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# From the Editor

## SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HEALTHCARE

If there is any doubt that social justice is a nursing concern, this issue of *Advances in Nursing Science (ANS)* provides ample evidence to support this position. Thanks to the ability to publish online-only articles in *ANS*, we were able to include 14 articles, all of which received peer reviews supporting their publication in *ANS*. This kind of response to our call for articles for this issue of *ANS* attests to the fact that social justice is not an isolated concern of just a small cohort of politically interested nurses. It is a fundamental concern for our discipline. Consistent with the overall purposes of *ANS*, these articles provide stimulating ideas—perspectives that challenge the status quo of social injustices that affect the health and well-being of people worldwide.

*ANS* remains a leading publication in nursing, maintaining traditions of challenging and cutting-edge, high-quality scholarship. The journal's "brand"—the unique cover design—and our tradition of quality have remained constant for over 30 years. But many aspects of publishing have changed over these 30 years, and *ANS* has kept pace and led the way. In 2005, our submissions and peer review process shifted to the Web-based Editorial Manager system. In 2008, we began publishing selected articles ahead of print—the "Publish Ahead of Print (PAP)" feature on the journal's home page at <http://www.>

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I hope that you will visit <http://www.advancesinnursingscience.com> soon and return often. See for yourself the many ways that *ANS* provides a valuable service to you, the reader, to the nursing profession, and to all healthcare professionals interested in cutting-edge scholarship!

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