

Aims and Scope

Iranian Journal of Nursing & Midwifery Research (IJNMR) aims to promote communication among Nursing & Midwifery researchers worldwide. This journal publishes original works within the area of Nursing & Midwifery.

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