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### INTEGRATIVE REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

A aplicabilidade da teoria do cuidado cultural por enfermeiras nos periódicos de saúde do Brasil (1992- 2011)

The applicability of the theory of cultural care from nurses in periodics about health of Brazil (1992 - 2011)

Aplicación de la teoría del cuidado cultural por enfermeras en los periódicos de salud de Brasil (1992 - 2011)

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#### ABSTRACT

**Objective:** To describe and analyze the applicability of the Theory of Cultural Care on research published in the journals of Nursing Brazil, in the period 1992-2011. **Method:** Literature captured 59 articles highlighting origin, year of publication, subject and area of nursing knowledge. **Results:** The analysis reveals the existence of articles in all areas of nursing, which shows the scope of acceptance of the theory. However, the Brazilian tendency for applicability in the area "Maternal child" with 42.3% of the articles that addressed the cultural values that interfere with the process of giving birth. **Conclusion:** The Theory of Cultural Care is a proposal to offer a universal care, and meet the diversity of each individual, their world and values which influence their reactions. In Brazil there are few articles with the applicability of the theory, however Nursing is using the same in all areas of its operations. **Descriptors:** Theory of nursing, Transcultural nursing, Nursing research.

#### RESUMO

**Objetivo:** Descrever e analisar a aplicabilidade da Teoria do Cuidado Cultural, nas pesquisas divulgadas nas revistas de Enfermagem brasileira, no período de 1992-2011. **Método:** Pesquisa bibliográfica, capturados 59 artigos, destacando procedência, ano de publicação, sujeito e área de conhecimento da Enfermagem. **Resultados:** Evidenciou-se a existência de artigos escritos em todas as áreas de Enfermagem, o que demonstra a abrangência de aceitação da Teoria. Entretanto, a tendência brasileira para aplicabilidade na área "Materno infantil" com 42,3% dos artigos que abordaram os valores culturais que interferem no processo de parir. **Conclusão:** A Teoria do Cuidado Cultural é uma proposta de oferecer um cuidado universal, e conhecer as diversidades de cada indivíduo, seu mundo e valores que interferem em suas reações. No Brasil são poucos os artigos com aplicabilidade da Teoria, entretanto a Enfermagem vem utilizando a mesma nas diversas áreas da sua atuação. **Descritores:** Teoria de enfermagem, Enfermagem transcultural, Pesquisa em enferma

#### RESUMEN

**Objetivo:** Describir y analizar la aplicación de la Teoría del Cuidado Cultural de la investigación publicada en las revistas de Enfermería de Brasil, en el período 1992-2011. **Método:** Literatura, capturó 59 artículos que destacan origen, año de publicación, el sujeto y el área de conocimiento de la enfermería. **Resultados:** El análisis revela la existencia de artículos en todas las áreas de enfermería, que muestra el alcance de la aceptación de la teoría. Sin embargo, la tendencia brasileña para la aplicabilidad de la zona "materno-infantil", con el 42,3% de los artículos que abordan los valores culturales que interfieren en el proceso de dar a luz. **Conclusión:** La Teoría del Cuidado Cultural es una propuesta para ofrecer una atención universal, y conocer la diversidad de cada individuo, su mundo y los valores que influyen en sus reacciones. En Brasil hay algunos artículos con la aplicabilidad de la teoría, sin embargo Enfermería está usando el mismo en todas las áreas de sus operaciones. **Descritores:** Teoría de Enfermería, Enfermería Transcultural, la Investigación en Enfermería.

