Table 1

Backgrounds of Personnel and Their Years of Caregiving to Elderly People

	Total	Nursing home		Home Care	
Professional	**n**	**n**	**%**	**n**	**%**
Registered nurses and social educators *	260	173	(63.8)	87	71.9)
Licensed practical nurses *	132	98	(36.2)	34	(28.1)

Years of Caregiving to Elderly People	**Mean (SD) Range**	**Mean (SD) Range**
Registered nurses and social educators	13.7 (9) 1 - 40	13.6 (8) 1 - 37
Licensed practical nurses	18.7 (10) 1 - 42	17.8 (10) 1 - 33

*p =≤.05, Pearson's chi-square.

Table 2 Frequency of Using Pain-Assessment Instruments in Nursing Homes and Home Care

Personnel		Nursing home	Home care	p-value
		Mean SD	Mean SD	
Registered nurses and social educators	Using VRS and NRS *	1.75 ($\pm$ 1.1)	2.48 ($\pm$ 1.3)	0.00*
	Using observation scales	1.46 ($\pm$ 0.9)	1.39 ($\pm$ 0.7)	0.51
	Using standardized questions*	2.85 ($\pm$ 1.5)	2.50 ($\pm$ 1.3)	0.04*
Licensed practical nurses	Using VRS and NRS *	1.68 ($\pm$ 1.0)	2.50 ($\pm$ 1.3)	0.04*
	Using observation scales	1.62 ($\pm$ 1.0)	1.61 ($\pm$ 1.0)	0.78
	Using standardized questions	2.79 ($\pm$ 1.6)	2.73 ($\pm$ 1.4)	0.08

The variables were rated as 1 = never, 2 = seldom, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often, 5 = very often

*p $\leq$.05, Fisher's exact test

Table 3 Self-Reported Competence in Treating the Patients Total Pain Experience among Nurses Social Educators and Licensed Practical Nurses in Nursing Homes and Home Care

	Nursing Home		Home Care	
	Registered nurses and social educators Mean (SD)	Licensed practical nurses Mean (SD)	Registered nurses and social educators Mean (SD)	Licensed practical nurses Mean (SD)
How do you judge your own competence in treating the patients total pain experience	2.34 (0.7)*	2.68 (0.8)	2.59 (0.7)*	2.56 (0.8)

1 = Very good, 2 = quite good, 3 = good, 4 = poor, 5 = very poor

*p $\leq$ .05, Pearson's chi-square.