
EDITORIAL

A LOOK ON NURSING ACTIONSJacó Fernando SCHNEIDER^a

In this December 2011 issue of Revista Gaúcha de Enfermagem we have 25 articles, three of them focusing on cancer. Freitas, Terra and Mercês assess what students know about the prevention of breast cancer. Chaves and Gorini, in turn, discuss the quality of life of patients with colorectal cancer in outpatient chemotherapy, and Nicolussi and Sawasa address the quality of life of patients with breast cancer undergoing adjuvant therapy.

Lemos and Chaves discuss in their work the production of hospital admissions in the National Health System in the region of Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. Ferreira et al. present health promotion in the religious scenario as a possibility for nursing care. The trend of studies on moral harassment and nursing staff is studied by Fontes, Pelloso and Carvalho.

Focusing on teaching strategies for nursing care, Lazzari, Pedro and Jung lead us to look at educational trends. The importance of semiotic studies labs in interactions of care is discussed by Nunes, Portela and Silva. In an integrative review of nursing care, Busanello et al. emphasize the importance of women's participation in decision-making in pregnancy and childbirth.

Montovani et al. present us the representations of users on chronic disease and educational practice, and Bavaresco, Medeiros and Lucena the deployment of the Braden Scale in an Intensive Care Unit in a university hospital. Through an integrative review, Alves et al. analyze the use of sweetened solutions for pain relief in premature newborns.

The characterization of the bed falls suffered by patients in a university hospital is undertaken by Costa et al., while Chavaglia et al. show in their study the environment of the intensive care unit and the work of the nursing staff. The teaching degree and the bachelor's degree in nursing are discussed by Santos et al. through the experiences and expectations of students.

Other subjects are presented in this publication. Camponogara et al. addresses the interface between health and environment in the training of nurses. Santos and Lima study the actions of nurses in a hospital's emergency service from the perspective of care management. Bellucci Júnior and Matsuda's integrative review focus the nurse in the quality management of a hospital's emergency service.

Among the papers that study the child, the adolescent and the elderly, we have Justin et al., which deals with sexual violence against adolescents, and Jodas and Scochi, which investigate preventable death in children under five years in the care of children and mothers. With respect to the elderly, Borghi et al. discuss the quality of life of seniors with Alzheimer's and their caregivers, and Laroque et al. the sexuality of the elderly and their behavior in the prevention of STDs/AIDS.

Porto and Oguisso studies the symbolic elements of the monument to Anna Nery in Rio de Janeiro. Mattei et al. present a view of the international scientific output on the International Classification for Nursing Practice. Koerich et al. present the advances and challenges of Brazilian technological output in nursing.

The thorough and thoughtful approach to various instances of the nursing action that we have in this issue marks the encounter between professionals in order to implement processes of change in healthcare.

Thus, we hope this issue of Revista Gaúcha de Enfermagem contribute to significant changes in nursing care, research and education.

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