

THE EVOLUTION OF NURSING AS A SUBJECT IN BRAZIL AND PORTUGAL

Nursing is a subject that has grown exponentially in terms of number of published articles, as shown by the analysis of data on the SCImago Journal & Country Rank from 2000 to 2010, in which was seen both an exponential increase in the number of documents published by both countries and the rise in the ranking of countries (with the theme "Nursing"), from the 26th to the 6th position in Brazil and from the 47th to the 39th in Portugal.

The growth of the published articles is due, in part, to the increasing number of published nursing journals. In fact, the increase in scientific production of associations, schools, laboratories, colleges, research units and universities, has been supported by the consequent creation of specialized journals; many of them have free access, enhancing the visibility of nursing in the knowledge society of which the Rene Journal is a good example.

Part of the knowledge displayed in scientific journals results from the work developed in (formal and informal), scientific collaboration networks for which the Superior School of Nursing in Porto (Portugal) has contributed, not only in scientific pedagogic collaborative partnerships in teaching and scientific PhD, but also in the development of research projects with active participation of Brazilian institutions, creating opportunities for sharing knowledge and co-creating value.

In this context, I urge my Brazilian colleagues to actively participate in the research project that I coordinate called: Clinical Supervision for Safety and Quality of Care (C-S2AFECARE-Q), both in assessing the feasibility of replicating this study in Brazil and exchange of knowledge in this area that will surely have echoes in the submission of results to the Rene Journal.

In fact, we recognize, more and more the importance of quality with care and the recognition that health professionals need concerning ongoing support to maintain and improve such practice. Assuming clinical supervision as a support mechanism for safety and quality of care, we can develop a joint work that will surely produce the appreciation of nursing as a subject of knowledge.

As I thank for the honorable invitation to write the editorial of this issue for the Journal of Nursing Network of the Northeast, I manifest the full willingness and openness to the establishment of durable transatlantic partnerships.

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