Assessment of the Educational Effectiveness of Applying Nightingale's Concept of "Disease" to Promote a Reflection of Life Style for Nursing Students

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 Purpose: To assess the educational effectiveness of applying Nightingale's concept of "Disease" to promote a "Reflection on life" for nursing students.

 Participants: 102 fourth year nursing students who attended the class titled "Medical and Nursing Information" and agreed to be enrolled in this study. Method: Students keyed in their fundamental daily living information using software which was developed based on the Nightingale's concept of "Disease". This was done for a minimum 2 week period of their daily lives which included sleeping, meals, exercise, etc.

Data Analysis: Four criteria to analyze the records of students exist:

A: Able to make concrete plans for changing the pattern of daily lives to improve health conditions.

B: Able to identify the relationship between their life styles and their health conditions.

C: Able to grasp the facts which are related to their specific health conditions.

D: Facts were not sufficient to identify their health conditions from the record of their daily lives.

Definition of Disease by Florence Nightingale

All disease, at some period or other of its course is more or less a reparative process, not necessarily accompanied with suffering: an effort of nature to remedy a process of poisoning or of decay, which has taken place weeks, months, sometimes years beforehand, unnoticed,..."

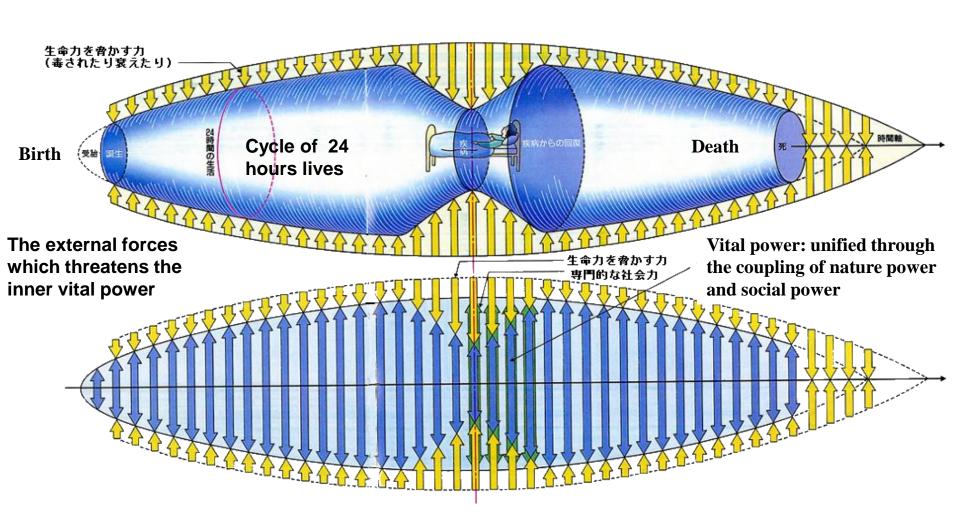
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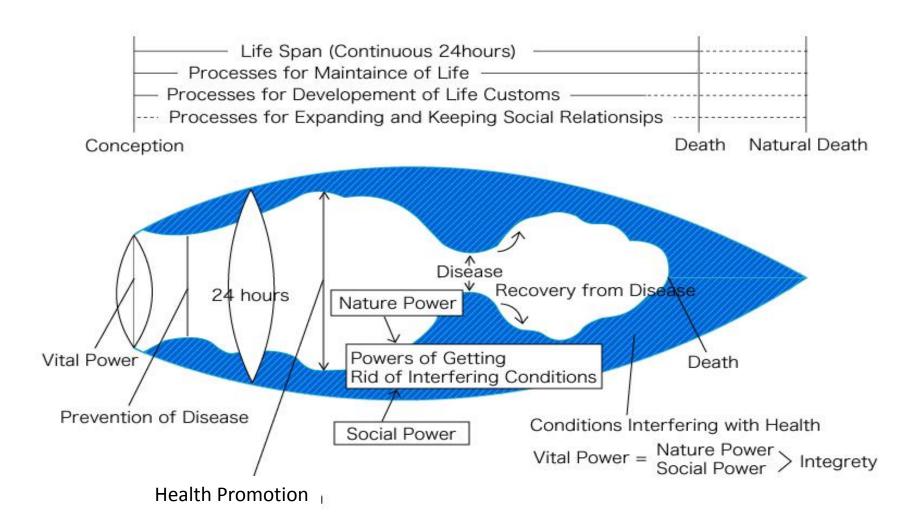
"The reparative process which Nature has instituted, and which we call disease, has been hindered by some want of knowledge or attention, in one or in all of these things and pain, suffering, or interruption of the whole process sets in"

