

# EDITORIAL

## 2010 - YEAR OF CELEBRATION OF NURSING

The year 2010 is recognized as the International Year of Nursing in celebration of the centenary of the death of Florence Nightingale (1820-1910), renowned figure who emphasized the history of Modern Nursing. Florence showed her differentiated thinking concerning the nurse's performance in a more critical view, with highlighted contributions around the world.

Along with this celebration that should be widely disseminated, we nurses have a responsibility to contribute with the promotion of health in Brazil and worldwide, joining the thought, movement and action strategies with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), arising from decisions of the meetings of the United Nations (UN) in 2000, when world leaders were committed to improve health worldwide up to the year 2015.

The themes that integrate the MDGs include issues which are clearly known, especially in developing countries and those considered very poor, such as part of Africa. Taken together, the objectives being pursued involve eradicating extreme poverty and hunger; achieving universal primary education; promoting gender equality and empowering women; reducing child and maternal mortality; combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; ensuring environmental sustainability and developing a global partnership for development. It is highlighted that that poverty is a complex, social and economic phenomenon that involves a set of income deficiencies. Its reduction is determined by the combination of economic growth and reduction of social inequality<sup>(1)</sup>.

We realized that Nursing, as a course that works with and for the human being, is always seeking to conduct its activities in health promotion and disease prevention. It plays an important role in the fight for the improvement of global development. Thus, the Journal of Nursing Network Northeast – Rene Journal which in 2010 celebrates its 10th year of history and contribution to the Nursing Science, has been keen to publish relevant issues in line with the Millennium Development Goals. In this number, there is the publication of issues like quality of life of people with HIV / AIDS, family planning, adolescents, prevention of cervical cancer, violence against women, child care, among others. So our goal is to keep on flying higher and higher to make things better and better day by day striving for the development of nursing in order to strengthen its social integration.

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