



## EDITORIAL

### **Nursing care: essential mainstay for the development of public health in Vueltabajo**

### **La Enfermería, imprescindible baluarte para el desarrollo de la salud pública en Vueltabajo**

The current number of the e-journal has for happy coincidence, the international celebration of Nursing Care Day, a deserved reason to pay tribute to the personnel that groups an essential profile of the human capital of the health system, that in Pinar del Río, has a true development as guarantor of the public health in the province, and of course, all over the country.

The history of public health in the province documents a reduced membership in public health services before 1959, which reflects, unlike medical services, known by oral description and the scarce literature of that time, a presence closer to the less favored population, even in rural localities was the only health care service.

The Cuban public health system has achieved unquestionable contributions to the development of our society and of other nations; it would be incomplete without mentioning the essential role played by the nursing care staff in all occupational categories, with the modern technical scientific progress and specialization.

At present, we have the privilege of having the physical presence of those responsible for initiating the training and development of the broad spectrum of nurses who, at all levels of the health system, allowed and still maintain the reputation gained by this profession in Pinar del Río; training that guarantees with great effort and that includes the participation of the family, the response to health services to the population from Primary Health Care and the beginning of the Family Physician and Nurse Program, to secondary and tertiary health care in the country.

In this number of the e-journal we make available to readers, along with other works, two articles by the authorship of those founding professors of Nursing Care Studies, as historical testimony which contributed in their conditions as main professionals and the role they played for the development of Cuban health system and the outstanding participation of these professionals in the international cooperation.

In moments of reaffirmation of the principles that rule and boost up the new Cuban socio-economic model, and in order to achieve the results with the rigor that the quality demands, as respect for the people, this tribute is a well-deserved recognition, encouragement and inspiration to the founding Nursing Care group in Pinar del Río, and a guidance for the contemporary and future generations of the Nursing Care Personnel.

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