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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 papers that will influence nursing practice and health and social care policy

Innovation is a contested term in health and social care but is being used increasingly to describe a range of approaches or activities associated with developing new knowledge, technology and practice. This edition of the journal is keen to explore nurses' contributions to this emergent field.

The act of innovation and the use of technology are often positioned as the panacea for the health concerns and needs of the 21st Century. However, all too often there is a lack of critical discussion of the relationship between the two, and that often technology is only one output of an innovation process. Service re-design, practice development and other non-technology-based methods and solutions are also key to improving how we provide, organise and receive care. Technology should also be seen as an output of an innovation process and not the driver for it. Identification of a need from those involved in care, in its widest sense (providers, commissioners and users) should be at the heart of the drive to innovate. Questions might include, is this understanding recognised in practice or are nurses still the passive recipients of technology? More broadly can these innovations live up to their expectations and if so in what conditions? What might be the role of design practice, human factors and end-user involvement in innovation in health and social care? What impact do these sorts of innovations have on the role and function, now and in the future, of nurses?

For this edition of JRN we are seeking papers that illuminate the experiences and impact of design, technology and innovation on and in nursing.

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

- Improving the quality of healthcare and health, access and safety through design methods.
- Improving recruitment, deployment and retention of healthcare workers.
- Developing new multi-professional/workers, innovative models of care enabled by technology.
- The development or use of technology.
- Demonstrating initiatives that use technology to promote health and wellbeing.
- Demonstrating the unintended consequences of the application of technology or innovation in healthcare.

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