



We dedicate this issue of the *Journal of Clinical Nursing* to guest editor and International Learning Collaborative (ILC) steering group member, Professor Erik Elgaard Sørensen. Erik had the true heart of a nurse and the spirit of a great leader. He was a staunch advocate for fundamental care, patient rights, dignity in care and nursing research. Erik was a man of great integrity whose commitment to the principles of justice and inclusion were manifest in his career as a clinical nursing leader in Aalborg University Hospital and Aalborg University.

Erik touched the lives of many people, and not only those patients and colleagues he encountered in his home country of Denmark. Erik had a truly international presence, and many of us from all over the world feel privileged to have been able to work with Erik and have the benefit of his astute insights, perceptions, as well as his thoughtfulness and genuine humanity.

We offer our sincere condolences to Erik's partner Flemming, their family, many friends and colleagues. Erik's legacy will continue to make the world a better place.

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