

# Nursing Diagnosis Resources

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In 1973, after the First National Conference on Classification of Nursing Diagnoses sponsored by St. Louis University School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions, the National Group for the Classification of Nursing Diagnoses was formed. To provide for continued communication among this group and other interested colleagues, a Clearinghouse was established with headquarters in the department of nursing at St. Louis University.

One method of maintaining this communication has been by holding additional national conferences. Since the first conference in 1973, two others have been held, one in 1975 and one in 1978. The Fourth Conference on Classification of Nursing Diagnoses will be held April 9 to 13, 1980 in St. Louis, Missouri. Because this will be a working conference, registration is limited.

The Clearinghouse also publishes a quarterly newsletter. This publication provides a means of sharing information about the current status of nursing diagnosis activities. The mailing list for the newsletter currently includes approximately 1,800 health professionals in the United States, Canada, Belgium and Israel. Announcements of and materials from recent workshops and state and regional conferences have been published in the newsletter. The editors are eager to receive articles and abstracts of research that may be included in the newsletter.

In addition, the Clearinghouse maintains a diagnostic expertise listing and a speaker's bureau. The individuals in the diagnostic expertise listing have agreed to serve as reference persons for specific diagnostic labels with which they have been working. Recommendations, subdiagnoses, addi-

tions, or any other new information may be forwarded to the resource person, who will review the information for possible submission at the Fourth National Conference. The speaker's bureau includes individuals who have volunteered to speak in their region on the general topic of Nursing Diagnoses or on a specific facet within the topic. The Clearinghouse maintains a roster of these persons but makes no arrangements for speaking engagements.

To maintain a depository of information and a communication flow with health professionals, the Clearinghouse needs the assistance of all individuals interested in nursing diagnosis. Persons interested in being placed on the mailing list should send \$5.00 (for one year) to help defray expenses. The Clearinghouse welcomes your information and questions.