

EDITORIAL

Cogitare Enfermagem at 30: lessons learned, transformations, and new scenarios for the science of Nursing

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Thirty years of strengthening nursing science, education, and visibility.
2. Sustainability, visibility, and professionalization have solidified Cogitare Enfermagem's scientific legacy.
3. Open science, innovation, and scientific rigor guide the future of Cogitare Enfermagem.

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This editorial pays tributes to the Cogitare Enfermagem Journal on the occasion of its 30th anniversary. This milestone invites us to reflect on the path we have taken, the challenges we have overcome, and the prospects for the future. There is much to celebrate, above all, the recognition of the collective effort behind this scientific journal. Its relevance extends beyond the academic community in Paraná, making it a reference for Brazilian and international Nursing.

Maintaining a scientific journal relies on collective, complex, intense, and continuous work involving multiple stakeholders: authors and co-authors, reviewers, the technical-scientific staff, editors, and also undergraduate and graduate students engaged in scientific training and editorial support activities, coordinated across different institutional levels, from the local sphere to national and international partnerships. This collaborative dynamic is one of the pillars that sustain the journal's trajectory.

With its first publication in 1996, the Cogitare Enfermagem Journal was created by the Department of Nursing at the Federal University of Paraná (DENF/UFPR, in Portuguese), 21 years after the establishment of the Undergraduate Nursing Course. It gained strength with the creation, in 2002, of the Postgraduate Nursing Program, initially offering an academic master's degree, followed by an academic doctorate, and, in 2011, a professional master's degree.

The journal has been consolidated as a strategy to promote the training and scientific development of undergraduate and graduate-level professionals, contributing to the visibility of the science of Nursing and the institutions involved, both those of its origin and those that disseminate the research produced by its researchers.

Furthermore, working on a journal requires constant adaptation to the demands arising from advances and changes in the global scientific landscape. It is noted that, from its inception through 2005, the journal published two issues annually, with an average of ten articles per issue. The end of this period was marked by significant changes in publication standards, both nationally and internationally. The transition from models based on ABNT norms to the adoption of the Vancouver Uniform Requirements also included the incorporation of editorial criteria recommended by SciELO. These changes necessitated the restructuring of editorial policies, with a view toward enhancing editorial quality and expanding the journal's indexing in recognized databases.

The consolidation and visibility of Cogitare Enfermagem Journal were also achieved through significant internal and external institutional support, which has been essential to its long-term sustainability. In addition to the support provided by DENF/UFPR, the contribution of the Printing Office of the Federal University of Paraná - which was responsible for the journal's print publication until 2015 - deserves special mention. In addition, funding was obtained from the Araucária Foundation, through calls for proposals aimed at supporting scientific journals, and from the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), within the scope of public calls for scientific publishing, contributing decisively to the journal's editorial quality and expanding its presence in the scientific community.

The evolution of Nursing science over the past few decades has been marked by a continuous process of consolidating its theoretical, methodological, and practical foundations, closely linked to the expansion and improvement of scientific output in the field. From a field historically linked to clinical practice, with the strengthening of Postgraduate Programs specifically focused on the field, Nursing has advanced in the construction of its knowledge, grounded in robust theoretical frameworks and rigorous methodologies, aligned with the principles of evidence-based practice¹⁻².

With the advancement of Nursing science, scientific journals play a central role as spaces for the validation, dissemination, and circulation of knowledge, contributing to the visibility of research and the strengthening of the profession's scientific identity. Thus, scientific production in Nursing, in addition to reflecting the field's maturation, acts as a vehicle for disseminating research, particularly within Postgraduate Programs. Through these programs, innovations in care, management, and health education are disseminated, addressing social demands and the emerging and contemporary challenges of health systems³.

Throughout its history, the Cogitare Enfermagem Journal has accumulated insights that go beyond the operational aspects of scientific publishing, reflecting a continuous process of institutional maturation. Along this journey, three core pillars have been established: sustainability, visibility, and professionalization. These pillars have been fundamental to expanding indexing in recognized databases, ensuring the ethical and methodological quality of publications, strengthening the social relevance of scientific output, and enhancing the capacity for coordination among different actors and contexts.

The changes observed along this journey include the professionalization of editorial processes, the incorporation of digital technologies, the expansion of scientific reach and visibility, and progressive internationalization. These changes respond to the demands of the contemporary scientific landscape and help position the journal as a qualified vehicle for disseminating knowledge in Health and Nursing, aligned with best editorial practices and the principles of open science.

In the current context, marked by rapid technological change, the expansion of open science, and a growing demand for transparency and scientific integrity, new challenges have emerged. Among these, the following stand out: the need to strengthen the methodological quality of publications, expand internationalization in a way that ensures relevance and equity, guarantee the financial sustainability of publishing models, and address pressures for productivity without compromising scientific rigor. Additionally, new scenarios are emerging that require innovative responses, such as the use of artificial intelligence in scientific production and evaluation processes, the promotion of open data and reproducibility, and the expansion of dialogue between science, professional practice, and social needs⁴.

In this context, the Cogitare Enfermagem Journal reaffirms its commitment to serving as a strategic platform for the production and dissemination of knowledge, contributing to the strengthening of nursing as both a science and a social practice. It also focuses on developing qualified responses to emerging and contemporary health challenges, always in line with its **mission: to publish and disseminate knowledge produced in the fields of health and nursing with excellence and respect for ethical principles**.

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