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## INTRODUCTION

**T**his article has as its object of study "the applicability of the Theory of Cultural Care." In the early 1950s, Madeleine Leininger noticed the lack of understanding of cultural factors in the disease process. In the 1960s developed the Theory of Cultural Care and consequently created a new discipline: Trans-cultural Nursing, which briefly is how the nurse interacts with the concept of culture, being based in Anthropology and Nursing and supported by theory, research and practice. <sup>1</sup>

In the early 1980s, authors of Nursing in different countries such as United States, Spain and Brazil, have also been concerned about the care and cultural factors. <sup>2</sup>

The Transcultural Nursing is a subfield or branch that deals with the comparative study and analysis of cultures with regard to nursing care and practices of health and disease, with the goal of providing a care service nursing, meaningful and effective, for people, according to their cultural values and context of health and illness. <sup>2</sup>

In 1991, Madeleine Leininger published "Culture Care Diversity & Universality: A Theory of Nursing" (Nursing Theory: Universality and Cultural Care Diversity and Theory of Cultural Care) in the United States of America, which focused on empowering the nurse to offer careful culturally coherent. <sup>3</sup>

The Brazilian Nursing is valued and used Cultural Care Theory as a theoretical and / or methodological framework to guide their studies, such as one sees their use in programs Postgraduate Nursing in different regions of the country with dissertations and theses, whose productions are published in scientific articles using the theme. In Brazil, the articles compared to the theses, are easier access to nursing care, due to the fact that they present themselves in the area or magazines online simply and policy. Consequently, disclosure of the theory via articles generates an increase in the amount of assistance from the perspective of cultural care, deserving further analysis of the same. <sup>4</sup>

Elaborated the core question of this study: How is the Theory of Cultural Care Nursing research in Brazil?

To answer this question was drawn the following objective: To describe and analyze the applicability of the Theory of Cultural Care on research published in the journals of Nursing Brazil, in the period 1992-2011.

The choice of the demarcation of the time frame should be the first publication in 1992, originated from research Dulce Maria Rosa Gualda, who defended the thesis: "I know my nature," an ethnographic study of the experience of birth 01/04/1993 for the degree of doctor from the University of São Paulo. Consider the author of the article that was in 1992, on the topic relevant, the temporary cut until the present time, 2011. <sup>5</sup>

## METHOD

The literature review was conducted in two stages: collection and refinement of scientific articles, survey journals and authors; identification of articles according to Area Nursing Knowledge.<sup>6</sup>

1st Step - Capture of scientific articles using the following keywords: 'Leininger', 'Transcultural Nursing' and 'Theory of Cultural Care' in the time frame (1992 to 2011) in the following databases: SciELO, and LILACS BDEF. It should contain the same items on their resumes that are based or used the Theory of Cultural Care or some of its concepts, as ethno-nursing Transcultural Theory, Model Sunrise Model or Observation-Participation-Reflection, all authored by Madeleine Leininger.

The texts found undergone a refining process, occurring as follows:

1 - Search by keywords in databases SciELO, and LILACS BDEF. The number of abstracts found was 338;

2 - Among the 338 abstracts were separated doctoral theses (53), dissertations (38) monograph of specialization (07) and journal articles (240);

3 - Were excluded abstracts of journal articles national, leading to a total of 199 abstracts;

4 - Made the time frame (1992-2011) was the number of abstracts to 193;

5 - There were removed interstices SciELO, and LILACS BDEF of 193 abstracts. The number of abstracts of different items and only became 117;

6 - There were printed abstracts of the 117 articles of national periodicals for analysis;

7 - During the processing of the data, 58 abstracts were excluded who did not mention any aspect of the Theory of Cultural Care, being strictly cultural or ethnographic approach and with the support of other authors such as James Spradley, Clifford Greertz and guiding others only as reference theoretical and methodological. Thus, for this study we consider 59 articles;

8 - It was done then lifting the digital address of each of the 59 abstracts to search for articles in full.

2nd Step - We performed the classification of scientific articles and organization of data collected by: magazines, authors, subjects of study, area of knowledge of Nursing: medical-surgical, maternal-child health, public health and nursing fundamental; Thematic Areas of Knowledge.

