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Preface

The original idea of this book appeared in an international research meeting several years ago. Perhaps more than ever professional nurses, policymakers and educational experts and especially citizens speak about the need for individualised care and argue strongly for its presence in daily nursing care and healthcare services.

This contributed book is based on more than 20 years of research on patient individuality, care and services of the continuously changing healthcare system. It describes how research results can be used to respond to challenges on individuality in healthcare systems by providing a description of the concept, theory, measurement and research results about individualised nursing care from different perspectives. Especially service users', patients' or clients' points of view on care and health services are urgently needed in the process for restructuring care and services for individuals in addition to evidence-based practice.

This book describes the conceptualisation of the individualised nursing care phenomenon and the development process of the measuring instruments of that phenomenon in different contexts. It describes results about individualised nursing care from a variety of clinical contexts and explains factors associated with the perceptions and delivery of individualised nursing care from different points of view. This book may appeal to clinicians, nurses, practitioners and researchers from many fields.

This book provides an opportunity to collect different views on individualised nursing care and to examine its various dimensions: through a variety of approaches and contexts. This book is intended for researchers, theoreticians, students in different levels and professional nurses working bedside and leading nursing care and services.

This book is devoted to all nurses in different clinical contexts to remind us for the most cherished value in nursing care—the good for our patients.

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