Outliers: Mariah, the nurses are not amused

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The Truth About Nursing has no issue with Mariah Carey's talent, but the Baltimore nurse advocacy group is scathing in its review of the pop singer's recent video for "Up Out My Face," in which Carey appears dressed in a high-heeled, low-cut nurse costume.

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The advocacy group sharply criticizes Carey for her use of the "naughty nurse outfit" and reinforcing a stereotype that "has undermined real nurses for decades, presenting their work as being all about female sexuality." And it gets in a few digs at the video's style, calling it "formulaic, with predictable poses and shots."

Nonetheless, the Truth About Nursing did not totally dismiss the video. The review's separate artistic ranking gave "Up Out My Face" one-and-a-half stars.
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