The World Health Organization has declared 2020 the *International Year of the Nurse and Midwife* in honor of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. This designation highlights the work and accomplishments of nurses across the globe and will celebrate all nurses in all settings and communities. Modern nursing care started with the efforts of Nightingale to train nurses in the mid-19th century and they have become increasingly valuable both in home care and ultimately in hospitals as well as a wide variety of settings wherever health care is delivered. Indeed, the beginning of modern nursing as trained professionals has stood the test of time as an enduring legacy of caring, competence, and value.

What would health care look like if we cannot educate, recruit, and retain sufficient numbers of nurses to care for patients? It is sometimes difficult to understand or imagine the worth and impact of an individual or group of people embedded in a setting or community until they are gone.

Obviously, it would be impossible to consider the complete demise of nursing care across the planet. So, this is an exercise to set the boundaries for a discussion about the added value nurses bring to patient care. What if there were no nurses and how would their absence affect the healthcare system?

To explore and help answer this provocative question, *Nursing Economic*$ is seeking manuscripts for its Special Issue: *A World without Registered Nurses*. This call for manuscripts is seeking authors to provide valuable insights, experiences, and solutions in demonstrating the “business case for nursing care providers” in healthcare practice, education, research, and policy. Suggested areas authors might consider for the special issue include:

- RNs as trusted care providers pivotal to access to high-quality, person-centered care in multiple healthcare settings and communities
- RNs as integral to interprofessional provider teams
- RNs as person-centered care coordinators and transition managers, especially for persons with multiple chronic conditions
- RNs providing surveillance and support for chronically ill persons and their caregivers
- RNs changing health care through innovation and Big Data analysis
- RNs providing evidence-based population health management
- RNs as primary care providers
- Impact of nurse midwives on maternal health and the health and survival of infants, especially in underserved areas and populations

Author resources for manuscript preparation are available at www.nursingeconomics.net. Questions related to this call for manuscripts can be directed to Editor Donna Nickitas thru *Nursing Economic*$ (nejnl@aij.com).

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