

EDITORIAL

Result of Research and Professional Nursing Practice

*I*t is highly distinctive the team effort of those who intend to work to make public the results and knowledge investigated in the research in the nursing area, whether in the form of articles, abstracts of Annals of events, interviews, scientific and technical meetings or even in the intramurals of universities as well as research groups. We seek to externalize what, now, tends to portray what we are today. However, there is still a lot to be revealed, analyzed, and socialized. There is a necessity to evaluate the impact of this knowledge in the continuum of care to the human being as a focus for a practice which is more based on a body of knowledge which is consistent and coherent with our reality.

The scenario of nursing education runs through the *lato sensu* postgraduate courses and *stricto sensu* at master and doctorate level. In addition, there is a policy of strengthening such formation with the experience of doing post-doctorate either in national or international institutions. However, no use just having a quantity of nurses, teachers and researchers with noticeably enriched backgrounds. A step which urgently needs to be taken every day is the concrete socialization of knowledge. It has been discussed and, when feasible, it is incorporated by nurses after broad understanding as regards the real contribution to the science of nursing. The dissemination and application of knowledge is an ethical responsibility that is associated to the exercise of citizenship, responsibility in the pursuit of knowledge production and direction of actions that meet the requirements of the reality of Nursing⁽¹⁾.

Despite the evolution of Brazilian Nursing, there is the discomfort, why not to say historical, of the gap between theory and practice. Which aspects stop the passage of more horizontal knowledge among the several scenarios of our performance? We are in the 21st century and many shadows of the past are still with us. It is time for reflection. Indeed, every day refer to reflection. Who are the professionals who are forming? We are members of a health team and must have competence to care, promote health, to work on prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of those who claim to be careful.

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