Changing of the Guard: Preserving Research Instrument Accessibility

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Goals and Objectives

Session Goal

- Introduce a collaboration between Sigma Theta Tau International and The University of Texas at Tyler to develop an e-Repository collection in the Virginia Henderson Library to providing an easily accessible resource for research artifacts such as instruments, scales and measures.

Session Objectives

- Recognize the significance of lost or inaccessible research tools to nursing’s body of knowledge and future research efforts

- Appreciate the importance of developing a centralized repository of scholarly works facilitating accessibility by current and future scholars.
Problem

- Nursing is experiencing a "Changing of the Guard"

- Scholars are retiring, moving, dying, etc.
  - Contact information lost or unavailable
  - Difficulty in obtaining permissions

- Scholarly contributions may be lost.
The Virginia Henderson Global Nursing e-Repository offers a viable solution to this problem. By inviting nursing scholars (and scholars in related disciplines) to place their scholarly works in the e-Repository, along with appropriate instructions and permissions for use, a number of objectives are achieved:

- The scholar’s work is preserved.
- Access is provided to other nurse scholars and doctoral students.
- The mission of Sigma Theta Tau International, The Honor Society of Nursing, advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service, is promoted.
- The Virginia Henderson Global Nursing e-Repository receives recognition and increased utilization.
Researchers who have developed measurement tools for research and/or practice that are not under copyright other than the author

Submit measurement tools with instructions for administration and scoring. Attach Permission for use and requested attribution.

The Virginia Henderson e-Repository, Resources for Measurements and Tools used in Nursing Practice. (This collection is housed in the library’s Independent Submissions community.)
Benefits

- Preserves the work of nurse scholars world-wide
- Supports and advances nursing research and practice
- Increases access and availability of measurement tools
- Utilizes a resource that is currently available to anyone (Sigma Theta Tau members and non-members)
- Will create a community of nursing scholars and enrich the work of current and future nurse scientists.
Presenting the Henderson Repository’s newest collection & resource page!

**Instruments? Tools? Measurements?**

If you have created one or more of these items that would be useful to other nurses, share it in a free, trustworthy environment all while retaining copyright.


P.S. Do you know of a published instrument, tool, or measurement that would help nurses? Let us know the citation (repository@stti.org) and we’ll add it to our resource list. [bit.ly/HendersonRepository_ITMResources](http://bit.ly/HendersonRepository_ITMResources)