EDITORIAL

Health Emergency and Disaster Nursing

In recent decades, disasters have become more commonplace, severe, and prolonged. Indeed, mega disasters are not confined to national borders but increasingly are an international phenomenon. Hence, disaster research and preparedness must be a thoughtful and well-planned international effort, and disaster nursing must naturally be a vital element of such work. To respond to these many challenges, in 2012 the University of Kochi, University of Hyogo, Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Chiba University, and the Japanese Red Cross College of Nursing launched a graduate program in disaster nursing to produce leaders in the field. Today, they are ready to sponsor this Journal. Health Emergency and Disaster Nursing inaugurates a new era of research in the field of disaster nursing, with the aim of developing a body of knowledge from academic and clinical experts from all over the world. The Journal provides publishing opportunities for established scholars inside and outside the field of nursing, and for students and young scholars who are in the early stages of their professional careers. Health Emergency and Disaster Nursing is a critical vehicle to bring this work to health-care professionals, academic audiences, students, policy makers, and the general public.

Health Emergency and Disaster Nursing is an online peer-reviewed, English-language journal with a limited paper publication. It publishes original manuscripts, editorials, Letters to the Editor, reports on practice at disaster settings, case studies, position papers, commentaries, and book reviews. We welcome papers that are quantitative, qualitative, or historical in nature, those that are based on theoretical approaches, and scholarship that promotes the expansion of interdisciplinary tools.

Our goal is to help all those interested in disaster nursing to keep in touch with new research in the field. We believe the Journal will ultimately contribute to the dissemination of research that promotes the safety and security of all societies.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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