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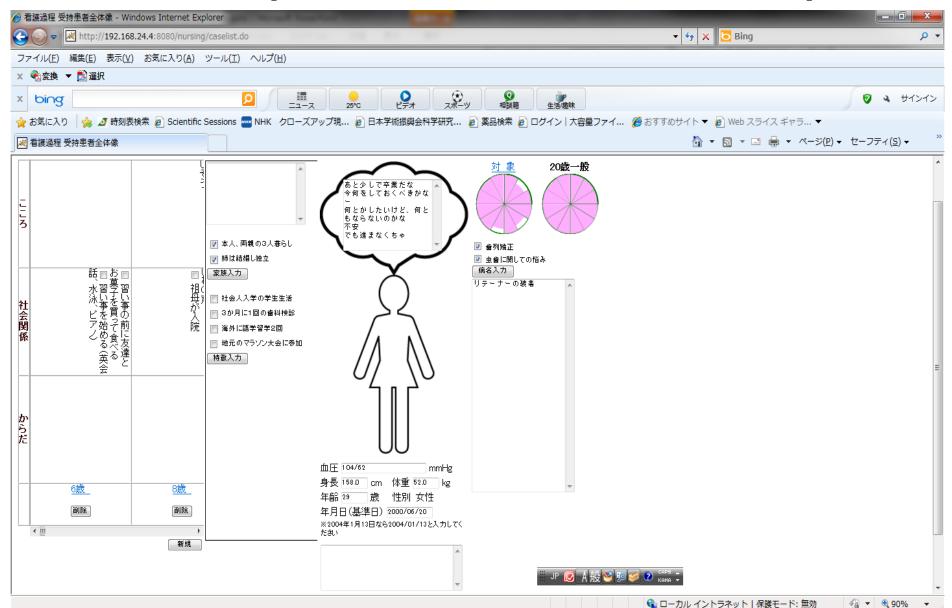
The Model of Disease and Reparative Process Created by H.USUI



