

Work in nursing - new contributions

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The Revista Brasileira de Enfermagem (REBEn - Brazilian Journal of Nursing), in this issue, contributes for the profession presenting researches from several areas in which nursing is present like mental health, care for the aged, and care for children and infant newborn. These studies present a look for the gender, for collective health and the theory-methodological approach of social representations for the analysis of problems and situations of nursing intervention. Phenomena are approached under the perspective of human being who receives the care, his family and also the caregivers or professional ones. Researches demonstrate relevance of nursing professional actions in the context of human life and in the daily life of health care institutions. They include the challenge of caring people in different moments of life, from conception to death, and in several situations in which the care is absent, from basic attention to high complexity care, as well as the production of appropriate technologies to support professional actions. Researches herein published still demonstrate the concern with the education of new professionals, like the diagnostic of work force profile, with the ethical dimension and work regulation.

This issue also highlights the sections of essay and reflections, the publishing of researches from the 2nd International Seminary about Nursing Work (SITE_n), held in Curitiba, PR, Brazil on April 17-19, 2008. The seminary presented the consolidation of a successful initiative of articulation between academy and representative professional entities, joining forces to find answers to current nursing work challenges and also of the knowledge production to compose a basis for techno-political actions. During the key-note opening conference, nursing was approached as a health profession and a scientific discipline with a historic-social work. During the following conferences the studies that approached the knowledge production and its relevance for the conformation of nursing as a discipline, its specificity and limitation as a science were discussed. In addition, the reflection articles treat of instruments for a qualified professional intervention, focusing the technologies for a competent and safe professional acting.

Two more sections compose this issue, including review articles, with clinical subject and worker's health, and an experience report that presents a research methodological instrument.

The sum of the articles compose a current, exciting issue that partially demonstrates the state-of-art of nursing knowledge production, and meanwhile reaffirms the role of REBEn in the techno-political formation of nursing professionals.

This issue is delivered to readers in a historic moment of great mobilization for the approval by the National Congress of the Law Project 2295/2000, which limits the work week of nursing professionals to 30 hours. We hope to close the year 2009 with the conquest of the definition of this minimum standard for the development of a safe work for nursing professionals and also for the users of healthcare services. It is about the rescue of a State debt to the nursing professionals that develops a special and important work like life itself.