

# *Message from the Editor-in-Chief*

Nursing is a blend of science and technology along with the art of caring and compassion. Nursing professionals provide preventative and healing health care to patients in a variety of background. For centuries nurses have worked to facilitate people and have served the health needs of society. Nurses play a vital responsibility in the primary health care system. Nurses support patients and take care in making lifestyle and behavioural changes to improve their health and wellbeing. They offer concern and support for patients out of hospital, often in clinics and also visit people at home if they are homebound. They are socialized through their qualification, experience in work settings, and through management roles to obtain the values, skills, behaviors and norms appropriate to nursing practice. Nursing is the analysis and treatment of human responses to real or probable health tribulations. As a result, if the country fails to empower in community nursing, the long-term costs of health care are likely to increase.

Every day the nurses use the science they learned in nursing school, and when employed they remain informed about the latest in the medical and nursing sciences. Nurses work to promote health, prevent disease, and help patients cope with illnesses. Nursing is a science that requires profound knowledge, skills and understanding. Nursing deals not only with a person's biological needs, but their psychosocial and cultural needs as well. Therefore the chief aim of this issue of Malaysian Journal of Nursing is to help in strengthening the healthy years of survival and lessen the communal remoteness of patient. This issue of MJN promotes brilliance in nursing and health care through the propagation of documentation-based, peer-reviewed clinical information and original research, discussion of relevant and controversial professional issues, observance to the standards of journalistic reliability and brilliance, and deals with encouragement of nursing perspectives to the health care community and the public.

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