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Six Years of Successful Publication



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Six years ago, we launched the Nursing & Health Sciences Research Journal, a peer-reviewed, open-access online journal created to disseminate research and projects that aim to solve complex healthcare challenges and inform practice. Nurse scientists collaborate with interdisciplinary healthcare teams and academics to facilitate the peer review process and publication of the journal each year. The journal is indexed in CINAHL Complete, the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), and the Directory of Nursing Journals. Since its first publication, the journal has reached 162 countries and 1,965 institutions worldwide. We have published thirty articles

and nine editorial letters that have been downloaded 37,040 times worldwide (see map below). These numbers continue to grow every year.

This sixth volume of the journal highlights three pharmacy residents' research initiatives concerning the efficacy and safety of medications and pharmacy-led interventions. Nursing research studies in this publication address nursing practice and current health issues. They cover topics such as the early activation of hospitals' Rapid Response Teams to save patients' lives, demographic characteristics of hospitalized patients with Type 2 Diabetes and Cardiomyopathy, strate-



gies to decrease nurses' stress and burn-out, using Empowerment Theory to understand Type 2 Diabetes, and utilizing data to demonstrate the decreased prevalence in alcohol and substance use among LGBTQ+ high school students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Four nursing projects are also included in this publication. The first article focuses on training to increase frontline healthcare workers' cardiopulmonary resuscitation skills competencies and reduce costs. The second article explains how to reduce a top healthcare-associated infection—Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections—in hospitalized patients, resulting in improved patient outcomes. In addition, the third article provides information on improving the use of Bar Code Medication Administration in the outpatient setting to reduce medical errors and increase patient safety. A final article describes the impact of an oncology navigation program in increasing the efficiency of patient care and related processes for cancer patients.

A new section in this volume is the Career Forum, which includes an article describing an innovative program to improve the current allied health professionals shortage in the healthcare system. The other piece is a heartfelt excerpt by an eleventh-grade student highlighting healthcare professionals' motivations and drive to join the healthcare field.

As the editor-in-chief, I've seen the hard work and enthusiasm of first-time and experienced authors and reviewers in putting together these manuscripts. It takes time, perseverance, and dedication to write, review, and publish. Regardless of the discipline, these articles highlight small changes that significantly impact patients' health. I hope these articles inspire other healthcare professionals to conduct and publish their own scholarly work.

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