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Rally for Nurse-To-Patient Ratios, May 12, 2016 in Washington DC.

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Washington, D.C. May 12, 2016 –Rally for National Nurse-To-Patient Ratios, a rally organized by grassroots nursing organizations will be held in Washington D.C. on May 12, 2016 to raise awareness for proposed safe staffing legislation.

The event will be held by Nurses for National Patient Ratios; A Voice for Nurses Now; and Show Me Your Stethoscope (SMYS), a health care advocacy group based in St. Louis. Illinois Nurses Association and HireNurses.com, of Boston are co-sponsoring the event as well. The goal of the Rally for National Nurse-To-Patient

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Ratios is to demonstrate support for S. 864 (National Nursing Shortage Reform and Patient Advocacy Act) and H.R. 1602 (Nurse Staffing Standards for Patient Safety and Quality Care Act). These bills seek to establish a federal standard for safe nurse-to-patient staffing ratios in acute care hospitals, setting a maximum number of patients for which nurses would be allowed to care during a given shift.

The Rally will feature several national speakers and advocates for the cause, including Andrew Lopez, RN, CEO of NurseFriendly; Sandy Summers, RN, MSN, MPH, executive director of The Truth About Nursing; and Janie Garner, RN, founder and executive director of SMYS. Attendees are being encouraged to wear scrubs; bring stethoscopes, and purchase t-shirts supporting the event.

Information about the Registered Nurse Safe Staffing Act (H.R. 1821/S. 2353) will be distributed at the event. This proposal would require hospitals to enact unit-by-unit nurse staffing plans based on each unit's unique needs.

The event will take place at the corner of First St. NE and Constitution Ave, permit area 9 between 10am-3pm. Individual state rallies promoting safe staffing ratios will also be held at their respective state capitals on the same day.

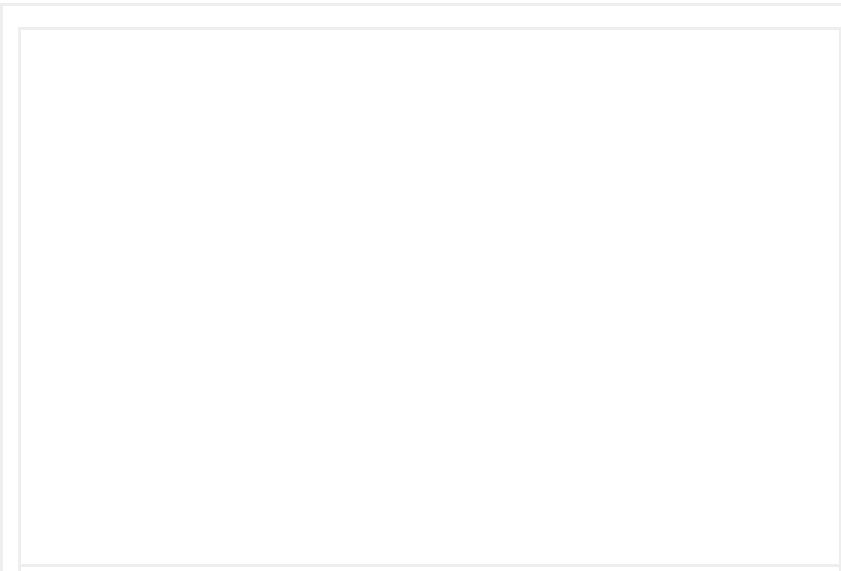
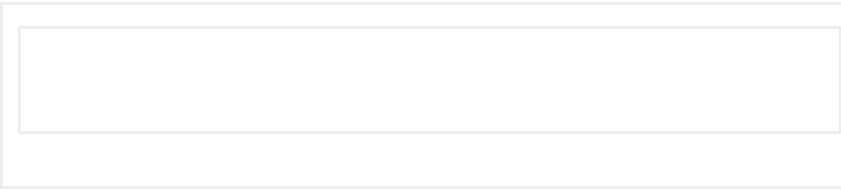
Health care workers of all practice levels, students in professional health care programs, faculty, and interested members of the public are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Jalil Johnson at jalil.johnson@smysofficial.com or visit smysofficial.com for more detail.

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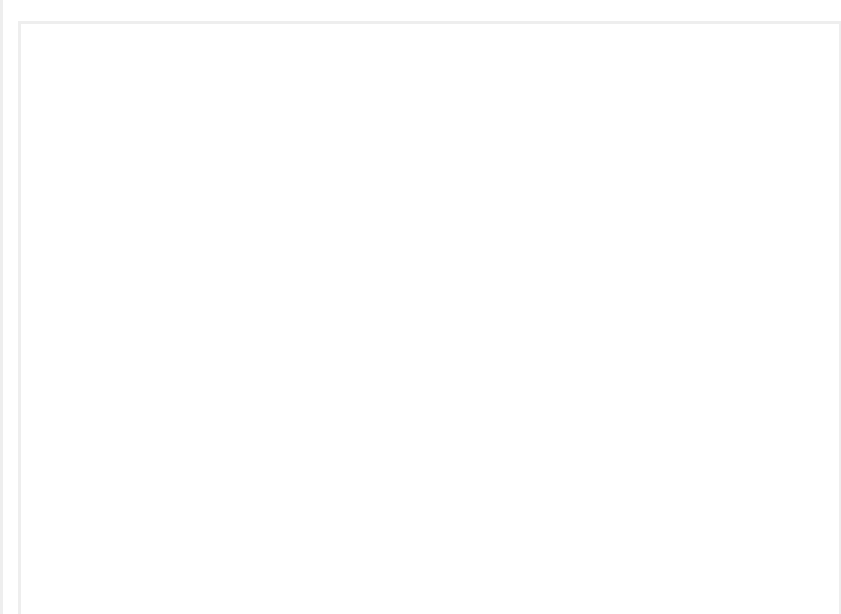
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You are necessary. Be the change you want to see in the world. All healthcare professionals and students must unite to safeguard our patients. Hospital Organizations will not do it; Insurance companies will not do it. Only you stand between your patients and deadly errors caused by unsafe staffing.

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