

NURSING PROFILING SURVEY INSTRUMENT TO THE DEFENSE OF THE PROFESSION

NURSING RESOURCE AND NEEDS SURVEY- 1956/1958

The Brazilian Association of Nursing, supported by W. K. Kellogg and Rockefeller institutions in the US with participation of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in the mid 1950s, carried out a survey on nursing resources and needs in Brazil. The data collection occurred in 1956 and the final report was presented in 1958 during an event of international scope in Salvador, Bahia.

The final mimeographed report had restricted distribution (1), but its content was widely published among nursing professionals at the time. The document was comprehensive and constituted of five parts: Active and Inactive Nurses, Hospital Nursing, Nursing in Public Health, Schools and Courses in Nursing Assistant, and Nursing Schools.

The publishing in book format was released only in 1980 and was considered as a historical registry. However, the expertise to conduct research was consolidated, since the study involved large numbers, sampling and occurred throughout the national territory.⁽¹⁾

THE PRACTICE OF NURSING IN HEALTH INSTITUTIONS IN BRASIL 1982/1983

From 1982, a second survey was carried out, as the result of a partnership between Cofen (Brazilian Federal Council of Nursing) and Aben (Brazilian Association of Nursing). We were already in a greatly modified scenario, which nursing profile needed greater visibility.

In the decade of 1980, among other changes in the profession, we experienced an increase of school units, which in 1956 were only 33. The number of graduates increased significantly and graduate school suffered an implement with the introduction of the master and doctorate courses. Therefore, the scenario demanded the knowledge of our reality as a profession. That was the reason why nursing organizations (Cofen/Aben) performed the survey. The Practice of Nursing in the Health Institutions of Brazil was published in two volumes: Nursing Workforce (vol I) and Nursing in the Institutional Context (vol II).

Then, with the results from this study it was possible to carry out a review of the profession during a time of political fermentation in the country. With this information, nurses were able to organize their claims based on truthful and current data.



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After that, there was an opportunity to discuss better health, education and working conditions for the nursing in Brazil.

PROFILE OF THE BRAZILIAN NURSING- 2010/2015

In 2010, the Cofen System/Regional Councils began a partnership with Fiocruz⁽²⁾ for the research entitled Profile of Nursing (Perfil da Enfermagem), that was a longtime demand requested by the nursing community to update information on the profession in Brazil.

On May 2015, the result of this Project was presented to the Brazilian society. It consisted of an amount of data and information, which has about 2000 tables and their evaluation will be of great value to the profession.

The result of this research is heritage for all nursing professionals; its information should be widely used by nurses, technicians and nursing assistants. It is a powerful tool to the defense and empowerment of the profession. From this understanding, we present a summary of the results and its method, in order to benefit the category with this product as a guide offered by Cofen official journal.

⁽¹⁾ Mancia JR. *Revista Brasileira de Enfermagem e seu papel na consolidação profissional [tese]*. Florianópolis: Santa Catarina Federal University; 2007.

⁽²⁾ Fiocruz - Fundação Instituto Oswaldo Cruz. Brazilian institute created for the research of tropical diseases.