Culturally safe and respectful care

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Welcome to the first issue for 2018. I am pleased to announce that we have had a large number of articles submitted to us in the last six months. A big thank you to the Editorial Advisory Board members for their assistance in the review process, but most of all thank you to all of the authors for selecting our journal as the one you wish to publish your work in.

On 1 March 2018, the new Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) code of conduct for nurses and midwives comes into effect and Principle 3 is cultural practice and respectful relationships. It highlights that as nurses we need to engage with people as individuals in a culturally safe and respectful way, foster open and honest professional relationships, and adhere to obligations about privacy and confidentiality. This should be something that we do as nurses without question, but, in reality, this does not always happen.

The NMBA has just released a joint statement with the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) on culturally safe and respectful care. The NMBA and CATSINaM are encouraging nurses and midwives to read the joint statement in conjunction with the new codes of conduct and consider how you will incorporate this into client/patient care.

As we are publishing a special edition focusing on Indigenous health issues this year, we encourage you to write articles for this edition. We are hoping that people will write articles focused on what works, what Indigenous patients want/prefer, how services are engaging with Indigenous renal patients, and what the health system gaps and strategies are. Please be encouraged also to use keywords in your articles so that they can be included in the CARI KHA literature review on renal care for/with Indigenous peoples.

Finally, I do hope you enjoy reading this issue, which contains articles on a wide variety of topics, including how dietetic intervention in haemodialysis patients improves malnutrition and another article comparing ferric carboxymaltose and iron polymaltose efficacy in renal anaemia. There are two articles, which relate to studies including a five-year prospective observational study on hepatitis B booster vaccinations in haemodialysis patients and a qualitative study evaluating the nursing care of renal transplant recipients. There is the regular NEN article and the topic this issue is shared decision making in chronic kidney disease.