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## **Sexual behavior of nurses**

### **Abstract**

Human sexuality is still deeply personal, shameful and difficult to study in society. Various professional groups are sometimes suspected of licentiousness and became victims of stereotype. This is the case, for example, with the nursing profession. Nurses are perceived in society as women of high temperament and high sexual demands. At the same time, they are sexually harassed by staff and patients. The profession that these women perform requires very close contact with the patient's body, touching intimate parts of the body as well as the specific nurse-patient relationship based on exceptional trust and concern for the ward's welfare. The work is not only physically and mentally exhausting, but also insufficiently rewarded. These factors likely influence the behavior of nurses in different men-woman relationships both the at home environment and work. The research was conducted on a representative group 317 nurses working in hospital departments. The stereotype of a nurse functioning in the society seems to be confirmed in the light of the research conducted and presented in the paper by the nurses themselves. They agree with it and feel the effects of its existence in their daily work. However, it has not been proven that nurses have greater sexual needs than women from other professional groups.