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19-Jan-2023  
  
Dear Dr. Weiss:  
  
Thank you for submitting your manuscript, "The impact of the National Health Insurance Law (1994) in Israel  on nursing: A historical overview" (ID PPNP-22-08-0048), for publication in Policy, Politics, & Nursing Practice.  
  
Although we are unable to accept your manuscript for publication at this time, I would like to invite you to resubmit it for consideration after making revisions as requested in the attached document.  
  
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Once again, thank you for submitting your manuscript to Policy, Politics, & Nursing Practice. I look forward to receiving your revision.  
  
Sincerely,  
  
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Reviewers' Comments to Author:  
  
Reviewer: 1  
  
Comments to the Author  
This manuscript reads well and is a nice addition to the literature and has been under-explored. With a few edits (see below) and some reframing, this article will be a good contribution to the literature.  
'The last sentence on page 1 lines 33-35 needs to be revised. delete the words "in-fact"  
Page 4 line 32-33 change fact-based medicine to evidence based practice  
Page 5 line 5-6 delete the word 'were'  
Page 5 line 31- Aitken spelled wrong- Linda Aiken not Aikin  
Page 6 line 5 add a word the "and to the economy"  
Page 6 line 7 Aiken - wrong spelling Akin  
Page 6 line 3-5 not sure what this sentence means- needs clarification...  
"Otherwise, their contribution to medicine, to society  
and to economy will not be recognized, and they will, therefore, not be promoted."  
Page 6 line 22-24 does not make sense, nurse practitioner in the community are being replaced by advanced nurse practitioners- please clarify.  
Page 8 line 21 change the word "her" work environment and revise to "their" (reflective of all genders)  
Page 11 line 27- add the word Nursing before the word profession  
Page 12- under the section nursing leadership research and academic education- you are focused on the leadership and politics, including the addition of nurses in the Knesset- lacking from this section is the role of nurses in research and academia (Freda DeKeyser Ganz, Chaya Greenberger, Yafa Haron, and others who are conducting nursing research in Israel and serve in academia) Please add to this section to illuminate the current work and to create the justification of other nurses to contribute to this work.  
Under the section Nurse and work environment: Perhaps add a few lines about how nursing in Israel does not have the compensation infrastructure to support its advancement and recruitment to the profession.  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
Reviewer: 2  
  
Comments to the Author  
Thank you for the opportunity to review "The impact of the National Health Insurance Law (1994) in Israel on nursing: A historical overview" submitted to Policy, Politics, & Nursing Practice. Although the article is interesting and should be considered for publication, the content needs to be reorganized to present a clear, concise, and consistent presentation of the information. In addition, there are multiple areas requiring further revision and refinement to provide an analysis of the impact of the Israeli National Health Insurance Law on nursing. The current manuscript is dense with information, much of which seems to be distantly related or unnecessary for the analysis. Let me add, the title states a historical overview but this would not result in analysis with the statements provided in the conclusion.  During the major revision process, the author(s) need to focus on eliminating the footnotes, providing the manuscript in APA style, and organizing the content to include an abstract and the standard sections of a policy analysis manuscript. The next section provides multiple observations with recommendations to advance the process. I sincerely hope the author(s) find my critical comments constructive in advancing the manuscript forward to publication. I look forward to reviewing the next revision of the manuscript.  
  
INTRODUCTION  
  
The introduction needs to focus on addressing the purpose of the manuscript. In this regard, the manuscript attempts to analyze the  National Health Insurance Law in the context of the impact on nursing. In this regard, the introduction needs to be provide a clear and concise purpose statement for the analysis. The current purpose statement is not specific about the point of the analysis. Please keep in mind, an analysis and an evaluation may overlap but are not the same.  
  
"While the story of Israel's healthcare services is unique to the State of Israel, health reforms characterized many other countries during those years and their impact on nursing was documented in many studies during this period. Analyzing such trends –  
as suggested below - may help the nursing profession in planning its ways and highlights for the future."  
  
The current introduction provides an overview of Israel, which is not the purpose of the manuscript. Some of this information might be appropriate for the background, specifically the information focused on the health system. Also, there are a large number of footnotes that need to be removed. This journal does not use footnotes, and the information should be in the context of the manuscript. As a note, even traditional policy journals do not have as many footnotes as the current manuscript.  
  