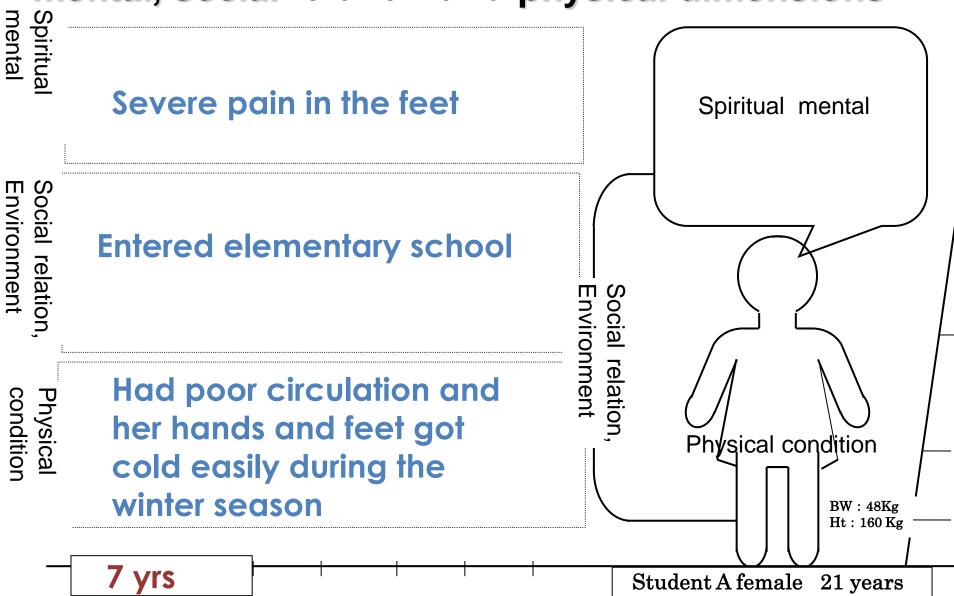
Life and Health of Human Beings

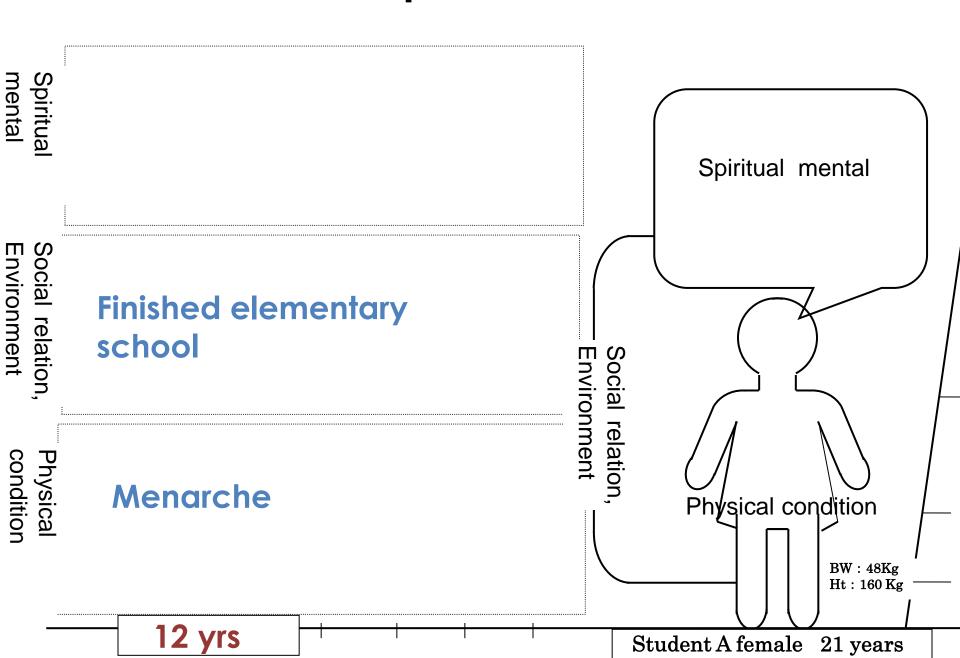


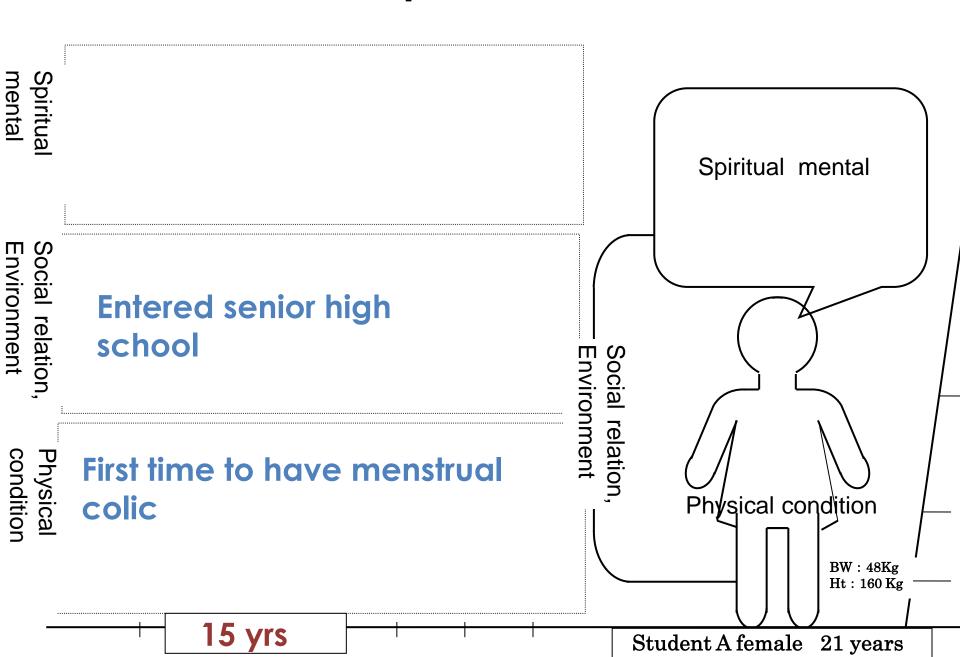
The Software for Describing the holistic picture in time serially which constitute one's life Cycle

