

## EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

We are pleased to share with you the 2024 Issue 1 (Volume 21, Issue 1, March 2024) of the Journal of Education and Research in Nursing.

International Nursing Day is celebrated globally every May 12th, commemorating the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. The International Council of Nurses (ICN) has declared "Our Nurses. Our Future. The economic power of care" as the theme for the 2024 International Nursing Day. Despite being the backbone of healthcare, nursing often faces financial constraints and societal undervaluation. International Nursing Day 2024 aims to redefine perceptions, demonstrating how strategic investment in nursing can yield considerable economic and societal advantages. In this context, the ICN underscores how financial crises often lead to budgetary restrictions within healthcare systems, typically at the detriment of nursing services. This reductionist approach overlooks the substantial and often underemphasized economic value that nursing contributes to health care and society at large. Furthermore, policymakers, healthcare administrators, and even the general public are often unaware or misinformed about the return on investment that adequate funding in nursing can provide, particularly during financially turbulent periods such as the present. Leveraging insights gleaned from the Covid-19 pandemic and acknowledging escalating threats to global population health posed by conflicts, the climate crisis and financial instability, the time is right to advocate for a shift in perspective and policy (ICN, 2024).

I am pleased to announce that our journal is indexed in the databases of Tubitak Ulakbim Medicine (2012), EBSCO (2017), CINAHL (2017), DOAJ (2021), GALE (2022), CNKI (2022), Research4Life (2021), Hinari (2021), SCILIT (2021), and OUCI (2021). We are working to publish our journal within the framework of international academic publishing standards. The studies with a high level of evidence from you have been instrumental in achieving these goals, and we acknowledge the importance of the valuable contributions made by our journal's stakeholders, readers, editors, managing director and advisory board members.

As for our March 2024 issue, a total of 10 studies, including 10 valuable original studies are presented in this issue. The titles of the articles are as follows:

The original articles are titled "Measuring parents' vaccination attitudes: psychometric properties of turkish version of the vaccination attitudes examination scale", "Ethical attitude levels of surgical nurses in nursing care: a cross-sectional study", "Validity and reliability of the Turkish version of the scale for measuring well-being of children in lockdown", "Determination of emergency nurses' willingness to care for Covid-19 patients and related factors during the pandemic", "Childhood obesity: pathways between mothers' health literacy and behaviors and self-efficacy of eating and physical activity in their children", "Investigation of fear of Covid-19 and attitudes toward Covid-19 vaccine among individuals undergoing coronary artery bypass surgery", "Evaluation of knowledge, attitude, and opinion of the faculty of health sciences students toward human papilloma virus and HPV vaccines", "Evaluating the relationship between nursing students' environmental awareness and sensitivity and their environment literacy", "Illness perception in breast cancer patients: a mixed-method research" and "The relationship between nursing students' attitudes toward evidence-based nursing and their critical thinking dispositions".

I would like to express my endless thanks to our authors who have contributed to present the updated information obtained from the results of their studies to our readers in order to provide quality and safe nursing care services to society, to the members of the editorial board who have contributed to the publication of our journal, and to the members of the advisory board who have carefully evaluated each article.

*"Our Nurses. Our Future. The economic power of care"*

International Nursing Day 2024 Theme

Kind regards,

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