News on nursing in the media
Are nurses getting the respect they need to save lives?
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News Summaries

Orchids

Google Doodle honors nursing leader Ildaura Murillo-Rohde

CNET reported that the Doodle marked the start of National Hispanic Heritage Month on September 15, 2021. Its piece also noted that the Panamanian-American nursing pioneer stressed cultural awareness in care, founded the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, and became the first Hispanic nursing dean at New York University.

OnlyNurseFans

Buzzfeed uncovers link between nursing and online sex work

An October 2020 Buzzfeed piece reported that some nursing students had turned to sex work on the OnlyFans site to survive during the Covid-19 era. But the report failed to clearly explain its nursing focus, or whether there is any reason to think those in nursing are disproportionately taking this path. And especially given some of the piece’s imagery and comments, it may reinforce the naughty nurse stereotype.

Nurses Make America Great

ABC's Bob Hearts Abishola features a strong nurse character from Nigeria

The sitcom's first season (2019-20) focused on the relationship between the Nigerian-born nurse Abishola and Bob, the head of a small Detroit sock
Abishola and Bob, the head of a small Detroit sock company. Culture clash was the main theme, but Abishola was also shown to be a tough, skilled patient advocate, notably in helping Bob’s mother recover from a stroke. A downside was Abishola’s obsession with her tween son becoming a physician.

The Marvelous Messrs. Mayo

Ken Burns Mayo Clinic documentary reinforces vision of nurses as low-skilled angels

The 2018 PBS film *The Mayo Clinic: Faith – Hope – Science* makes a strong case for Mayo physician achievements, highlighting their innovative treatments and progressive financing structure. But it mainly portrays nurses as good-hearted assistants who couldn’t hope to do as much for patients as the nuns who co-founded the Clinic.

Speaking engagements

Truth founder Sandy Summers spoke to Florida NPs in August 2021

On August 27, 2021, Truth About Nursing founder and director Sandy Summers was the keynote speaker at a Florida Nurse Practitioner Network (FNPN) conference. The conference had been scheduled to occur in Orlando but was held online because of the Covid outbreak. The
FNPN's theme for this, its 17th conference, was "2021: The Year NP’s Inspire, Innovate & Motivate," all of which leads to a world full of more nurses in the media!

Planning in-person events again? The Truth About Nursing's founder and executive director gives keynotes!

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Netflix and Ryan Murphy plan two-season TV origin story for Nurse Ratched, one of the most damaging anti-nurse stereotypes in history, just released.

After 348 tries, Grey's Anatomy portrayed a nurse doing the nursing work of educating a patient. Encourage Grey's to continue and bring on more nurse characters to do the nursing instead of the surgeons who almost always do it.

Cardi B needs education as to why the naughty nurse damages the nursing profession.

Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt: "Thank God for stupid nurses"

Family Feud uses naughty nurses and battleaxes as a mainstay of its "jokes"

Inside Amy Schumer used vicious anti-nurse stereotypes.

The Good Doctor strongly
reinforces the stereotype that nurses are low-skilled physician lackeys who are barely involved in hospital care.

Don’t let this be a search result for “Nightingale. “New Google / Ascension project has already breached nursing’s data security.

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Presentations

How can nurses become fierce advocates?

Sandy Summers delivered an empowering message to new graduates in a 2019 speech at Widener University’s Nightingale ceremony.

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In a short, compelling address, Sandy Summers welcomes new graduates to the field of nursing and inspires them to become fierce patient advocates—to put patients' interests first. Sandy explains her holistic vision of nursing advocacy and shares strategies to help nurses find their voices. She highlights areas in need of our advocacy and offers perspectives on how to overcome the resistance we meet when we challenge the world to do better. Nursing advocacy saves lives, and our patients need us to do it. So please join Sandy and let's get started!

See the speech!

Professors

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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 Padraig O Luanaigh, 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. Luanaigh 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...](#)

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