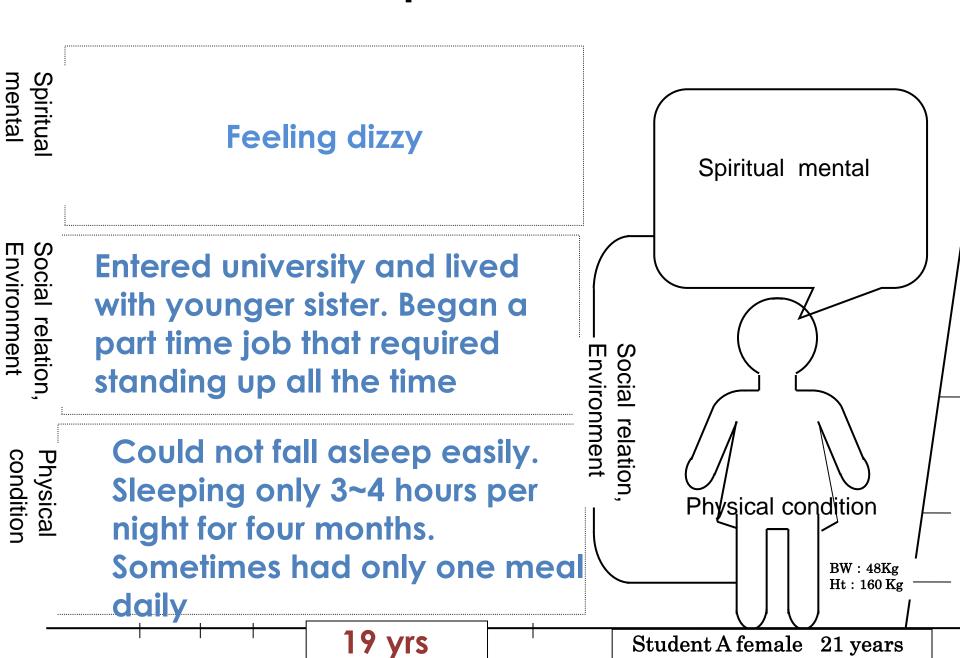


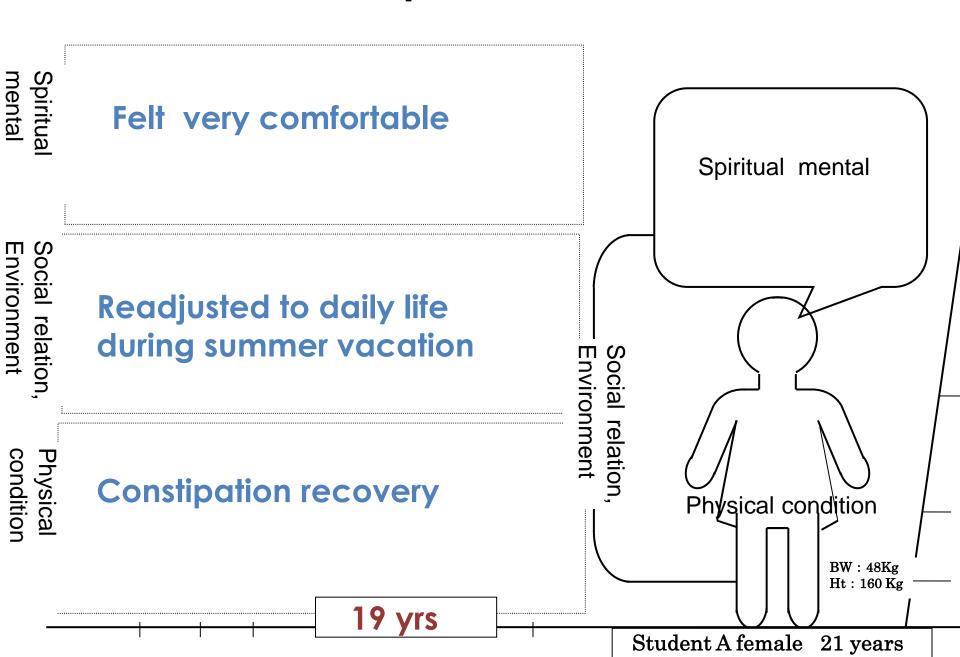
Model of holistic picture: for describing the Important events of life processes from spiritual/mental, social relation and physical dimensions

