

In this issue we present a bouquet with which we hope to tantalise your cerebral taste buds. For those of you particularly interested in the “hard sciences” of neurophysiology and cardiac surgery, we offer an excellent research article on insights into outcomes following coronary artery surgery.

From the clinical we then move to the educational. Student nurses and nurse educators are the objects of interest in a study conducted in Limpopo Province regarding that inexhaustible debate of the fit between theory and practice. We then move to an area of interest for those inclined towards the “softer” issues, namely, the power and dynamics of language in suggestion and invitation. You will also find a study dealing with one of the most pertinent issues of our time, namely that of youth pregnancies, sexually transmitted disease and the role of safer and riskier sexual practices in addressing the former issues. On the pharmacological front, we present an investigation conducted on the side-effects of medication administered following the well-publicised meningitis outbreak in Potchefstroom last year. Next we invite you to a debate regarding domains – is cholera education the exclusive domain of health care practitioners or are other professionals also well-situated to deal with cholera education? We conclude with an article for those of you more philosophically and paradigmatically inclined by means of an insightful perspective on quality clinical-decision making in nursing.

In hierdie uitgawe bied ons vir u ‘n geur waarmee ons hoop om u serebrale smaakorgane op te kikker. Vir die van u wat veral in die “harde wetenskappe” van neurofisiologie en hartchirurgie belangstel bied ons ‘n uitstekende navorsingsartikel oor insigte verky in die uitkomste van hartchirurgie.

Van die kliniese skuif ons dan na die opvoedkundige. Studentverpleegkundiges en verpleegopvoeders in die Limpopo Provinsie is die fokuspunt in ‘n studie oor daardie onuitputbare debat wat handel oor die skakel tussen teorie en praktyk.

Ons beweeg dan na ‘n area van belang vir diegene wat neig na “sagter” aspekte naamlik die mag en dinamika van taal in suggestie en uitnodiging. U sal ook ‘n studie vind wat een van die mees pertinente aspekte van ons tyd onder die loep neem, naamlik tienerswangerskappe, seksueel oordraagbare infeksies en die rol van veiliger en meer riskante seksuele praktyke van tieners.

Op die farmakologiese front bied ons ‘n ondersoek na newe-effekte van medikasie toegedien na die berugte meningitis uitbraak in Potchefstroom verlede jaar. Dan nooi ons u na ‘n debat aangaande domeine – is cholera voorligting die eksklusiewe verantwoordelikheid van gesondheidspraktisyns of is ander professionele persone ook goed geplaas om cholera voorligting te doen?

Ons sluit af met ‘n artikel vir die van u wat meer filosofies en paradigmaties geneig is deur middel van ‘n insiggewende perspektief op gehalte kliniese besluitneming in die verpleegkunde.