

use of nursing manpower. Their aim is to improve care, save money, demonstrate accountability, and practice with authority.

Traditionally, the hierarchical structures of health institutions have been male-dominated and have prevented nurses from making decisions about their work and being self-assertive. RNs have been taken for granted, borrowing much of their authority from the medical profession. The time has come for RNs to examine, measure, and improve what they do, and gain recognition for it. RNs will be subject to continued subordination unless valid, reliable, and significant research is undertaken to demonstrate what they do, using concrete, recognizable, and convincing data.

This book is a valuable addition to any library for its varied approaches, extensive references, and annotated bibliography. It is also a useful book for individual care givers, teachers, researchers, and administrators for its practical and insightful analysis of the tools and methods used to measure the quality of nursing care. RNs need to challenge the admonition, "You can't measure quality of care," and be inspired by the authors to answer, "Yes, we can!", and prove it.

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The *Editorial Introduction* by Seymour Perry on page 265 in issue 1:2 of this journal should have carried the following title—*Technology Assessment in the United States: A New Era Again?*