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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The substantiation of nursing science has accelerated during the past decade. Accordingly, the attention and demands on evidence-based practice (EBP) and quality improvement (QI) have also grown. EBP is defined as the conscientious explicit and judicious use of current best evidence in helping individual patients make decisions about their care in the light of their personal values and beliefs. QI is defined as a continuous systematic dataguided approach to improve processes and outcomes of healthcare. EBP and QI offer complementary focus and methods to achieve the best patient outcomes.

This Special Issue will focus on the implementation and the permanent assurance of EBP and QI in daily routines and practices. We will explore competencies, barriers, and facilitators, as well as the effectiveness of the implementation of EBP and QI in daily nursing practice. We welcome original research with innovative research designs such as stepped wedge design, interrupted time series, and mixed-methods studies to develop or evaluate evidence-based quality improvement interventions, research articles, or reviews on the implementation of EBP and QI in nursing practice.





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