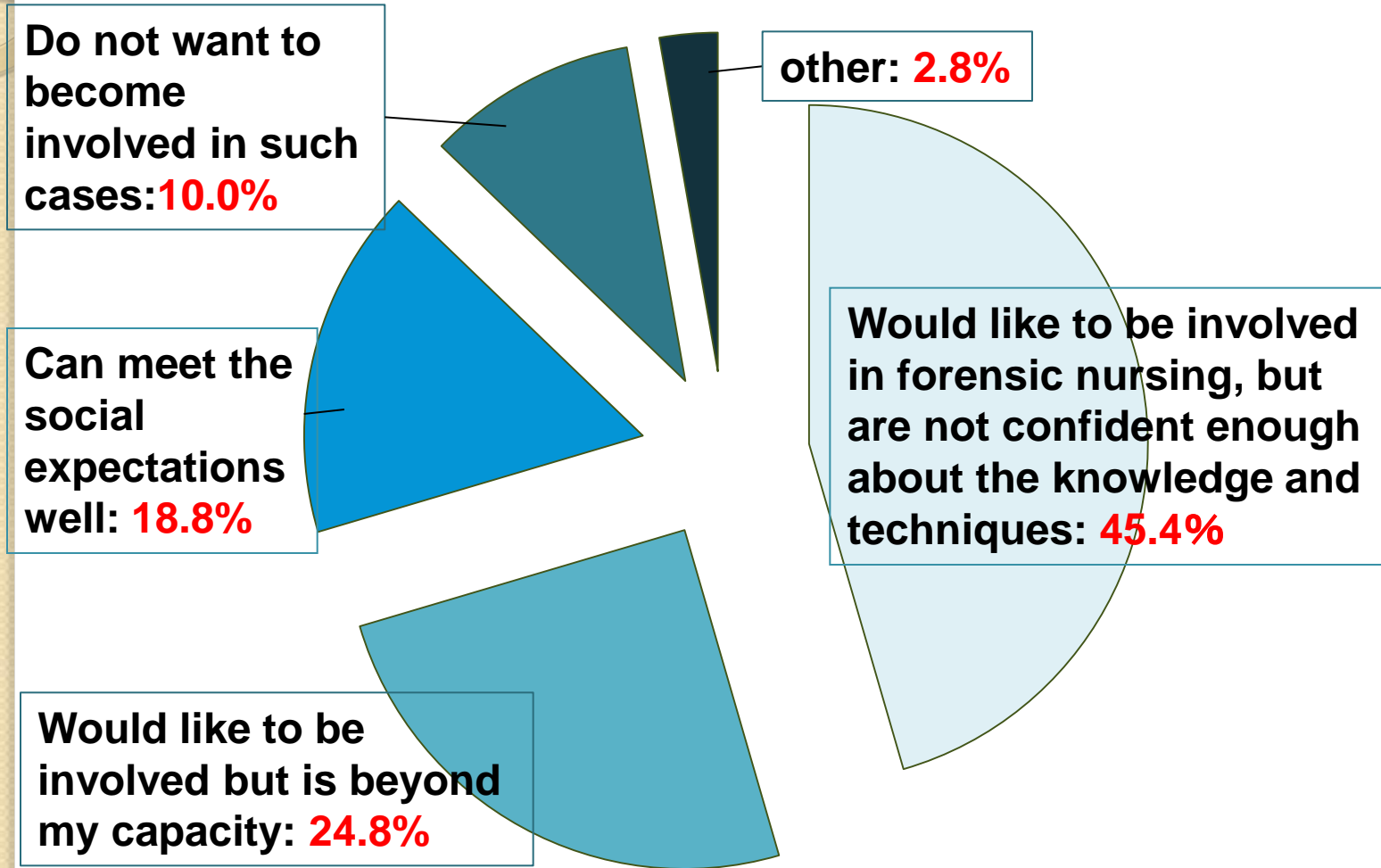
- ✓ The knowledge of FN ▪ ▪ ▪ **16%**
- ✓ Prevalence of nurses who encountered patients suffering from serious violence ▪ ▪ ▪ **56.3%**
- ✓ FN cases were most often found among **clinical psychiatry** and **emergency departments.**