BACKGROUND  
  
The current background needs to be reduced to focus on the point of the article rather than providing a history lesson about the advancement of the country. In reality, a large amount of the descriptive information can be presented in a table and timeline to explain the major points with only the important points specific to nursing analyzed. As a note, there are many areas where the word "studies" is used in the sentence without a citation. This manuscript was particularly challenging to review as the journal requires APA style. In APA style, the authors appear rather than a number. This is important as I am familiar with the literature and I am usually able to understand the context of the citation.  
  
The background is not the place to present an analysis. For example, the area about "studies on this reform show that nursing has gone through three main stages" (page 4) seems to be analysis rather than background. Then again several pages latter (page 8), and still in the introduction, there is this statement: "Based on their findings and the studies cited, I have chosen to discuss the following aspects: 1. Clients and nurse-client relationship; 2. The nursing profession; 3. Promoting the interests of nursing through leadership, research and academic; education; and 4. Nurse as an individual and her work environment." Again, this seems to be specific to the areas for the analysis based upon a dense amount of material that is challenging to follow due to the organization of the background. Following this statement, there is again more dense information organized by the four aspects but still not clearly and concisely presented for an international audience (ends on page 15).  
  
CONCLUSION  
  
Finally, the manuscript presents a conclusion on page 15 but there is no structured approach - e.g. introduction focused on the purpose and significance, background providing the important contextual information, methods describing how the analysis will be undertaken, results providing the findings of the analysis, discussion to provide the context of the findings perhaps with other countries and/or recommendations for policy makers or other stakeholders, and a conclusion with the key points and future work.  
  
As an example of the lack of alignment throughout the manuscript, I am providing two conclusions with some observations.  
This seems reasonable but the current organization of the manuscript does not align from the introduction to the conclusion.  
----- "Experts have outlined two main axes in the changes in nursing: 1. Changing status of the client in the nurse-client relationship; 2. Examination of the contribution of nursing care in cost-benefit terms that has prevailed in healthcare systems in recent decades."  
  
There was no information about a review of studies in a methods section and the introduction/background are not aligned with this statement in the conclusion. Also, I struggled to identified how this statement was developed from the other material in the background. As an additional note, the words challenges and opportunities are not clear in meaning and context. In reality, these words are often used interchangeably by authors.  
-----"From the above review of studies and discussions of data in Israel, it would appear that professional reform has presented new challenges and opportunities."  
  
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES  
  
Articles and Methods Resources to consider reviewing for the reorganization, revision, and refinement of the manuscript. Most of the examples in the first are from this journal. Surprisingly, there is a manuscript about the nursing division in the Israeli health ministry published in this journal not cited in the manuscript. Then, the second grouping of resources are some models and frameworks to help the author(s) consider how to best organize the manuscript.  
  
----- Example articles  
  
Migrant Health Policy: History, Analysis, and Challenge (<https://doi.org/10.1177/1527154402239455>)  
Conceptual Model for Nursing and Health Policy: What Role for History? (<https://doi.org/10.1177/1527154406286493>)  
A Policy Analysis of State Plans for Independent Living in the U.S. (<https://doi.org/10.1177/15271544221130>)  
A Policy Analysis of Access to Health Care Inclusive of Cost, Quality, and Scope of Services (<https://doi.org/10.1177/1527154406286>)  
The European Standard EN 17398:2020 on Patient Involvement in Health Care – a Fairclough-Inspired Critical Discourse Analysis (<https://doi.org/10.1177/15271544221088250>)  
The Conceptual Model for Nursing and Health Policy Revisited (<https://doi.org/10.1177/1527154405283304>)  
The Nursing Division of the Israeli Health Ministry Moves Nursing Into the Forefront of Health Care (<https://doi.org/10.1177/15271544145381>)  
  
----- Models and Frameworks  
  
Health policy analysis: A simple tool for policy makers (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.puhe.2004.03.006>)  
Conducting health policy analysis in primary care research: turning clinical ideas into action (<https://fmch.bmj.com/content/7/2/e000076>)  
‘Doing’ health policy analysis: methodological and conceptual reflections and challenges (<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czn024>)  
CDC Policy Analysis (<https://www.cdc.gov/policy/polaris/policyprocess/policyanalysis/index.html>)  
Public Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation (<https://doi.org/10.1093/med/9780190224653.003.0004>)

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