## RESULTS E DISCUSSION

Through the addresses of the resumes of articles, it was possible to identified magazines and locate articles in full. (Table 1)

Table 1. Distribution of scientific articles in health journals from 1992 to 2011

Nursing journals	N*	%
Text & Context Magazine	11	18.6
Brazilian Journal of Nursing	08	13.5
Cogitare Nursing (UFPR)	04	6.8
Journal of nursing of UERJ	06	10.1
Acta Scientiarum. Ciências da saúde	02	3.4
Acta Paulista of Nursing	04	6.8
Latin-American Journal of nursing	02	3.4
The Anna Nery school journal of nursing	06	10.1
Journal of the school of nursing of the University of São Paulo	04	6.8
Brazilian Magazine of Cancerology	01	1.7
São Paulo Nursing magazine	01	1.7
Electronic journal of Nursing from Goiânia	01	1.7
Online Brazilian Journal of Nursing	03	5.0
Health Sciences Magazine	02	3.4
Gaúcha Nursing Magazine	01	1.7
REME- Mineira Nursing Magazine	01	1.7
Rene Magazine	01	1.7
Nursing Magazine (Sao Paulo)	01	1.7
Total	59	100%

\* n: number of articles published in the magazine.

The table below is valid to be aware of the fact that among the 59 items there are 50 different main authors; demonstrating the scope of the Theory of Cultural Care, where knowledge is in possession of many. Many authors have discussed and developed the theory under multiple foci, demonstrating the breadth of this knowledge. (Table 1)

Table 1. Distribution of scientific articles in relation to the main author and the magazine

Main Author	Article	Magazine
01 Almeida, F.	"Living with the woman in puerperal period: a cultural approach"	Text & Context magazine 2000

02	Bezerra, M.	"Cultural Factors that interfere in the experiences of women during birth labour and birth"	Latin-American Journal of nursing 2006
		"Interfering Factors in the behavior of women in labour: focus on Ethno-Nursing"	Brazilian Journal of Nursing 2005
03	Boehs, A.	"Which power the nurse uses in cultural approach in the care of the family?"	Journal of nursing UERJ 1999
		"Analysis of the concepts of negotiation / room of the theory of m. Leininger"	Latin-American Journal of nursing 2002
04	Budó, M.	"The woman as a caregiver in the context of a rural community of Italian immigration"	Text & Context Magazine 1997
		"The old and the new: health care in daily life of an Italian culture"	Nursing Cogitare 1996
05	Braga, C.	"Transcultural Nursing and the beliefs, values and practices of the Gypsy people"	School of nursing magazine 1997 (USP)
06	Ceccato, S. R.	"The human care as principle of nursing care to the mother and their families"	Electronic journal of Nursing 2001 Goiânia
07	Daoud, I.	"Agreement and Disagreement in climacteric women, who seek assistance in the Unified Health System "	Journal of nursing UERJ 2002
08	Del Castanhel, M.	"Taking care of a family in a community: an experiment using a theoretical framework"	Text & Context Magazine 1993
09	Dupas, G	"Perceptions of nurses of a hospital on the assistance provided to the family and the child with cancer"	Brazilian Journal of Oncology 1998
10	Erdtmamn, B.	"Model of rising sun and sensitive reason in nursing"	Brazilian Journal of Nursing 2003
11	Frota, M.	"Child malnutrition in the family context of teenage mothers: cultural care vision"	Acta Scientiarum. Health Sciences 2004
12	Gualda, D.	"Hospital childbirth assistance under the women's perspective"	Paulista Magazine de 1994 Nursing
		"Study about the transcultural theory of Leininger"	School of nursing magazine 1992 USP
13	Grudtner, D.	"The family in the ICU"	Health Sciences Magazine 1994
14	Hammerschmidt, K.	"Involvement of cultural care theory in sustainability gerontology care "	Acta Paulista of Nursing 2007
15	Hoga, L.	"The comprehension of the socio-cultural context: its relevance in assistance in	Acta Paulista de Nursing 1997

