

International Classification for Nursing Practice – ICNP®: application to the Brazilian reality

Classificação Internacional para a Prática de Enfermagem - CIPE®: aplicação à realidade brasileira
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The author and organizer, Telma Ribeiro Garcia, added her theoretical and practical knowledge to those of a dozen other authors for the creation of the book “International Classification for Nursing Practice – ICNP®: application to the Brazilian reality”. She is a retired professor of the Department of Public Health Nursing and Psychiatry at the Federal University of Paraíba, Brazil, director of the Center for Research and Development of ICNP® and of the Post-Graduation Program in Nursing at the same university (PPGENF-UFPB), a program accredited by the International Council of Nurses (ICN). The other authors are researcher nurses working both as Nursing professors and in clinical practice in the various contexts of health care. This alone indicates the magnitude and intellectual density of the work, published and made available to the public in 2015.

The book has 340 pages, divided into three parts and seven chapters, which address clearly and objectively the theoretical-practical and methodological concepts of the Systematization of Nursing Assistance and of the Nursing Process, guided by the ICNP® classification system. It is aimed at nursing professionals working in various scenarios: care, research, teaching and management. It is considered a facilitator and comprehensive technological tool in the process of studying, deploying and implementing ICNP®.

Another important peculiarity of the book is the presence of the latest version of ICNP® in 2013, translated into Brazilian Portuguese, included at the end of the third part. Different from what is available in the online home of ICN, this version has been adapted to classify the pre-coordinated concepts relating to diagnoses, results and nursing interventions, and primitive concepts, distributed by the seven axes that make up the ICNP®.

The first part of the book has two chapters, titled “Use of specialized languages in the professional practice” and “ICNP®: a standardized language for the professional practice”. In the first, the author Maria Cristina Barbosa Galvão, based on the communicative theory of terminology, discusses the features, concepts and functionality of the types of languages – general and specialized – that go beyond those described by the classical theory of terminology. Reading the chapter furthers our understanding of specialized languages with regard to the intellectual complexity required for teaching and learning, construction, development and practical application.

In the second chapter, the authors Telma Ribeiro Garcia, Cláudia C. Bartz and Amy Coenen trace the historical and upward trend of construction and consolidation of ICNP® worldwide. The argumentative apex of the chapter is when the authors didactically exemplify the way for constructing affirmative diagnostics, results and

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ICNP® nursing interventions, grounded in the recommendations of ISO 18104:2003 – Reference Terminology Model for Nursing, of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

The second part of the book, divided into five chapters, is dedicated to the applicability of the ICNP® in professional practice scenarios in Brazil.

In chapter three, entitled “Centers for ICNP® development research”, Telma Ribeiro Garcia and Maria Miriam Lima da Nóbrega initially reveal the scope of the eleven centers of ICNP® accredited by ICN and also that they are part of the Centers Consortium ICNP®, present in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Oceania. Then, they focus on the role played by the Brazilian ICNP® Centre linked to PPGENF-UFPB, which seeks to contribute to the development and practical application of ICNP® in the different contexts of health care. Moreover, they outweigh the importance of generating new ICNP® Centers in Brazil, given the continental dimensions of the country.

In the fourth chapter arises the discussion on the practical applicability of ICNP® in graduation teaching context to perform nursing consultation to people being treated for leprosy. The authors Michelle Dias da Silva Oliveira, Jordana Machado Borges de Almeida Daniel, Sandra Mara Brunini, Queilene Rosa dos Santos and Maria Márcia Bachion illustrate the clinical reasoning built along with undergraduates, based on the nursing process guided by the Orem theory and grounded in the ICNP® classification system. They also sought to examine, along with the students, their perceptions about the use of terminology.

The fifth chapter of the work highlights the “Implementation of the nursing process at the Sarah Network of Rehabilitation Hospitals, Unit Belo Horizonte, using ICNP®”. Authored by Leonardo Andrade, Danyelle Rodrigues Pelegrino de Souza, Telma Ribeiro Garcia and Tânia Couto Machado Chianca, it consists of sub-chapters that cover aspects related to the peculiarities of health care at the Sarah Network and the role of rehabilitation nurses. The authors narrate the experiences during the implementation of the nursing process, based on nursing theories for implementation of the ICNP® language.

In the sixth chapter, Telma Ribeiro Garcia further verticalizes the scientific knowledge about the importance of the implementation of the nursing process for the establishment of clinical reasoning of nurses. Entitled “Applicability of ICNP® in nursing care in maternal health”, the chapter grounds the theme that names it, with the legal backing of the COFEN Resolution No. 358/2009. It also establishes the theoretical-scientific and methodological relationships that support the use of ICNP® in this context.

In the seventh and final chapter of the second part of the book, the authors Tânia Couto Machado Chianca and Patrícia de Oliveira Salgado build the scientific framework of knowledge about the ICNP® in Brazil. Through an integrative review, they describe what has been studied and analyzed, the methods used, the results, and the impact on the development of ICNP® elements by Brazilian researchers.

In general, it must be considered in this book attempt by all authors to discuss the subjects in regard of practical demonstrations of the use of ICNP®, and their nursing concepts in the nursing different realities. This shows the essence of the book, that seeks to demystify the Systematization of Nursing Assistance, the nursing process and the use of rating systems, focusing on the ICNP® by means of approaching reality. But above all, the book seeks to incite the reader to generate new scientific evidence on this subject.

Thus, the importance of ownership of knowledge highlighted in this work is to be considered for all who are in the implementation process of Systematization of Nursing Assistance, and the nursing process in health care, grounded in ICNP® language.

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