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**ABSTRACT**

This is a quantitative study to explore the attitudes of the nurses towards health promotion in the Department of Health (DH) Services in Hong Kong through a self-administered questionnaire. The Registered Nurses (RN), Registered Nurses with Diploma in Public Health Studies (RN/H) and Nursing Officers (NO) working in eight different DH services including General Out Patient Clinic (GOPC), Maternal and Child Health Centre (MCHC), Student Health Service (SHS), TB & Chest Clinic, Elderly Health Service (EHS), Special Prevention Program (SPP), Central Health Education Unit (CHEU) and Social Hygiene Service were invited to participate in the study. The sample were selected by random sampling and total population sampling method. A total of 62 questionnaires were distributed to the nurses in eight centres in each of the mentioned services, and the response rate was 75.8% (n=47). The study reported that all the respondents had positive attitudes towards health promotion. However, respondents with higher job title, and with training on health promotion before, had more positive attitude towards health promotion. The major barriers to health promotion were identified as inadequate governmental assistance, especially on the staff training on health promotion.