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- **1. Title and authors:** The first page must include the title of the manuscript in Spanish and English; whose title must indicate the central objective of the publication.
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A. Research

Research work with unpublished results and using quantitative and / or qualitative methodology. Its length should be a maximum of 20 pages, including bibliography. Constituted by:

- a. Title and authors
- **b. Resumen and Abstract** (For the structure of letters a and b, consider the detail described in the General Organization of the Article).
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- **d. Methodology:** The methodology used in the research must be described, indicating: type of study, universe and sample / subjects under study, type of instruments used (reliability and validity) and information collection procedures, information analysis system, statistical methods and ethical considerations. If known data collection instruments or methods are used, only the reference source should be indicated, otherwise add a brief description of these. Describe the selection of observational or experimental participants (include controls), plus eligibility and exclusion criteria and a description of the population of origin. The authors should explain the use of the variables age and sex when they are included in the study report. When variables such as race or ethnicity are used, they must define how to measure these variables and justify their relevance.

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according to the order of appearance in the text. At the end of the title the Source must be included (according to the Vancouver Style), or Author's elaboration. When data is summarized in the results section, give numerical results not only as derivatives (eg. percentages), but also as the absolute number from which the derivatives were calculated and specify the statistical methods used to analyze them. Limit the tables and figures to those necessary to explain the argument of the article and to evaluate all relevant data.

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- **g. Acknowledgments:** Express thanks to those people or institutions that contributed to your research. In this same chapter include the source of financing; and if there is a conflict of interest.

B. Theoretical Study

It corresponds to an analysis of the theoretical construct of nursing science or related areas, which lead to the questioning of existing models and the elaboration of hypotheses for future research. It is a theoretical, referential or conceptual framework that gives meaning to the research. It is from the existing theories about the object of study, and how new knowledge can be generated. Its length must be a maximum of 15 pages, including bibliography.

The manuscript must present the following general structure:

- a. Problem to study
- b. Explicit and implicit concepts of the problem.
- c. Specific operational conceptualization.
- d. Relations of theories and concepts adopted.
- e. Theoretical analysis from which the hypotheses are derived.
- f. Conclude the implications of the theory with the problem.

REVIEWS SECTION

A. Narrative or Literature Review

It aims to deliver current concepts on a topic with an approach from various aspects that is based on the synthesis of multiple published studies, that allows reaching a general conclusion regarding a specific area or topic.

The suggested structure is as follows:

- a. Title and authors
- **b. Resumen and Abstract** (For the structure of letters a and b, consider the detail of the General Organization of the Article).
- **c. Introduction:** A brief description of the topic to be reviewed is presented, its importance, the objectives of the bibliographic review, its purpose and organization in the text.

- **d. Body in the Text:** You must carry out the review of the topic itself and indicate the corresponding titles according to the organization proposed in the introduction. Consider a review of updated literature on each of the topics covered, avoiding making extensive delivery of information already published, which is solved by citing the original source. It is suggested to cite primary sources of information, only in exceptional cases to resort to secondary sources. Specify, when appropriate, the discrepancy between the sources consulted. Quotations in text must be indicated according to Vancouver Style latest edition, see website: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK7256/
- **e. Conclusion:** Briefly point out the aspects to highlight of the review carried out and generate recommendations when appropriate.
- **f. Acknowledgments:** Express thanks to those people or institutions that contributed to your review.

B. Systematic Review

They are those that summarize and analyze the evidence regarding a specific question in a structured and systematic way. The method used to find, select, analyze and synthesize the evidence presented is explained.

Can be:

- a) Qualitative if descriptive evidence is presented, without statistical analysis.
- b) Quantitative or Meta-analysis when statistical techniques are used whose results are combined in a point estimator.

C. Evidence-based clinical recommendations

These are short manuscripts (10 pages) based on a standardized structure to provide answers to clinical questions related to patients, following the evidence-based nursing methodology. They correspond to analyzes of systematic reviews or clinical practice guidelines.

The manuscript must present the following general structure:

- a. Title or research question
- b. Clinical situation or setting. Complete research question, including: population studied, event or intervention performed, type of comparator used, results reported, time the study was performed.
- c. Search: search strategies, number of studies found and inclusion criteria.
- d. Critical analysis:
 - a. Internal validity criteria
 - b. External validity
 - c. Relevance of the results obtained, considering the research question.
- e. Final discussion.

SECTION OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

A. Clinical Case

It considers presentation of clinical topics with problems of interest that warrant publication due to their prevalence, evolution of the particular case or the intervention carried out. Conceptual implications must be incorporated.

The suggested structure is as follows:

- a. Title and authors
- **b. Resumen and Abstract** (For the structure of letters a and b, consider the detail of the General Organization of the Article).
- **c. Introduction:** You must present a brief description of the topic to be dealt with in the clinical case, its importance and the organization of the presentation. Quotations in text must be indicated according to Vancouver Style latest edition, see website:

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- **d. Clinical Case:** Describe the clinical situation in an orderly manner, avoiding giving little relevant information. Do not comment.
- **e. Discussion:** Establish an analysis of the most relevant aspects of the clinical case with respect to the literature. Highlight only those aspects that deserve to be analyzed. Establish recommendations when appropriate.

B. Intervention Strategies

It is a story of professional experience that describes intervention strategies or methodological evidence appropriate to the evaluation of efficacy, of interest for the performance of nurses or health teams in different areas.

It is structured as follows:

a. Title and authors

- **b. Resumen and Abstract** (For the structure of letters a and b, consider the detail of the General Organization of the Article).
- **c. Introduction:** Present a brief description of the rationale for carrying out the intervention strategy, based on the literature, which supports its implementation, purpose and objectives.
- **d. Body of the intervention strategy:** Present the target audience, the stages of the intervention, the methods used, the evaluation system and results. The aspects indicated must be supported by the bibliography.
- **e. Conclusions:** It should indicate the contribution of the proposed intervention, notable aspects, recommendations.
- **f. Acknowledgments:** Express thanks to those people or institutions that contributed to your program.

C. Reflections

It corresponds to the analysis of the subject from a professional perspective. The chapters to consider in its writing are the following:

a. Title and authors

- **b. Resumen and Abstract** (For the structure of letters a and b, consider the detail of the General Organization of the Article).
- **c. Introduction:** You must present a brief description of the topic to reflect on, indicating the most important aspects to be discussed and the objective and purpose of the reflection presented.
- **d. Body of reflection:** Must present the development of the topic, posing the various points of view, both disagreeing and in favor of the proposed position. It is suggested to support this reflection with pertinent bibliography.
- **e. Conclusions:** Point out the most important aspects of the reflection discussed and the contribution of the article in this regard.

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