		family planning"	
16	Kruger, V.	"Educational Dynamics along the nursing staff under the cultural perspective of the puerpera"	Nursing Cogitare 2002
17	Landim, F.	"Cultural Care of breast cancer: what the poor Brazilian women have to tell us"	Text & Context Magazine 2003
18	Marcon, S.	"Experience of women on weaning the child (late)"	Gaucha Nursing Magazine 1996
19	Moura, M.	"The Trans-Cultural Theory and its application in nursing research: a reflection"	The Anna Nery school Nursing Magazine 2005
20	Neves, E.	"The dimensions of caring in Nursing: technical-philosophical conceptions"	The Anna Nery school Nursing Magazine 2002
21	Nóbrega, M.	"The nurse in a trans-cultural context"	Brazilian Journal of Nursing 1996
22	Oriá, M.	"Madeleine Leininger and the theory of diversity and universality of cultural care, a historic rescue"	Online brazilian journal nursing (online) 2005
		"Use of Cultural care Theory in post graduation in Nursing: the Brazilian reality"	Journal of nursing at UERJ 2006
		"Sunrise model: analysis from the perspective of Afaf Meleis"	Journal of nursing UERJ 2007
23	Portella, M.	"Care for a healthy aging: the construction of an educational process with rural women"	Brazilian Journal of Nursing 1999
24	Queiroz, M.	"The concept of transcultural Nursing: analysis of its development in a master's thesis"	Brazilian Journal of Nursing 2001
25	Santos, V.	"Nurse next to couple Action in the process of giving birth based on Theory of Madeleine Leininger"	Text & Context magazine 2000
26	Silva, E. G.	"Caregiving/care of the elderly sick weakened with its familiar caregiver: based on theory of Madeleine Leininger"	Text & Context magazine 2000
27	Sousa, L.	"Sexuality in adolescence: analysis of the influence of cultural factors present in the family context "	Acta paulista 2006
28	Ximenes, L.	"Theory of light care of Barbara Barnun"	Nursing Cogitare 1999
		"The implications of a new event gravidic in a multigesta woman's family "	Acta Scientiarum. Health Sciences 2004
29	Silveira, R.	"Etno nursing as research methodology to the congruence	Brazilian Journal of Nursing 2009

		of care"	
30	Dias, M.	"Developing the care proposed by Leininger with a person in dialytic therapy"	USP School of Nursing Magazine 2001
31	Teixeira, M.	A process technology applied to accompany the elderly hospitalized for his participatory inclusion in daily care	Text & context magazine 2009
32	Progianti, J.	"The perineal preservation as a practice of obstetric nurses"	The Anna Nery School Journal of Nursing 2006
33	Michel, T.	"The educational practices in nursing based on the theory of Leininger "	Cogitare Nursing 2010
34	Bechs, A.	"Concepts of cultural care theory in dissertations of Masters"	Rene magazine 2010
35	Monticelli, M.	"Profile of dissertations using the theory of Leininger bound to a master's program in nursing in the South of the country"	Health Science Magazine 2008
36	Fernandes, M.	"Limitations and possibilities in the development of work with groups in the family health strategy"	REME magazine nursing 2008
37	Souza, J.	"The nursing care to the elderly: a trans-cultural theory of reflection according to Leininger"	Rene Magazine 2007
38	Beltrame, V.	"Nursing care in group using a theoretical framework"	Text & context Nursing Magazine 2000
39	Queiróz, M	"The quality of life of the mother/companion of child hospitalized"	Text & context Magazine 1999
40	Carvalho, V.	"Education and quality of life of retired people from the perspective of trans-cultural Nursing"	Text & Context Magazine 1999
41	Bezerra, M.	"Interfering Factors in the behavior of women in labour: focus on Etnoenfermagem"	Brazilian Journal of Nursing 2005
42	Gubert, F.	"Nursing Care in promoting mother and teenage daughter dialogue: descriptive study"	Online Brazilian Journal nursing 2009
43	Silva, M.	"Maternal care in Child asthma management: contribution of transcultural Nursing"	The Anna Nery school of Nursing Magazine 2009
44	Monticelli, M.	"Trans-cultural Theory applications in nursing practice from dissertations"	Text & context 2010 Nursing Magazine
45	Rosa, L.	"Nursing References and scientific knowledge	Journal of nursing

