**Review of Articles**

**Article: Connelly, L. M. (2014). *Use of Theoretical Frameworks in Research*. MEDSURG Nursing, 23(3), 187-188.**

In this article entitled “Use of Theoretical Frameworks in Research” Connelly explains a theory as a representation of a reality portion that is helpful in making sense of a complex phenomena. Furthermore, Connelly explains that theories are not wrong or right but helpful in giving insight on how to approach a particular situation. The article further explains that theory should be added to a particular study only when there is a connection between that theory and the study. In making comparisons, intuitive items should only be compared with intuitive items while on the other hand, analytical items should only be compared to analytical items. The results of a particular theory should have a connection with the study. I think that Connelly is on point on all the above explanations. To come up with an effective intervention, theorists need to use both empirical results and theories. Connelly affirms that when the research results do not meet the expectations, then the research design has some flaws or the particular theory guiding the study is inappropriate for the study. This can act as an important framework that researchers can use to gauge the accuracy and appropriateness of their theories in a particular study.

**Article: Green, H. E. (2014). *Use of Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks in Qualitative Research*. Nurse Researcher, 21(6), 34-38**

In this article, Green does a good work in highlighting the definition of a theoretical framework and conceptual framework but explains that the two terms are used interchangeably. He argues that since the two terms are used interchangeably, they are of questionable value. He further explains that frameworks act as maps or design through which a particular research is undertaken. Diagrammatical representation of a theory is referred to as conceptual framework by some scholars while other still refer to the same as a conceptual model thus creating more confusion. Green explains that this confusion has been avoided by some researchers who use the Grounded theory model which is an inductive research model that generates theory from data. Both the theoretical framework and conceptual framework can be incorporated in a theory in the sense that the literature review represents the theoretical framework. The conceptual framework could be incorporated in the same theory through the “conceptual Model’’ which a diagrammatical representation where data is refined and analyzed. Green summarizes the article by stating that despite the differences and confusion in regard to frameworks, researchers need to understand that the purpose of the framework which is to frame their research for coherence so us to make their researches successful. This article is very informative because of highlighting the importance conceptual and theoretical frameworks in research. I think that the confusion between a conceptual framework and theoretical framework will not affect the outcome of the research if only the researchers understood that the frameworks are there to act as the design of their studies. Both the theoretical framework and the conceptual framework should be used together to enhance the effectiveness of the research.