

Special Issue on Everyday Ethics in Nursing Practice: Empirical Research and Methods for Reflection

Call for Papers

Health care providers need to be able to identify ethical challenges and also know how to address them. Ethical and legal issues concerning caring and nursing are becoming increasingly more important for health care providers working in both acute and home care settings.

Briefly speaking, polarized extreme standpoints exist both for and against different therapeutic interventions. Ethical awareness and moral consciousness are both needed to put a name on and face up to ethical dilemmas in everyday practice. Health care receivers are vulnerable and depend on health care providers' ethical and professional competence. Ethical awareness and moral competence are not innate capabilities. To some degree it is human nature to be empathetic. Professional competence, however, needs to be developed and refined through systematic reflections on experiences arising from ethical challenges in professional practice. Innovative practices related to clinical ethics have been implemented in many health care services. A growing body of research on this topic is now being carried out throughout Western countries related to the field of health care.

We invite scholars to contribute towards original research, as well as review articles aimed at illuminating this topic further in order to distribute knowledge about ethical challenges in everyday practice. Another aspect needing to be focused on is how to think about ethics and deal with difficulties and challenging situations in the everyday practice of nursing. We are particularly interested in articles describing innovative practice models of moral deliberation. Authors are also encouraged to offer articles on ethically difficult and challenging situations in nurses' everyday practice. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Innovative practice models of clinical ethics performance by Practice in Clinical Committees of Ethics, Clinical Ethical Consultation, Moral Deliberation and Moral Reflections
- Research mapping ethical challenges in nursing practice

- Methodological approaches in clinical ethics
- Research regarding the significance of clinical ethics on patients and their families
- Theoretical support and professional guidelines of ethics
- Related philosophical and theoretical issues

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