Editor's Note

Special Issue Release on Nursing and Health Care Diversity

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Background

Nursing is a collaborative process to improve the quality of life. Nursing emcompases the care of every individual irrespective of families, groups, communities, caste or creed. The Journal Diversity and Equality in Health and Care brings together perspectives from diverse fields to provide a unique platform for sharing good practice and promoting innovative improvements in health and care provision. The use of clinical judgment in the provision of care to enable people to improve, maintain or recover health, to cope with health problems, and to achieve the best possible quality of life, whatever their disease or disability, until death and the journal presents a vast scope of Health Care related issue for the readers.

Coming up to the Special Issue Release I would like to mention that the articles published in this issue are all covering the vast scope of health care.

In This Issue

Starting from the commentary article on-'Can mHealth Interventions Reduce Health Disparities among Vulnerable Populations?' by Peek about review of mHealth and internet interventions among disadvantaged/vulnerable persons. The article focusing that mHealth programs have the potential to improve care for vulnerable populations by addressing some of the patient-level barriers to medical care within resource constraints of health systems [1].

The research article on Social Representations of the Diet in Patients with Diabetes Mellitus by Patino et al. accentuates the thin threads of marginalization and ignomia of our collective suffering from diabetes, expose a inequality and insecurity, perpetuating a "diet" desregionalizada inadequate, contextualized and far from the truth [2].

The article Father is the Sky. Mother is the Earth: The Influence of Filial Piety in the Caregiving Experiences of Mandarin speaking Chinese Caregiver-Employees in Southern Ontario by Williams et al. Canada highlights indication that most participants did not have many workplace accommodations to manage their dual roles of caregiving and paid employment [3].

Another review article on Decisions in the Shadow of Finitude of Life: "Guided Decision-making" - A Classical Concept Adapted to Modern Times by Gieseler et al. discusses about the decision-making in the care of cancer patients are identified and discussed in the face of actual socio-economic changes. The ethical dimension of the patient-doctor dialogue is presented and a proposal is made to adapt the classical "shared decision-making concept" to a guided decision-making model [4].

The other research article on Perceptions of Quality-of-life Advocates in a Southeast Asian Society by Krishna et al. focuses on the efforts to maximize quality-of-life options challenging, highlighting the need to educate patients and caregivers about quality-of-life approaches [5].

The article on Study of Health Education Classes for Uninsured Primary Care Patients by Kamimura et al. deals with the scope of promoting behavioural changes, behavioural control as the areas to focus on in health education classes and the information that Participants of health education classes felt they had adequate information on certain topics but lacked the accountability or will power necessary to make health-related behaviour changes [6].

The article Systemic F2-Isoprostane Levels in Predisposition to Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes: Emphasis on Racial Differences by Il'yasova et al. focuses on racial differences in systemic levels of lipid peroxidation markers F2-isoprostanes as metabolic characteristics predisposing to obesity and type 2 diabetes [7].

The issue is concluded well by the article on Healthcare Professionals – Advancing Multidisciplinary Team Mentoring by Krishna et al. dealing with effective implementation of a comprehensive mentoring approach is a failure to acknowledge mentoring's evolving, context-specific, goal-sensitive, mentee-, mentor-, organizational- and relational-dependent nature that has limited study of mentoring programs and comparisons of mentoring data from various settings [8].

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