# Number of Cases Reported among 9 Kyushu Hospitals (n=581)

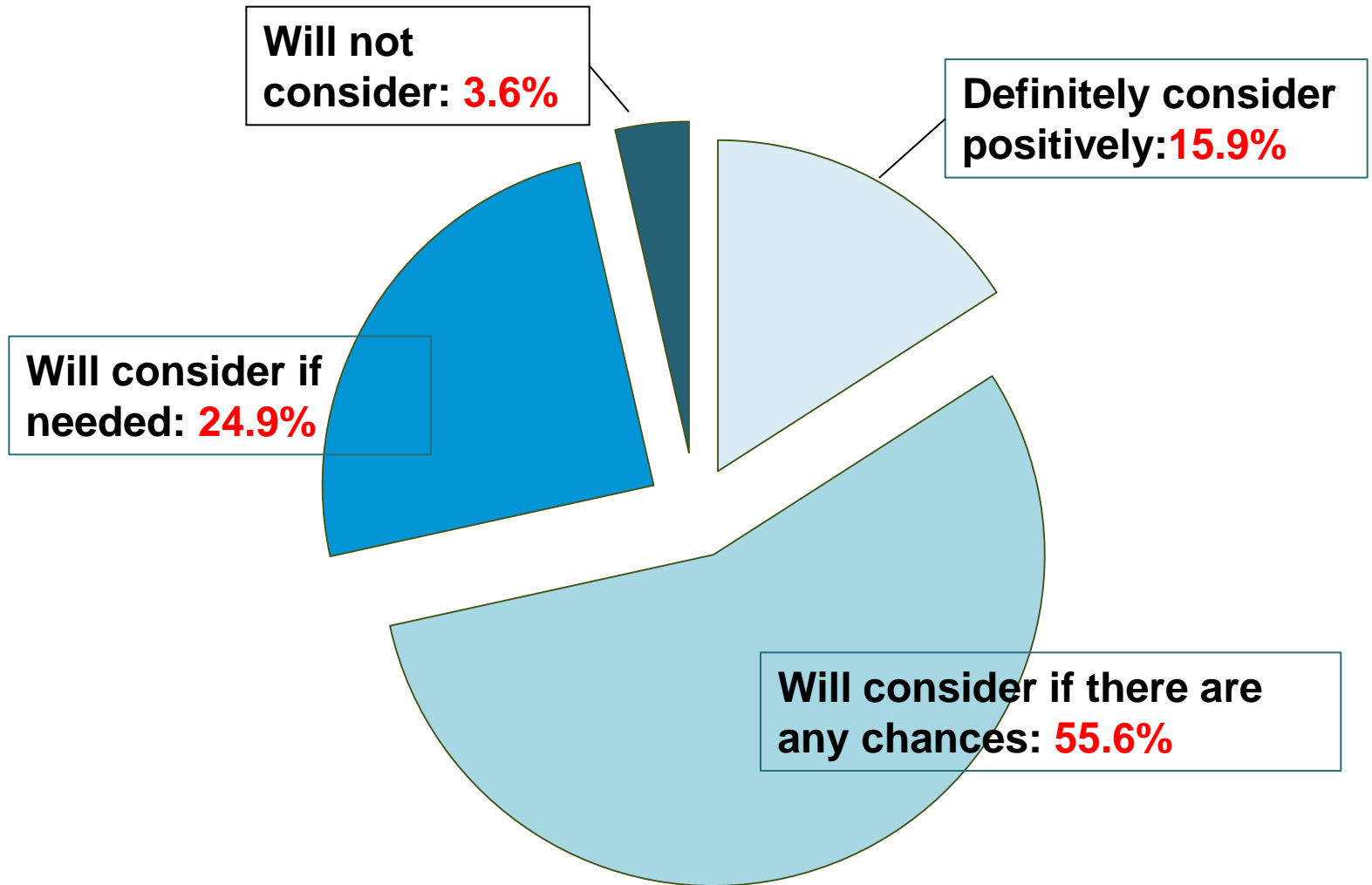


Reported Cases (multiple answers)

