

Editorial

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It is with great pleasure that we present this issue of the *Africa Journal of Nursing and Midwifery (AJNM)*. The journal remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing scholarship among nurses and midwives across Africa and beyond. As a platform dedicated to academic excellence, AJNM continues to support the generation and dissemination of high-quality, diverse, and innovative research that addresses the evolving needs of healthcare systems. In this issue, we showcase 20 scholarly contributions that reflect the depth and breadth of contemporary nursing and midwifery practice, education, and research. The articles highlight critical issues in midwifery and childcare, health services management, nursing education, digital health, mental health care, quality nursing, and reproductive health. The studies used qualitative, quantitative, mixed-method research and literature review approaches.

The journal remains dedicated to fostering a vibrant scholarly community by providing an inclusive platform where researchers, practitioners, and educators can share knowledge and engage in meaningful dialogue. We continue to uphold rigorous peer-review standards to ensure the integrity, relevance, and impact of the work we publish.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the authors for their valuable contributions, the reviewers for their diligence and expertise, and the readers for their continued support. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the AJNM Board Chairperson, Prof. P. Modjadji; Chair of the Department of Health Studies, Prof. S. M. Zuma (Journal Sponsor and Board Member); and all esteemed members of the board. I also commend the editorial team, under the leadership of Mrs. T. Botha (Project Editor, Unisa Press) and Mr. P. Rall (Managing Editor, Unisa Press), for their dedication and exceptional attention to detail in overseeing the editorial process. Together, we are building a strong foundation for evidence-based practice and advancing the nursing and midwifery professions.

We invite you to engage with the articles in this issue and to continue contributing to AJNM as authors, reviewers, and readers.