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Dear Our Valuable Readers,

“Care in a Changing World”

Nursing care takes shape within relationships, care environments, and the broader social context in which individuals live. As we begin 2026 with the third issue of the Journal of Nursing Care Research, this issue brings into focus how care is influenced by interpersonal dynamics, communication practices, psychosocial factors, and emerging challenges in health systems.

The articles presented in this issue reflect the multidimensional nature of nursing care across different populations and settings. One original study examines father attachment, perceived parental relationships, and psychological control, emphasizing how early relational experiences continue to shape emotional bonds and attachment patterns in emerging adulthood. This perspective contributes to a deeper understanding of relational backgrounds that influence mental health and well-being. The importance of communication as a cornerstone of nursing care is addressed through research conducted in intensive care units. Findings related to nurses' communication skills and psychosocial care competencies underline that even in highly technical environments, effective communication remains central to holistic and patient-centered care. Another original article explores the relationship between COVID-19 phobia and health-promoting and protective behaviors. This study highlights the lasting psychosocial dimensions of the pandemic and reminds us that nursing care must consider emotional responses and behavioral adaptation alongside physical health measures.

This issue also includes two review articles that strengthen the evidence base for nursing practice. A scoping review on nursing interventions for the prevention of falls in older adults addresses a critical patient safety concern in geriatric care. Additionally, the review on Su Jok therapy as a complementary approach in postoperative symptom management offers a critical evaluation of integrative practices within surgical nursing. Finally, the letter to the editor expands the discussion on health literacy by drawing attention to community-level challenges in an increasingly digital health landscape. This contribution invites reflection on the evolving responsibilities of nursing in supporting informed decision-making and equitable access to health information.

Taken together, the studies in this issue reaffirm that nursing care is grounded in evidence, shaped by relationships, and responsive to changing societal needs. We believe that the articles presented here will contribute to clinical practice, research, and education, while supporting the ongoing development of nursing care.

We sincerely thank our authors, reviewers, and editorial board members for their valuable contributions. Journal of Nursing Care Research remains committed to advancing knowledge that strengthens nursing practice and improves patient care.

Sincerely,

Assoc. Prof. Hilal Seki Öz, PhD
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