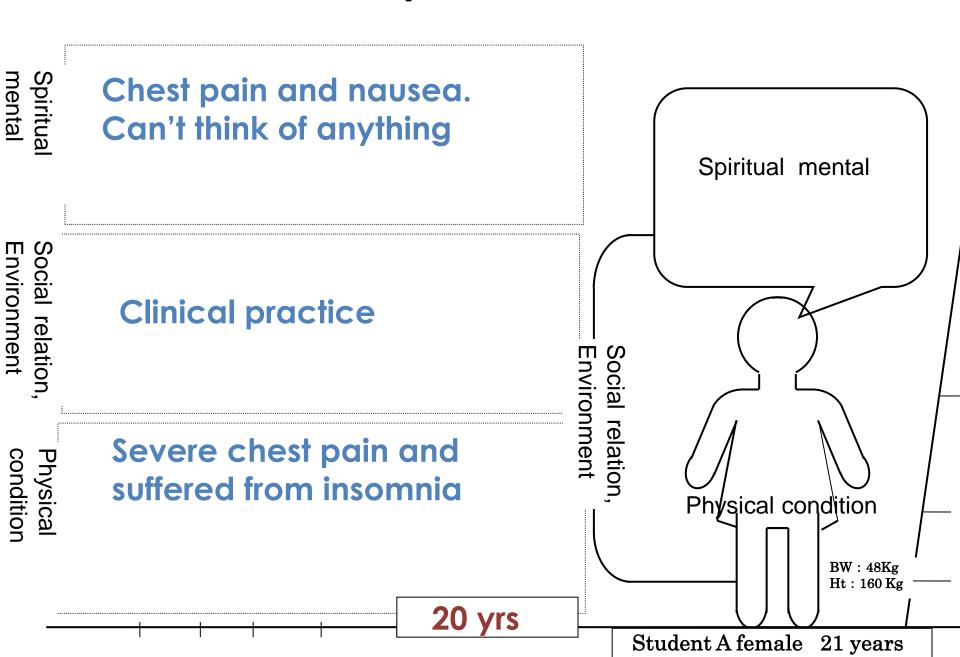


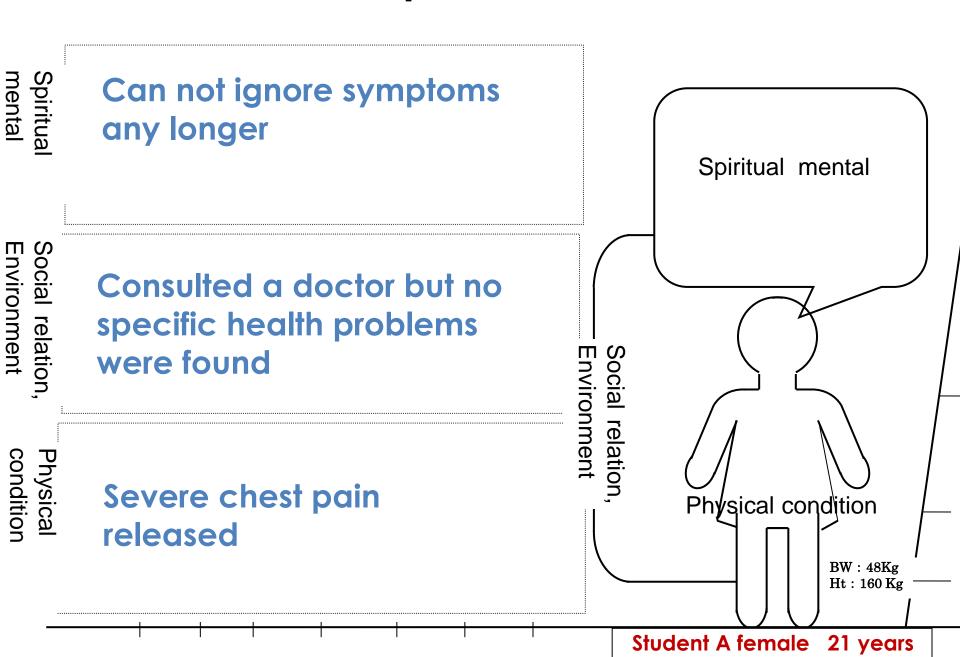












The Concrete Model of Student A

Commonality of human beings

Process of
Poisoning and/or
Decay and Present
Health Condition:
Health condition is
under the influence
of environmental
changes. Daily lives
need to be adjusted

Health Disorder:

Endocrine and sympathetic nervous systems could not function well.

Characteristics of Daily Life History:

delicately.

Doing live management independently. Sometimes skipped meals. However, cooked meals at home and tried to adjust daily lives. Now the meals have become regular.

Life Stage and General Health Condition In This Age: Independent from parents and increase in

social life. Physical function is almost the best stage of the life cycle.

The reflection described by Student A

- It is time to be independent from parents to learn life management. However, the vital power (physical function) is at the best stage of life cycle. Since I could not manage my daily life well due to environmental changes, I suffered from symptoms such as cold hands, feet, constipation, menstrual colic and so on.
- Therefore, reflecting on my daily life and making strategies to improve my life style is the first priority.

Conclusion: Reassess the value of Nightingale's definition of "Disease"

- All disease, at some period or other of its course is more or less a reparative process, ...
- "The reparative process which Nature has instituted, and which we call disease,
- The point directed by Nightingale is the natural healing power rather than health disorder referred commonly.