

Dear reader,

We hope that you enjoy REEUSP's new layout. We are always striving to improve our journal so that, besides the quality articles you are familiar with, you may have a pleasurable read in an aesthetically pleasing package.

Our first issue of the year was published with a green cover (signaling the beginning of each new year), the second with a yellow cover (bringing to light interesting issues), the third and fourth will also have their own colors in order to identify each quarter, making it easier for you to find them on your library shelves.

Another piece of good news is that our journal is now indexed in another database: CUIDEN, the well-respected Spanish language database of the Fundação Index (Index Foundation). It includes scientific research from Spanish and Iberian-American nursing, containing both clinical care with all its specialties and different methodological, historical, social and cultural focuses. It contains journals, books, monographs and unpublished material. The content of CUIDEN is published in an annual series in the Revista Index de Enfermería (Nursing Journal Index). Professionals concerned with disseminating the results of their research domestically and internationally will now have an opportunity to achieve this objective through Spain, a country whose language is similar to Portuguese. And besides being one of the major European languages, it is also the official language for Latin American countries.

In this quarter's journal, concern regarding the education of nurses is presented in an article that discusses the challenges that exist for educators in nursing. It describes how competencies should be developed for intervention in the health-disease process for the Brazilian population. There is also a reflection on the importance of critical thinking and diagnostic accuracy in nursing by a North American nurse.

Social representations of child care workers from three Sao Paulo public university day care centers, concerning the care of children, emerges in research that addresses what kind of contribution nurses can make regarding care and education, an inherent role for these workers.

Mental health is at issue in an article that reflects upon citizenship and quality of life for those with psychiatric disorders, describing the challenges to be overcome. Still another study addresses how family members of psychiatric patients are included or excluded from treatment. Further still is research that characterizes the care given to hospitalized women in a psychiatric clinic in Rio Grande do Norte after their first hospitalization, embarking on what the authors, our colleagues, characterize as the women's "psychiatric career."

The suffering of women who have abortions is described in an article that details what it means for those who go through this process. The treatment given to hospitalized women emerges in the research that exposes the social representations of parturient women and their group lodging experience in a teaching hospital.

Also included in this quarter's issue is: Research from our colleagues in the north-east region of Brazil on male discourse in domestic violence; A review of national literature from 1989 to 1999 on work management processes, describing communication between leaders and those they lead, from the perspective of nurses in a private hospital in the city of Sao Paulo; An analysis of nursing registers on pain and analgesia in patients in an oncological hospital; And the difficulties and advances made in learning by employing the "Life History" method.

We have added new sections to the journal. Choose the best way to make your contribution to REEUSP: Tell your stories, relate your experiences, share a critical review from your area, or explain how to resolve situations objectively in the "Bedside" category. We are improving the journal for you, our readers. Give your opinion; our objective is to grow.

Enjoy!