

RESEARCH CONSUMPTION, INTELLECTUAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL RETURN IN THE CRITICAL THINKING OF NURSING PRACTICE

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In the XXI century context of science and technology, one needs more than desire to become a nurse, since certain qualities and specific attributes - among them being a research consumer - became critical to a qualified professional practice. Therefore, regardless one's practice context in the present days, the nursing professional is accountable not only for increasing her cultural capital/assets, but also for the maintenance of her intellectual health.

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The contaminating reading of the articles published in this issue also make us think of three other considerations in nursing art and science. First, that a client may be out or ineligible for any further technological or drug therapeutics, however, he will never be out of or ineligible for nursing care – not even after his death, because we care for his body and family. Second, what is the concept of high complexity of a client being cared for the nurse – that may be in the scenario of an intensive care unit, with his hemodynamic stability dependent upon high tech equipment or at home in the community or visiting a hospital outpatient specialty clinics, with his hemodynamic stability frail or threatened by socio-economic, educational or environmental issues. Third, investigation on physical and mental health both in institutional and community settings must have social return in the short run – reducing the gap between science advance and the benefiting of such advancement by society at large.

Thus, by concluding this editorial as a research consumer I invite you to a reading that will certainly transcend this Journal pages by filling in knowledge gaps, providing intellectual health and having an incommensurable potential towards enriching our lives and the lives of those people we work with and care for.