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Dear Marie

Letter: "A Juxtaposition Between Local and Global Issues"

I wish to raise two points in relation to your journal. The first is in response to a recent article, the second of a more general nature.

Professors Poggenpoel and Muller (Challenges facing the South African Nursing Profession, **Health SA Gesondheid Vol 1, No1**) raise questions that speak to issues both inside and outside the discipline of nursing. Issues of global significance. As seen elsewhere in developed and developing nations, health care administrators and policy writers seldom estimate the significant contribution of nursing science - beyond what might happen at the bedside - to the development and stability of it's nations health. My view is that one of the leading ways that nursing demonstrate its contribution in a changing world is through partnership with industry as a 'colaborative partner'. Memorandums of agreement between University Schools of Nursing and private/ public health institutions are a means to engage this process. Here I am thinking of agreements which lead to practice based course and programs, educational consultancy, health planning research and associated initiatives of mutual benefit. The reason for putting forward this view is this: whether or not we are nursing in Australia, South Africa, Germany or Malaysia, it is absolutely essential that we as a pffession show ourselves as entrepreneurial in education and training in such a way that it compliments existing health and social policy agendas. Such actions on the part of university and other organisations also affords opportunity for such institutions to be transparent in that they do, and inturn, what nursing actually does. As community participation is so crucial to any health care policy, it is the way it is education-ally enacted through clinically relevant learning opportunities that will help others stand up and take greater notice of nursing.

In the second part of my letter I would like to give some feedback about the Journal.

I believe that the journal has situated itself as a key reference point in the development of health research, health education and knowledge in the 21st Century through interdisciplinary collaboration and diversity.

Careful reading of the journal reveals insights engendering enthusiasm for the topic under scrutiny. Moreover, the papers seem to reflect a juxtaposition between local and international issues and events in the nursing and health care. That is, the topics covered speak issues and events in the immediate practice area and wider dimensions. I believe that this will greatly assist the development of health practitioners, researchers and scholars in South Africa and around the globe in their planning, implementation and evaluation of services and programs.

In closing I would like to convey my congratulations to the authors, editors and manuscript reviewers for their excellent work in generating quality research and theoretical papers for publication in **Health SA Gesondheid**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas G. Procter'.

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