		production"	UERJ 2010
46	Silva, D.	"The nursing care to the client with wounds from the perspective of cross-cultural care"	Nursing magazine (Sao Paulo) 2007
47	Schaurich, D.	"Production of knowledge on nursing theories: analysis of journals, 1998-2007"	The Anna Nery school journal of nursing 2010
48	Molina, R.	"Distress interfering in maternal desire to take care of the son admitted in pediatric intensive care unit"	Online Brazilian Journal nursing 2009
49	Tomeleri, K.	"Teenage Mother caring for the child in the first week of life"	Brazilian Journal of Nursing 2009
50	Souza, L.	"DST within the stable relationship: cultural analysis based on the perspective of the woman"	The Anna Nery school journal of nursing 2009
		"Being a woman with HPV: A cultural approach"	USP School of nursing magazine 2008
		"The theory of Cultural care diversity and Universality to the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases"	UERJ Nursing magazine 2009

According to the years of publication, it is possible to observe a sensible growth that are based on the theory of Leininger since 1992. Example of this is that in the period from 1992 to 1995 found only four articles, in contrast, in the period 2008-2011, 16 were found.

As for the subject of research in the theory of cultural care, it was observed that 66.1% were users, 6.7% were nurses and 16% were articles of reflection or analysis theory. Having the highest number of text with the user as the subject is in line with the methodological approach - qualitative - which approximates the researcher researched and prioritizes communication / dialogue essential in the relationship between professionals and clients. (Table 2)



Table 2. Distribution of scientific papers regarding issues related to Areas in Nursing.

The	Knowledge area		Theme	N	%	
	Mother-Child	Women's health		Pregnancy, childbirth/postpartum	10	17
Family planning				01	1.7	
Climaterium				02	3.4	
Weaning				01	1.7	
Breast cancer				01	1.7	
DST				03	5.0	
Child health			Several Pathologies	03	5.0	
			Childhood Cancer	01	1.7	
			RN HIV	01	1.7	
Adolescent health			Teenage	01	1.7	
			motherhood	01	1.7	
Fundamental Nursing		Scientific Methodology		Sexuality in adolescence	09	15.2
	Anthropology			Theoretical analysis	04	6.8
	Care			Ethnographic study	04	6.8
	History			Principle of Care	02	3.4
	Professional Identity			Rescue History	01	1.7
Medical-Surgical	Health of the elderly		Question of Gender	06	10.2	
			Oncology	Care of the Elderly	01	1.7
			Adult health	Breast cancer	01	1.7
				ICU	01	1.7
Collective Health	PSF		Dialysis	05	8.5	
Total			PSF	59	100	

The result presented in Area Maternal and Child portrays some factors of the Brazilian population, regarding health policies launched by the Ministry of Health, which has been investing heavily in programs for the health of women and children, especially maternal mortality and child, the humanization of birth, STD / AIDS (prevention). In addition, nursing obstetric Brazilian has a standalone character, what drives and responsible for improving the profession and scientific development.<sup>7-8</sup>

In this context, we have included in the area of knowledge mother and child care to women, because we believe that for health policy, it is important to care the same as a whole.

Applicability of the Theory of Cultural Care in scientific works with the theme most frequently found was related to pregnancy / childbirth and postpartum.

The related texts show the importance of understanding the cultural context, beliefs and worldviews of women at this stage. The Theory of Cultural Care is not only seen as an isolated, self-enclosed, but includes a number of overlapping and interrelated factors in the pregnant woman should be understood as being substantially an environment endowed with a culture that interfered in success birth.<sup>9</sup>

Regarding the applicability of the theory articles varied forms of approach, and were based on the concepts, or levels applied in the Sunrise Model.

