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Dear readers,

We witness important events affecting public health in the world by 2020. Outbreaks such as the new type of corona virus, earthquakes, floods, landslides, air pollution and migrating people are some of these events. Nurses among health professionals have an important place in the solution of these problems. Nurses are always the leading healthcare professionals due to their high number, qualified training and high level of communication skills. In this context, in the first issue of 2020, I am honored to present 10 research articles and 1 systematic review containing evidence that nurses of all levels can benefit.

Two of the original studies; “Chedoke-McMaster Attitudes Towards Children with Handicaps Scale” and “Vaccination Confidence Scale” for Parents are methodological studies that include the validity and reliability studies of the scales for the Turkish language.

“The Effect of Nurse Home-Support Program on Self-Management of Patients Receiving Oral Anticoagulation (Warfarin) Therapy”, “Sexual Health / Reproductive Health-Related Problems of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People in Turkey and Their Health-Care Needs” and “Evaluation of Violence Against Elderly People of Different Cultures by Using The “Purnell Model for Cultural Competence” studies provide important information in approaching individuals in different positions.

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