Impact Factors of Nursing Journals: What Nurses Need to Know

1. Journal impact factors were developed to:
   A. Guide authors on journals to which submit their manuscripts.
   B. Help select journals for the Science Citation Index.
   C. Measure the quality of journals.
   D. Track citations for tenure and promotion.

2. Impact factors are calculated based on the previous:
   A. Year's citations divided by the number of citable articles.
   B. Six years of citations to research articles divided by the number of citable articles.
   C. Eight years of citations divided by the number of citable articles.
   D. Two years of citations divided by the number of citable articles.

3. Where can the impact factors be found?
   A. Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) database.
   B. Google Scholar.
   C. PubMed.
   D. Web of Knowledge’s Journal Citation Reports.

4. What types of articles are cited more often?
   A. Clinical.
   B. Commentaries.
   C. Original research.
   D. Reviews.

5. A journal’s impact factor indicates:
   A. Citations to the journal.
   B. Citations to an author of an article in the journal.
   C. Specific articles in the journal that were cited the most.
   D. That all articles in the journal were cited equally.

6. Which of the following uses of journal impact factors is appropriate?
   A. For recruitment of faculty members.
   B. For performance evaluation of faculty members.
   C. To determine research grants to fund.
   D. To understand scholarly communication in a field.

7. One of the main issues with journal impact factors in nursing is the:
   A. Effect of the number of subscribers on the calculation of impact factors.
   B. Effect of the number of articles published in the journal on the calculation of impact factors.
   C. Small number of nursing journals indexed in PubMed to have an impact factor.
   D. Small number of nursing journals indexed in Web of Knowledge to have an impact factor.
8. Impact factors can be used to:
   A. Compare the value of information to readers across journals.
   B. Compare the frequency of citations across journals.
   C. Judge the quality of a journal.
   D. Judge the quality of an article.

9. When selecting a journal for submission of a manuscript, the most important factor to consider is:
   A. Appropriate subject area and readership.
   B. Journal impact factor.
   C. Publisher's submission policy.
   D. Time between submission and publication.

10. Because of a high number of submissions, journals with high impact factors may have more:
    A. Advertising.
    B. Articles.
    C. Readers.
    D. Rejections.

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1. B  6. D
2. D  7. D
3. D  8. B
4. D  9. A
5. A  10. D