

Overview of the National Association for Visiting Nurse Service

Our history dates back in June 1996 as a voluntary organization called *Visiting Nurse Association for the Elderly*. The following year on July 7, 1997, the *National Association for Visiting Nurse Service* was established. On June 1, 2011, a shift to a general incorporated association was pursued following a reform of the public interest corporation.

As a base for home-visit nursing business nationwide, the *National Association for Visiting Nurse Service* contributes to not only the practical development of homecare nursing business, but also the improvement of the health and welfare of the citizens by conducting research related to securing and improving services on visiting nurse management.

One of the important missions of the *National Association for Visiting Nurse Service* is to make policy recommendations and requests regarding the visiting nursing system. Current issues and information on the required systems are obtained from our members through surveys or hearings. Subsequently, policy proposals / requests are made for medical fees and system requirements to the government, providing information on the current status of home-visit nursing. These policy proposals / requests are reflected in revisions to nursing care fees and medical fees, as the foundation for home-visit nursing is being implemented.

In addition, the *National Association for Visiting Nurse Service* is also anticipated to play a pivotal role in the dissemination of systems related to home-visit nursing. Information provision through booklets and the Internet, as well as workshops timely support nurses. The "Visiting Nurse Station News" magazine of the association serves as a venue for introducing good practice examples that are useful for home-visit nursing stations in the whole Japan.