

# EDITORIAL

## Nursing and the Environment

It is obvious that nowadays, there is a concern of the whole society with the environment, which has received different interpretations in the search for an organization and understanding of its influence on people's lives. This environment reveals components that permeate the life of rational and irrational beings, namely, of man, animals and plants.

A lot has been said about the favorable space for the sustainability of the planet; more rational use of energy, reduction of damage to the environment arising from the industrial and technological growth. And yet, we have witnessed discussions at the national and international ambit, on the human, economic, social and psychological prism, facing disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes etc. It is a macro context, in which can be found groups of occupations with their responsibilities that were conferred in their formation.

Nursing has brought, since the beginning of its history, a serious concern with the environment. However, it was with Florence Nightingale that this issue became more evident, when the professional nursing, around the world, was built up from scientific basis, receiving direct influence from the Florence pass to places where non-professional nursing care was performed and based on the religious concepts of charity, love, as well as by the precepts of appreciation of the environment appropriate for care, social division of labor in nursing and authority over the care to be provided<sup>(1)</sup>.

Nowadays, with technological and scientific progress, and being the environment one of the main concepts of nursing used in its theories<sup>(2)</sup> and, depending on the critical view of the researcher, theorist who studies it, this can have multiple a lot of contextualization, but always guided by the reality of the nursing practice. It can be analyzed by the focus of communication, social, hospital and home environment or even in an existential / phenomenological vision, of the internal and external environment of each individual to be taken care of.

We realize that the nurse's role is made relevant in the finding and maintenance of a healthy environment in the scenarios of nursing practice. The Rene Magazine appreciates the publishing of articles that represent such scenarios and, in this issue, we visualize the following subjects: management; health education in neonatology; traffic accidents; breast cancer, early puberty; users' rights to health; institutionalization of the elderly, among others. We emphasize that Nursing should involve critical reflective and scientific thinking, facing the changes and adjustments to the sphere in which it operates.

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