

EDITORIAL

The nursing time is always

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Brazilian nursing has always contributed with its indispensable knowledge to the solution of health and illness problems that affect the population. Fraenkel (1934) noticed that Brazilian people had a one-century-out-of-date conception of nurses, which equaled that of England before Florence Nightingale. "Few people in Brazil knew and understood the nursing development and progress", she concludes.

In order to change this image and enable nurses to take charge of the social and political responsibility of acting in the population's health setting, the School of Nursing of the Public Health National Department was created through the Act 16.300 of December 31th., 1923, which is now Anna Nery School of Nursing (EEAN). The establishment of technical nursing in Brazil, through EEAN, created a nursing pattern that has always disseminated and influenced the nurse's action and thought. There has been a great change since then! Certainly, the transformations of the nursing scientific thought had as driving powers the bases that were set by the forerunners who worked in this construction project. It was up to us to carry out the precious task of this dynamic and feedback project.

In this sense, the edition of December 2001 brings the reader a historic text that will take him or her back to the 1920s. You will find in it our spatio-temporal roots and thus you will understand the present time, reflected in the nine research essays that follow it, ending up with a conference about "Care: the **moving life** of Thinking and Doing".

In the same time, I would like to point out to our subscribers and readers in general the rise of this periodical as an instrument of dissemination of the knowledge produced by Brazilian nursing, thus playing its part in the process of consolidation of the nursing project established here in Brazil, in the last century. During four years, three annual volumes were published with an average of 10 articles by edition, with a total of 120 publications, of which more than 80% correspond to research essays. Its inclusion in the LILACS Data Base represents only the first conquest of a trajectory in wide development. The changes that occurred in the shape, editorial profile, and the choice of a multilingual periodical express the necessity of introducing it in the international publishing market. On the other hand, it reveals the expansion of Anna Nery School of Nursing, of Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, its main sponsor, beyond Brazilian territory.

The partnerships, conventions and agreements settled by the school in the last five years with Latin America (Peru, Colombia, Chile), North America (Mexico, United States, Canada) and Europe (Sweden, England) explain the Magazine editorial choice of accepting articles in Portuguese, English, Spanish and French.

Particularly, as editor-in-chief in the period of 1997 to 2001 and President of the Directorial Council between 1998 and 2002, I am honoured to have contributed with the germination of a so important product, of so good quality, as "Escola Anna Nery – Revista de Enfermagem". At present, I cannot fail to mention Professor Maria Cecília Cordeiro Pedro, director in the period of 1994 to 1998, who with her enterprising vision created and established this new periodical, which came into existence only four years and six months ago.

These brief words reinforce the title of this editorial, **The nursing time is always**, either in the knowledge origination, or in its daily action. A good example of this positive uneasiness of nursing is given by Vilma de Carvalho's epistemological thought and action. By explaining their thought, the authors reveal their contribution to the knowledge construction in nursing, through a) the carrying out of changes in and to the nursing teaching, b) their critical thought about the practice, the professionals and the nursing clients, and finally, c) their philosophical position for the nursing practice/teaching.

It also becomes evident that **The nursing time is always** when we come across with the research articles that underline the nursing nature itself, that is, the caring. In order to give care, it is necessary to dive in the past and discover how this caring by **Midwives, Doctors and Nurses: the acquisition of professional skills in the assistance to the woman in labour** took place.

We come back to the present time and we continue to state that **The nursing time is always** when we read **The Image Unit: the nursing consultation in the qualification of the work process**; when we enter in two daily routines, **The daily routine of the assistance to the newborn and the operational bases** and **The mother's daily routine with her hospitalized child: a contribution to the pediatric nursing**; when we disclose **The scientific production tendencies in the women's health area**; or also when we put **The visual communication and the meaning of ostomy** at the service of caring. And, finally, when we know **The causes of the insertion of old people in an old people's home**, we restate that **The nursing time is always** because the **Care** is a "moving life" of THINKING and DOING.

According to Charles Williams Eliot (1834-1926), an American educator, the "Books are the most silent and constant friends. The most accessible and wise counselors. And the most patient teachers." Have a nice reading! Happy 2002!

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