

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE JOURNAL OF RESEARCH IN NURSING ON

Rural Health

Focus Edition Guest Editors

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The *Journal of Research in Nursing* is a leading peer-reviewed journal that underpins good research with current policy and aims to publish research that will influence practice, policy and education.

Staying healthy in rural areas of the world presents enormous challenges despite the World Health Organisation's aspiration that all people and communities will be able to use and afford the full range of health services they need. People living in rural and isolated areas find it difficult to achieve this because of, for example, inaccessibility, scant infrastructure and resources, political apathy, poverty and an inadequate healthcare workforce. If the WHO target of Universal Health Coverage is to be achieved more needs to be known about how to improve access to and the quality of healthcare for rural people. Improvement requires creativity and innovation and significant political and professional will, but it also requires that successful interventions are better disseminated and so more widely used. JRN is inviting authors to submit papers that show how rural health can be and is improved.

Papers can be research studies of any design, case-studies, evaluations or practice development initiatives and may address any of these issues:

- Improving the quality of healthcare and health, access and safety.
- Improving recruitment, deployment and retention of healthcare workers.
- Developing new multi-professional/worker, innovative models of care.
- Using technology.
- Demonstrating how policy-makers innovatively invest in healthcare.
- Demonstrating community-led initiatives that promote health and wellbeing.

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