



News on nursing in the media

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- Vox investigation exposes its own ignorance of nursing
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- Truth's website renovation nearing completion, advocacy is back on track!



Excessive and unrealistic

Vox investigation exposes emergency department billing abuses, but also its own ignorance of nursing

May 1, 2018 – A Vox piece commendably highlights excessive emergency department charges. But the piece reflects the view that only physician “treatment” and expensive equipment have any value.



...and expensive equipment that only makes
Apparently, triage does not. And nurses don't even seem to exist...

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Reporter Sarah Kliff
from Vox

Mashability

***New York Times* and *Mashable* items show range of nursing expertise**

Wendy Lu's July 2017 Well blog post on the *New York Times* site told how her home care nurse saved her life by inserting a new tracheostomy tube after hers became blocked. And Giancarlo Mezzofiore's October 2017 *Mashable* piece explains that the U.K. cancer charity Macmillan now has a nurse working online to combat "fake news" about the disease...

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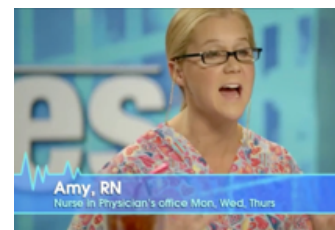


Nurse Ellen McPake

A comedy of errors

***Inside Amy Schumer* mocks nurses**

May 2018 – Recently we learned that a sketch on the May 20, 2014 episode of *Inside Amy Schumer* (Comedy Central) mounted an amazingly vicious and comprehensive attack on nursing. "[The Nurses](#)" was a loose parody of the syndicated daytime show [The Doctors](#). The segment presented four female "RN" characters as lazy; abusive; socially oblivious; bone-ignorant, yet oddly confident in their knowledge; resentful of physicians, yet prone to desperate efforts to attract them sexually; and last but



Amy Schumer: "The Nurses"

not least, completely flummoxed by an actual health emergency. We realize the segment aired some time ago, but it remains available online and the damage it causes is too serious to leave unaddressed...

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#EndNurseAbuse

***Salt Lake Tribune* items about abused Utah nurse show power of advocacy**

October 31, 2017 – After nurse Alex Wubbels was forcibly detained for refusing to let a police officer draw blood from an unconscious patient, *Salt Lake Tribune* pieces about the incident included some strong messages about patient advocacy—and advocacy for nurses themselves...



Nurse Alex Wubbels

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Press Coverage

The Nurse Activist

The *Nurse Manifest* blog highlights the work of Truth founder Sandy Summers

May 1, 2018 - Today the *Nurse Manifest* blog posted a [short biographical sketch](#) of Truth About Nursing founder Sandy Summers as one of its “Inspirations for Activism.” The post described Summers’s

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advocacy and educational work in leading the Truth and in her book *Saving Lives: Why the Media's Portrayal of Nurses Puts Us All at Risk*. We thank Peggy Chin and everyone at the Nurse Manifest blog. And remember: the Nurse Manifest is hosting a Nursing Activism Think Tank on July 30-31, 2018 at the University of Massachusetts Amherst College of Nursing.

[Read the article...](#)

Speaking Engagements

See Sandy May 31 on Cape Cod!

Come enjoy the seaside and tranquility of Cape Cod! Sandy will speak at Saint Anselm College's 26th Annual Conference for Nurse Educators at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel in North Falmouth, Massachusetts on May 31, 2018. The conference title is "Clinicians and Educators: Partnering to Develop Competence." Sandy's presentation is "Power of Persuasion: Challenging Media Portrayals of Nurses," and she will speak from 12:30 - 2 pm.



Falmouth, Massachusetts

[Meet Sandy at the conference!](#)

See Sandy on October 19 in Albany!

Sandy will speak at ANA-New York's 2018 Annual Meeting and Conference on October 19, 2018. This year's theme is "Advocacy in Action." The venue is the Albany Capital Center, 55 Eagle St., Albany, NY.



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Albany, New York

Learn more about advocacy in action!

Having an event? Book Sandy today!

Let Sandy Summers empower your nurses and help them fully embrace their autonomy!

Patients deserve better protection. Let Sandy help your nurses and students fully embrace their autonomy to strengthen nursing care, reduce errors and improve care! Sandy recently spoke in Washington DC, Manitoba and Vancouver, and gave the [graduation speech](#) at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. She speaks widely to a variety of international nursing groups. [Click here to see details](#) and **book her today!**



Book Sandy now!

Publications

Imagine a world where nurses were fully empowered to protect patients

Get an author-signed copy of *Saving Lives* for you or a friend



Saving Lives is the transformative book acclaimed by nurses, nursing leaders, scholars, and the media. It can help your friends, colleagues, and students be the strong nurses our profession needs to protect patients from errors, injuries, and disease. [See praise for *Saving Lives: Why the Media's Portrayal of Nursing Puts Us All at Risk*](#) by leaders in nursing and the media as well as the [awards it has earned](#), including three Book of the Year awards from the *American Journal of Nursing* and an award from Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing. The updated second edition from Oxford University Press is now available! All donations and royalties go directly to support The Truth About Nursing, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Thank you for your support!

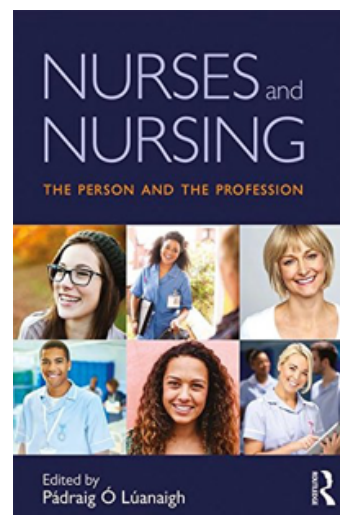


[Learn more about Saving Lives!](#)

Think about the future

New international text *Nurses and Nursing* leads off with chapter by Truth leaders

The exciting new textbook [Nurses and Nursing: The Person and the Profession](#) includes a chapter on nursing's image by Truth leaders Sandy Summers and Harry Jacobs Summers. Edited by Pádraig Ó Lúanaigh, RN, EdD, the thought-provoking new textbook from Routledge "draws on international contributors with a range of backgrounds to explore, engage with and challenge readers in understanding the many aspects and elements that inform and influence contemporary nursing practice." Our chapter is "Nursing's public image: Toward a professional future." We thank Dr. Lúanaigh for the opportunity to be a part of this important new project. Please consider this book for your classes in professionalism, nursing and society, and nursing leadership. [Click here to request a free copy for review now!](#) See [more about the book here...](#)



[Learn more about "Nurses and Nursing"...](#)

The Truth's Website Renovation

A note to our readers and supporters: In recent months, our website and subscriber database have undergone significant restructuring to upgrade our ability to send petitions and news alerts. This has resulted in some delays, but our transition is mostly complete, so please look forward to more news on nursing in the media and more advocacy soon. If you are able, [we would be grateful for a donation](#) to support our efforts to improve public understanding of nursing. Thank you!

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