Call for Papers

Primary Health Care Nursing: A celebration of the Year of the Nurse and Midwife

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This special issue will celebrate 2020: Year of the Nurse and Midwife by exploring the contribution of nurses and midwives to the health and well-being of Australian communities through primary health care.

Overview: Nurses and midwives play a vital role within the multidisciplinary health care team. In many cases, nurses and midwives are the first and only point of care in their communities. In recognition of this role, the World Health Assembly has designated 2020 as the Year of the Nurse & Midwife (https://www.who.int/news-room/campaigns/year-of-the-nurse-and-the-midwife-2020). This Special Edition seeks to celebrate the Year by bringing together papers around nursing and midwifery in primary health care. Papers will showcase nursing and midwifery work throughout Australia and beyond and the contribution that these nurses make to enhancing the health of individuals and families living in the community.

In recent years, the nursing and midwifery role in primary health care has rapidly evolved in many countries in response to the changing health needs of the community. While this evolution has occurred in response to the positive policy environment and to meet practice demands it is vital that it is accompanied by the generation and implementation of evidence to guide best practice. The rapid shift in the workforce has created a range of issues that require exploration. As roles are negotiated between different health professionals it is important that the role of the nurse or midwife and their scope of practice is well understood. Additionally, understanding the impact of nurses and midwives on patient outcomes is vital to ensure best practice and promote patient safety.

Key questions: Papers may address the following topics (or other relevant questions):

- Roles of nurses / midwives – What are nurses / midwives current or potential roles in primary health care?
- Primary health nursing / midwifery workforce – What are the nursing / midwifery workforce challenges in primary health care?; What are the education needs of primary care nurses / midwives?; What are nurses perceptions of primary health care employment?
- Consumer engagement with nurses / midwives – What do consumers think about nursing / midwifery in primary health care?
- Outcomes of nursing / midwifery interventions – What is the impact of nursing / midwifery interventions on consumer outcomes?; Are nursing / midwifery interventions cost-effective?

Submission: We invite submissions by 30th April 2020, with subsequent peer review in the usual thorough manner, swift online publication following acceptance, and the issue out in late 2020. Your paper should conform to the Author Instructions. Articles may be up to 3000 words. Please submit your complete manuscript online at http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/csiro-py and remember to select “PHC Nursing” during the submission process. Contact for questions: Liz Halcomb <ehalcomb@uow.edu.au>

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