

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Consistently through the past issues of the Philippine Journal of Nursing, the Editorial Board have always been carefully planning and selecting relevant and knowledge-based scientific articles that continued to attract wide readership not only among nurses but also other health and medical professionals here and across the Asia and Pacific region, as well as countries around the globe. This is evident with contributors coming from the US, Thailand and Indonesia.

This issue is especially focused on "Advancing People's Health through Nursing Research", a theme that is so timely when people across nations are confronted with emerging diseases and conditions that put them at risk for illnesses that were not encountered during the past decade. Globalization and regionalization of health services have brought along new diseases and technologies that warrant new knowledge and capabilities aimed to prevent and control the spread of these diseases. This is where research and evidence-based guidelines can be best utilized.

The Philippine Nurses Association continues to support research initiatives. Research is recognized as an approach to achieving our life purpose to promote professional growth towards the attainment of highest standards of nursing. Thus, our constitution and by-laws, mandates the Department of Research to do the following: initiate, motivate and participate in research projects/studies related to nursing; disseminate research findings, conclusions and recommendations for the improvement of the profession; receive, keep and preserve records of research projects conducted by nurses; recommends due recognition of nurses who have conducted research studies in nursing; and identify strategies for the utilization of research findings as appropriate.

It can also be gleaned from our Roadmap 2030 that towards Service Excellence, we need to "push clear and research-based advocacies that promote nurses' welfare". Research thus is an important tool for us to be a responsive organization and be recognized as the primary professional organization in advancing the holistic welfare of Filipino nurses. If we are to take pride of our members to be globally competitive in providing quality and excellent care, research production and consumption form part of our professional responsibility.

Through these robust articles, nurses in the field can be armed with knowledge; thus translating evidence in advancing the health of the people and better quality of work life for our nurses, and ultimately build a better, healthier nation!



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