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Expertise Areas

Transcultural Topics

- Maternal Child Health
- Family Violence (child and partner)
- Cultural Implications for Health and Health Care
- Cultural diversity in staffing
- Global Health of Women

Cultural Groups

- Mexican American
- Southeast Asian
- American Indian

Clinical Topics

- Maternal Child Health/Women's Health
- Community Health
- Pediatrics, growth & development

Research Methodology

- Survey
- Focus groups

Languages spoken, read/write*

- English

Select Publications

Chapter contributions

Mattson, S. (2011). 1) Birth, neonatal care practices and 2) Reproduction, pregnancy and postpartum segments in Chapter 5, Culturally-based health and illness beliefs and care practices. In Douglas, M. & Pacquaio, D. F. (Eds.) *Core curriculum in transcultural nursing and health care*. (pp. 164S-199S). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Mattson S., & Smith, J. (In Press). Perinatal cultural diversity. In *Core curriculum for maternal newborn nursing*, (5th ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier.

Journal Articles

Mattson, S. (2010a). Millennium development goals & global health of women and newborns. InFocus series guest editor. Editorial *Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic & Neonatal Nursing (JOGNN)*, 39(5), 571-589.

Mattson, S. (2010b). Millennium development goals & global women's and infants' health. *Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic & Neonatal Nursing (JOGNN)* 39(5), 573-579.

Mattson, S. (2009) A culturally diverse staff population: Challenges and opportunities for nurses. *Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing*, 23(3), 258-262.

Mattson, S. & Ruiz, E. (2005). Intimate partner violence in the Latino community: Its effect on children. *Health Care for Women International*, 26(6), 523-529.

1. What Sparked my Interest in Transcultural Nursing

In my master's program for nursing, I took a class in medical anthropology and it really "spoke" to me. I pursued an MA in anthropology immediately upon finishing my MS. That degree gave me some tools to more actively investigate the impact culture had on health and health care, at first particularly devoted to maternal child nursing. After teaching for a number of years and while living and working in Southern California with many Vietnamese immigrants, I obtained a PhD and expanded my research to other cultural groups and other clinical areas.

Working with master's students in nursing who also had an interest in cultural groups different from their own, my own interests expanded as well, and I have continued to look at other cultural groups and how their health is affected by their culture. My latest research before retiring was that of intimate partner violence in the Latino community, how it is influenced by culture, and its effects on children.

2. Present/Future Directions

I am retired now, but have continued doing "medical mission" work with faith-based organizations to Vietnam and Kenya. I have written about and explored global nursing as a concept different from transcultural nursing care in the U.S. I wrote the chapter on perinatal diversity for the 5th edition of the *Core Curriculum for Maternal Newborn Nursing*, which I co-edit.