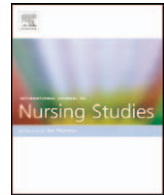




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### Child Health Care: Call for Papers for a Special Issue

The *International Journal of Nursing Studies* (IJNS) is devoting a Special Issue to the urgent challenges in child health care. We seek critical reviews, original research and evidence-based practice manuscripts that address key issues in child health and which address the implications for nursing clinical practice, education, and research.

Children represent the future, and ensuring their healthy growth and development ought to be a prime concern of all societies<sup>1</sup>. Nevertheless at the present time half of the world's children live in poverty and over 25% of these children have no access to health services. In 2003, 10.6 million children died before they reached the age of 5.<sup>2</sup> In developed countries where child mortality has been reduced, children's health is compromised by obesity, mental illness, violence and other preventable conditions that reduce their life chances. For example, the rate of chronic health conditions among children in the United States increased from 12.8% in 1994 to 26.6% in 2006.<sup>3</sup> The quality of hospital care of children often lags behind that of adults. The importance of understanding and intervening to improve childhood determinants of adult health is only beginning to be understood. Greater involvement of children and their families in health care, research and policy is needed.

Nurses are the largest group of health care providers and as such play a crucial role in the health of children. Nurses are well-positioned to enable children's and their families' views to be heard regarding health and health care.

We invite authors to submit their full manuscript for consideration to IJNS at <http://ees.elsevier.com/ijns> by

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