# How do you think about your involvement in forensic nursing?



# Willing to attend forensic nursing specialized courses

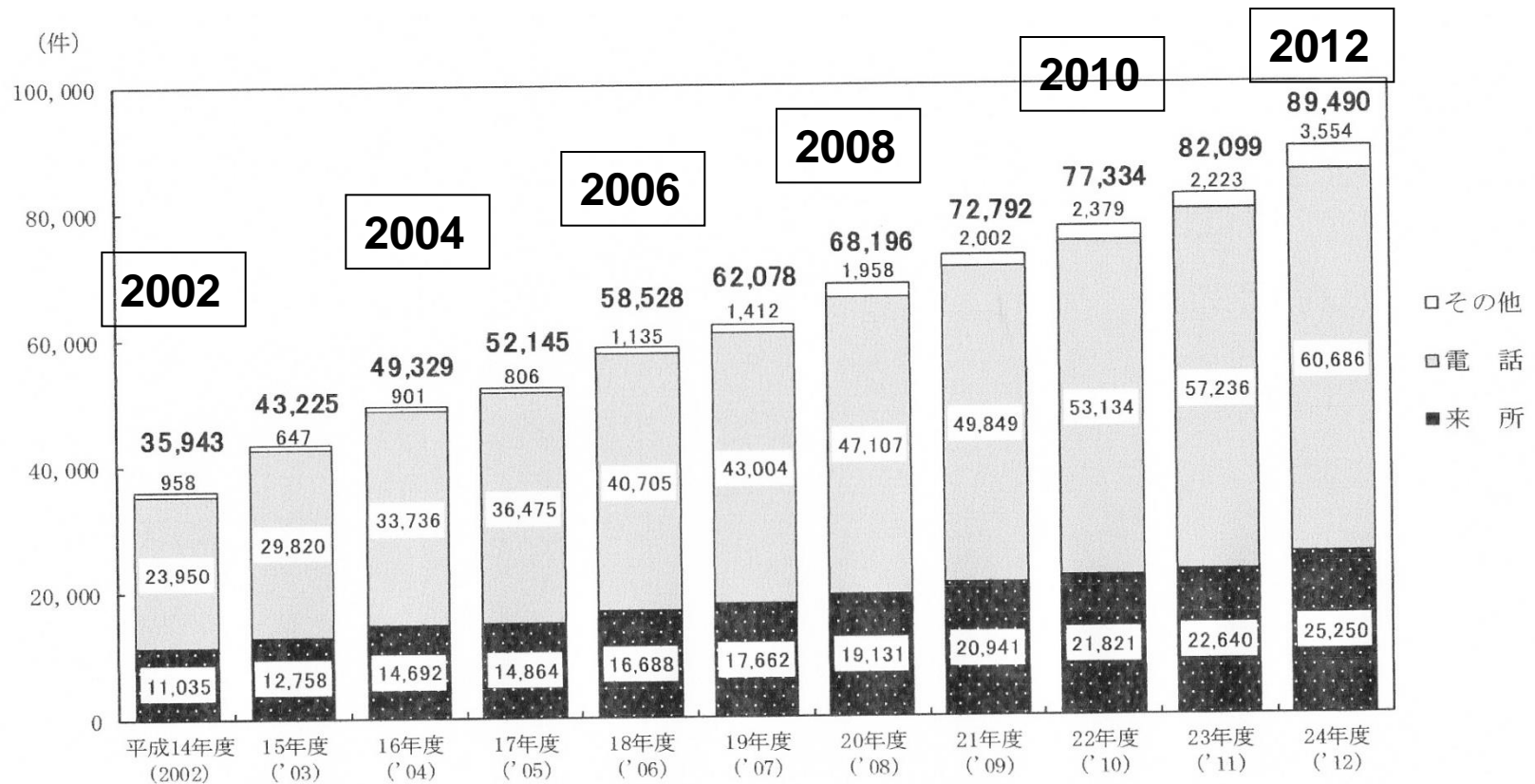




# THE NUMBER OF SPOUSAL DV IN JAPAN

## 1. Spousal Violence

The number of DV counseling cases  
Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Center