The Theory of Cultural Care proposes to discover in relation to the social world and other dimensions, the means to provide culturally consistent care to people of different cultures (diversity) or similar (universality), in order to keep or return the welfare ( health), or face the disease culturally appropriate manner.<sup>3,10-11</sup>

The ethnographic study is a model where the client is centered, inductive, naturalistic research, where we observe the context of life in which the individual belongs.<sup>2</sup>

The ethno-nursing was developed as a research method to help systematically document the Nursing and gain greater understanding of the meanings of the experiences of life related to human care, health and well-being in different environmental contexts or similar.<sup>12</sup>

Method Note or Participation Model of observation, reflection and participation is characterized by the perception of the result of knowledge gained by understanding, experience, culture, ie, subjectivity exposed naturally by the subject, usually recorded in a field diary.<sup>3</sup>

Within the theme "Pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum," most of the articles (08 articles) used the user / a as a subject. The authors posed different cultural aspects that may interfere with the process of generating / calve and can contribute to the production of knowledge in obstetrics. Some of them such as fear, pain, fellowship, subordination, submission were present in one or more articles.<sup>8-9</sup>

Only two texts had as subject Nursing, one of them was "The principle of humane care and nursing care to laboring women and their families" who brought the approach of theory to the practice of nursing, giving "voice" to it, and careful questioning provided by nurses. Among several questions with answers free, discussed three axes: The meaning of caring: hybrid between body and mind, perception of nursing staff on the needs of the women; Strategies identified by nursing staff to humanize care for women during childbirth. The study revealed that for the nursing staff the focus of care is the care hybrid body and mind, when the ideal would be to attend to the emotional and cultural factors. With a qualitative approach, action research allows the construction of new knowledge, or even the validation of knowledge already mentioned in Nursing.<sup>13</sup>

The other text was "educational dynamics by the nursing staff from a cultural perspective to postpartum care" with the purpose of developing, through meetings, dynamic education on promoting the development of individual and collective values, in order to encourage them the initiative, organizational skills, dynamism, communication, leadership,

creativity, and commitment to effective cultural care nursing as a therapeutic and rewarding the achievement of expected results.<sup>8</sup>

The article that is worth noting in this analysis is the article: "Cultural factors that influence the experiences of women during labor." This research was based on the descriptions and observations recorded in the field diary of the speeches of the women, where were discussed the values that affect the delivery. The intention to substantiate the findings of the study was to identify the contextual and cultural meanings, relating them with the experiences of the key informants, using the factors influencing the Theory of Diversity and Universality Cultural Care, which are: technological, religious and Philosophical, fellowship, and social as well as cultural values and ways of life. It is certain that research obeyed methodological criteria, but also shows us that through dialogue with the pregnant woman can collect data essential for care consistent with reality.<sup>14</sup>

## CONCLUSÃO

Since the establishment of nursing as a profession, caring assumed position foundation. Nursing is the art of taking care or care as heart and soul care, and we have tried over the years to reconcile science and sentiment, biological and human.

The training at the academy seeks to focus on the principle of nursing care that should not be based only on technical procedures. We get along with our customers daily, beings different and complex and need; even if consciously have an anthropological view. Taking moments armor professional model and see the client in their world, to understand their actions. It is challenging for a profession that seeks science backing it up.

The Theory of Cultural Care Madeleine Leininger is further proposed to provide a universal care, and meet the diversity of each individual, their world and values which influence their reactions. And being applied in different countries of the world as an important theory for the development of care based on the culture of our clientele.<sup>2</sup>

In Brazil, there are few articles with the applicability of the Theory of Cultural Care, Nursing meanwhile been using the same in the various areas of its operations and has been applied to the most different themes, which is relevant to validate continuous and systematic level National.<sup>15</sup>

This study brought a reflection on the importance of being attentive to the resources available in Brazilian journals. Is also possible to obtain knowledge of the topic "Pregnancy, labor / birth and postpartum" with 10 (17%) articles as more applicable in Brazil.

Therefore it was possible to observe through the papers, that the event of gestating and midwifery is a building historic-cultural and gender, being necessary to observe the subjectivity and identity of each woman raising their values to a care culturally coherent.

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