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unintentional and because of ignorance of copyright law or, most commonly, not remembering that they signed away their copyright as part of the publication process when their manuscript was accepted for publication. This is even more important for students to know because they may not understand or even know about their thesis or dissertation being placed in the university repository, and, of course, they usually do not have choice about this.

What can be done about this? Other than trying to change the publication industry, we need to take personal responsibility to ensure that any forms we sign have been read and reread in their entirety—both the large and the fine print. After the dancing around the office, the yelling in joy, and posting our success on social media, we need to ensure that we have understood exactly what we have signed. And we need to be very clear with our students about what happens to their theses and dissertations once they are complete and submitted to the university. We all need to ensure that when we report on studies, systematic or integrative reviews, and meta-analyses we have conducted, that we have paraphrased throughout the manuscript and not used any of the original language, unless directly quoted and correctly cited.

As the editor of this journal, it falls on me to make a decision when an iThenticate review shows that there is a considerable amount of overlap with a previously published manuscript or a thesis or dissertation held in a university repository. I use this as an opportunity to educate the author(s) about copyright and self-plagiarism. I do not get annoyed, and my response is not punitive; I want the author to understand that this is a legal issue and not a personal one. I have never had a negative response from an author when this is communicated to them. It is always my hope that, when this occurs, it is the first and only time for the author(s). I want them to be proud of their work and the eventual publication in the *Oncology Nursing Forum*. And, I want them to dance, yell, and notify everyone on social media in full knowledge that no laws were broken in the act of publication.

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