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PREFACE

As the attention to the scientific researches increased, the lack of dictionary and terminology about research became more apparent, particularly in nursing field. A terminology book about research is a necessary prerequisite to grasp and analyze its origins and empower the research workers. This is also the case for the users of research reports.

The task of providing and keeping a dictionary in line with current usage of words in research area is extremely difficult. Not only do new words appear in the literature; but also new methods are described and progression of knowledge makes refinement of previous words definition necessary.

The purpose of this work was to bring the main terms to the attention of researchers, research workers, practitioners, planners, consumers and for creating a unique language in the field of research. To carry out this task, nursing research books' glossaries has been carefully reviewed to ensure that all key terms have been included. Therefore, readers will have access to some key words related to nursing and its theories rather than just those related to

research. It tried to portray a comprehensive terms which would cover all relevant key concepts of research.

This dictionary is an up to date, with a wide range choice of terms that is relevant to the research, particularly to the qualitative research methods. The most frequently used words can be found with the most modern definition. It is easy to use and easy to understand. The bold typeface enable the readers to find the word quickly, and the definitions are short, clear, and simple. It is designed not only as a friendly used reference work, but also as one of particular value to any one who is conducting research. We hope that those who use it will derive both benefit and pleasure from it.

Finally, we have to acknowledge that the book has directly used the definition given in the references listed in the book and we wish the terminology creates space for understanding the art and science of research and we hope the terminology enhances the mindscapes of research workers

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