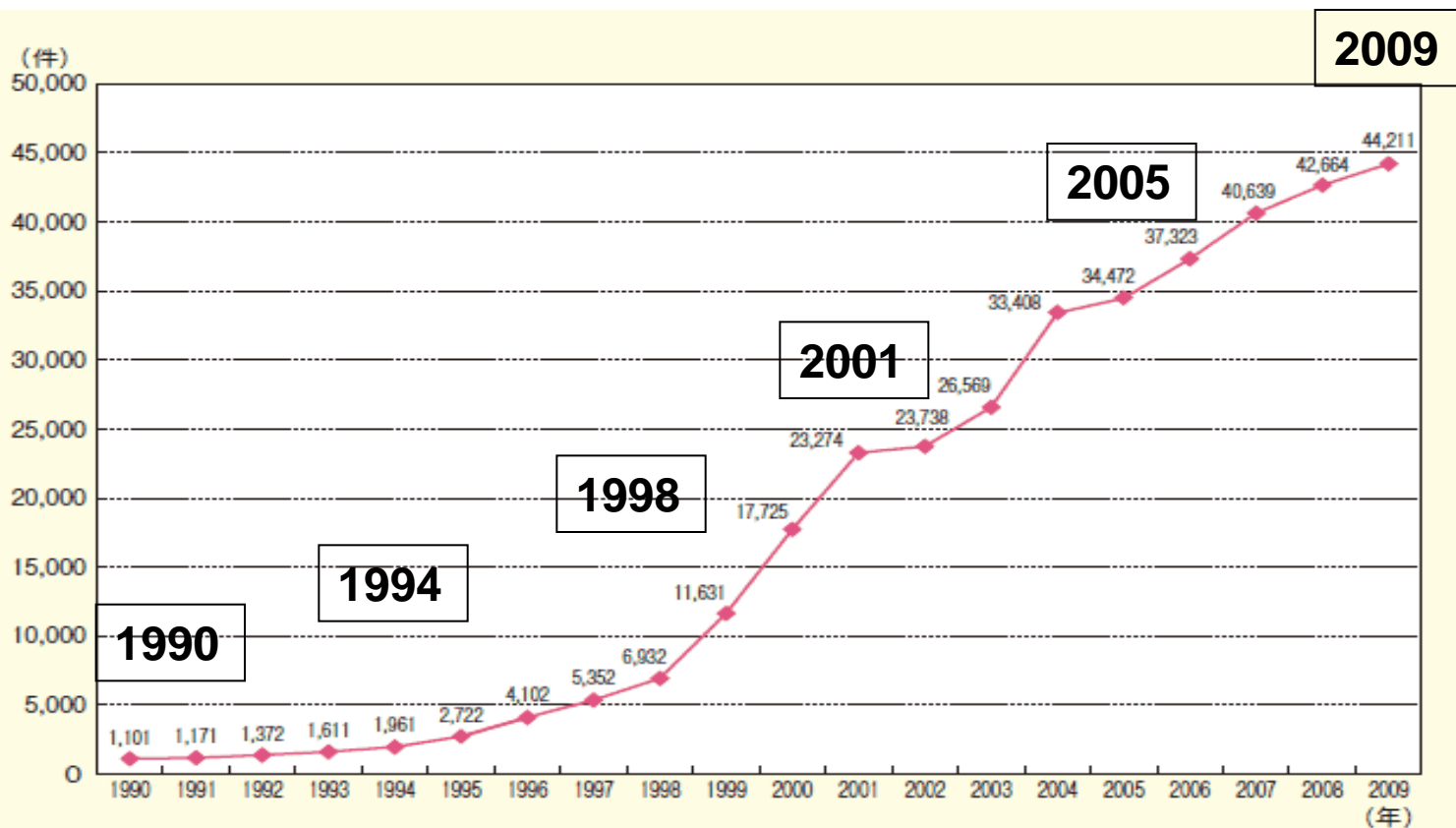


## 2. Abuse of drugs

### Prevalence of drug abuses over the age of 15 and more

|       | hemp | stimulants | Cocaine | heroin | MDMA | Other drugs |
|-------|------|------------|---------|--------|------|-------------|
| 1995  | 0.5  | 0.3        | 誤差内     | 誤差内    |      | 0.8         |
| 1997  | 0.6  | 0.3        | 誤差内     | 誤差内    |      | 0.8         |
| 1999  | 1.0  | 0.4        | 0.2     | 誤差内    |      | 1.3         |
| 2001  | 1.1  | 0.3        | 0.1     | 誤差内    |      | 1.3         |
| 2003  | 0.5  | 0.4        | 0.1     | 誤差内    | 誤差内  | 0.8         |
| 2005  | 1.2  | 0.3        | 誤差内     | 誤差内    | 誤差内  | 1.4         |
| 2007  | 0.8  | 0.4        | 誤差内     | 誤差内    | 0.2  | 1.2         |
| 2009※ | 1.4  | 0.3        | 誤差内     | 誤差内    | 0.2  | 1.7         |

### 3. Number of Child Abuse cases in Japan



資料：厚生労働省資料

# DISCUSSION Part 1

## 1. Necessity of introducing forensic nurse in Japan

- ✓ Over half of the nursing population have encountered patients related to FN
- ✓ Increased number of cases

Psychiatry department

Emergency department

Clinical nurses will have more chances to encounter such cases

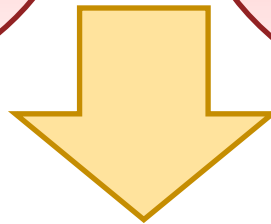
**It will become more important for clinical nurses to care FN-related patients**

# DISCUSSION Part 2

## 2. How to care for patients

Nurses encountering FN-related patients

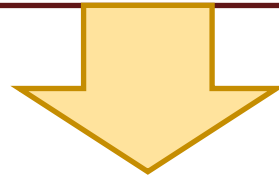
Nurses without experiences in FN-related patients



Would nurses need to deal with FN cases their own way?

## Nurses trying to be responsible for FN cases

- ✓ Nurses feel unconfident with their knowledge and techniques
- ✓ Nurses are feeling anxious about their responsibilities



- ✓ Need to expand knowledge and technique
- ✓ Pursue more opportunities for education

# Conclusions and future directions

- ✓ **Nurses need to be well informed on how to provide better caring system for FN-related patients.**
- ✓ **It is our agenda to promote an adequate educational system for forensic nursing in Japan.**