

Editorial

Welcome to our first issue of the journal for 2007. It is the view of the editors that the papers presented in this issue are informative and address needs of the community across the lifespan. The articles relating to children and adolescents highlight the importance of intervention programmes relating to physical activity and smoking in improving the health of young people. In order to do health promotion and conduct successful intervention programmes in communities, it is important to instill a philosophy of care among health professionals and this is highlighted in the article titled: Teaching ethical issues in health care. Emphasis on successful training interventions is important and assists in the transition of students into the health professional world and this is highlighted in the articles presented in this issue as it relates to the nursing profession. However, many other allied health professionals can learn from these articles. In terms of the adult and ageing population and understanding their needs, there are three articles highlighting the challenges faced by the ageing population and the role of health professionals in assisting the elderly during this phase.

As assistant editor, I would like to thank the Editor, editorial assistants and reviewers for the invaluable contribution to this issue.

Prof José Frantz



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