

## EDITORIAL

Two years have passed since the launch of the “*Revista Portuguesa de Enfermagem de Reabilitação*”. Two years of a journey that required dedication and redoubled work on the part of a vast team, but two years of a journey that led to constant and fruitful learning. I’m happy to say: we are to be congratulated; Congratulations to Rehabilitation Nursing!

Over these two years, the quality of the researches published is evident. For this, the dedication of a professional group that often investigates in adverse circumstances has contributed a lot. The pandemic that devastates us has exposed some of the problems existing in the National Health Service in Portugal, with the need to withdraw specialized care hours from specialist nurses and the respective allocation of these hours to general nursing care. This need, in addition to a clear demonstration of the lack of nurses in some contexts, prevented many citizens from accessing rehabilitation nursing care and thus found themselves restricted from a constitutional right of equitable access to health care, particularly rehabilitation, as defined in Article 64, point 3.a) of the Constitution of the Portuguese Republic. When the country needed the Rehabilitation Nurses to be present, we were there. We await the due and deserved reciprocity.

There is an urgent need for a clear definition by health institutions of the specific hours of rehabilitation nursing care. Along with this definition, in order to create an even stronger body of knowledge, it will be crucial that in the coming months, rehabilitation nurses are able to:

- Increase research outside the academic context for the attribution of a degree, with specific research applied to the contexts of clinical practice;
- Encourage academic research to be produced in clinical contexts;
- See approved clinical application research projects;
- Further increase scientific production and respective publication in specialized scientific journals.

May the success of these two years of the Portuguese Journal of Rehabilitation Nursing be the launch pad for many more years of publication of reference articles within the scope of the specific competences of Rehabilitation Nursing.

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