

AND US: WHERE ARE WE GOING?

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Brazilian Nursing has undergone many transformations in the last decade, including the advance of the *Stricto Sensu* Postgraduate Programs and the need to publish their products as a strategy for disseminating the knowledge and as an element of the Programs' evaluation. The growing need to produce has been accompanied by the need to publish in scientific journals - both Brazilian and international - rated more highly by the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel. Greater rigor in the reviewing of manuscripts has contributed to improving the content; on the other hand, this has resulted in the late publishing of the studies' results. In the eagerness to publish, theses and dissertations are transformed into multiple products, sometimes weakening the possibility of the dissemination of all the methodological aspects used.

The research networks, supported by Brazilian governmental bodies designed to promote support for research, have increased the thirst for joint publications. There has been a revolution in the approach to research, now directed towards more positivist methods of considering the context, trusting in the ease of financing and in the possibility of being published. We have seen the integrative reviews, the populational profiles and the descriptive and transversal studies grow; we have left to one side the theoretical studies which form the basis for what we do. We have come to value studies which are undertaken in research networks; individualism has given way to the collective. A glance over the last five years of *Cogitare Enfermagem* provides a vision of this reality; the majority of the articles has more than five authors, including professors and postgraduate and undergraduate students. As a result, what is published reflects the results of the theses and dissertations, monographs and works of Scientific Initiation.

One can observe the increase of publication of articles in English, a fact which has occurred this year in this journal, with a view to increasing its visibility, and improvements in the factors of impact and evaluation, which directly influence the Postgraduate Programs. There has been an increase in the publication of original articles, and a reduction of the other modalities; it is necessary to use current sources of research, published in international journals, and better rated by CAPES; endogeny must be avoided.

We often ask where we are going with this frantic rush to publish; what effective impacts our Postgraduate Programs will have in the routine of the nurses; how many of us know, exactly what their colleagues published, and how many use the results of these studies for further investigations? How many read articles from other specialities within our profession which could help to expand the knowledge in the area of Nursing?

We are ethically and morally committed to our category, to its increasing valorization; to the new professionals; to those who helped to make Brazilian Nursing; to this science often unknown even by ourselves, and by other professions. We consider that the valuing of our colleagues' production can contribute to building partnerships and, thus, to increasing our body of knowledge on Brazilian nursing, such that our profession may have our face and our way of caring.

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