



# Final Edits for an Associate Editor

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Fifteen years ago, I accepted the position of Associate Editor for the *Journal of Pediatric Health Care* (JPHC). I embarked on this editorship while on leave after adopting my daughter, Madeline, from China, who is now 16 years old! I have grown in my role as an editor, just as she has over my editorial tenure. I have loved the role and learned early in my tenure that editorships are about relationships. I have enjoyed working with authors, reviewers, volunteers, and association and publishing partners in positioning JPHC as one of the preeminent pediatric nursing journals.

The journal transitioned from the founding editors of Nelms and Berg to Swartz and me (Figure). Marty and I have enjoyed a comfortable and easy working relationship with our unique perspectives; she as an academic and my work experience as a clinician. In my editorial role, I have been responsible for working with the journal's Departments and the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners submissions while sharing administrative and editorial responsibilities. As I end my editorial tenure, I am proud that Department papers are now mainly unsolicited and undergo peer review.

One of my initial charges was transitioning the submission and review process to an online platform, Elsevier Editorial System, which later transitioned to EVISE and, most recently, to Editorial Manager. I could not imagine doing this job without an electronic editing system! I have retired Departments and started new ones. The journal's impact factor has remained strong, and we have experienced an increase in submissions annually.

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**FIGURE. Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editor, Swartz and Martin.**



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You may have noticed the rainbow in the background of the picture of Marty and me. Rainbows symbolize many things, representing good luck, good news, and new beginnings. I look forward to mentoring my successor and will continue to be an active member of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners. I will continue to support pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses engaged in publishing activities, as this is a passion of mine.

These are challenging times for our profession and each of us. Transformative processes must guide us to realize happiness in our personal and professional lives. Regular practice of self-care activities will promote your well-being. Practice gratitude daily. I know JPHC is in good hands and wish much success with a new beginning. I will be eternally indebted to the people I have worked with on this journey and the personal and professional growth I have realized. Thank you.