

Editorial

Welcome to this Fourth volume of *The Journal of Undergraduate Nursing Writing*. This journal is a compilation of original articles written by senior nursing students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the University of Kansas School of Nursing.

The articles presented in this volume originated as assignments given in the students' senior level classes. The original call for papers did not limit their entries to any particular classes but all papers received came from the Populations or Legal/Ethical Nursing courses. Thus the content represented here deals with legal, ethical, or population issues.

Writing about these issues was not easy. These authors all show an ability to describe these issues in their own manner while using sophisticated resources. Examples of topical choices this year include mandated childhood immunizations and pediatric cochlear implants, female circumcision, consent issues with minors, physician assisted suicide, adolescent sexual health and the ongoing rise in cesarean section. Their ability to sort through the piles of information available on each of their topics and emerge with a perspectives of what is the best way to proceed so that they can provide better care to their clients should give us all a positive uplift about the future of nursing.

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We hope you enjoy this fourth volume and await your feedback. Let us know what you think.

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