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News on nursing in the media

Are nurses getting the respect they need to save lives?

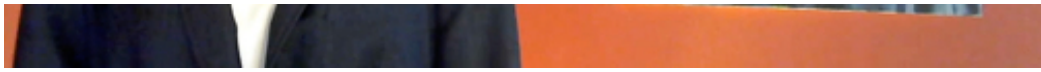
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Give nurses secretaries

The key to saving more Covid-19 patients? Offload the clerical work.

In the Covid-19 crisis, much has been said about the need for equipment like ventilators and PPE. But we also have a shortage of *nurses*. In a short video, Truth director Sandy Summers proposes that we get the most out of the nurses we do have by reinventing the hospital workflow. The medical assistants who now perform clinical tasks should instead ease nurses' heavy administrative burdens. That shift would free nurses to provide more direct care, including ventilator care and time-consuming infection control procedures.





[Watch the video!](#)

Please support our efforts to transform nursing's image. Thank you!

Finding the way forward through the Covid-19 crisis

The Joint Commission supports allowing staff to bring their own standard face masks or respirators to wear at work when their healthcare organizations cannot routinely provide access to protective equipment that is commensurate with the risk to which they are exposed.

[Click here for the JCAHO policy!](#)

Having difficult conversations with patients and families

Here is a helpful guide for finding the right words to say to patients and family members suffering from Covid-19 and who are experiencing rationed care.

[Click here for the guide](#)

How to make more space in hospitals

Thoughtful article on adapting hospitals to become more efficient by Susan Dentzer, Peter Viccellio and Eugene Litvak.

[See the article](#)

Masks: How official masks are made; safety of homemade masks

Research: [Cloth masks poorly filter organisms and harbor infection.](#)

One idea for adaptation: [the diaper mask.](#)

[Description of how surgical masks are made.](#)

Non-woven fabrics are the standard.

[N95 manufacturers use 4 layers of non-woven](#)

Watch N95 masks get made:

[Video 1](#)

[Video 2](#)

[How melt-blown fabric \(non-woven fabric\) is made](#)



It has many layers of non-woven fabric...something to be said for this innovation

[fabric](#). If family members and neighbors offer to sew masks, **consider urging them to use non-woven fabrics**. We haven't yet found official guidelines on how to make N95 masks. Please send them to us if you see them. Thank you.

[Sign our letter to U.S. officials to increase PPE!](#)

A couple of leads on finding PPE

[Click here to order surgical masks](#)

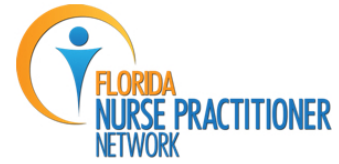
[Click here to order face shields](#)

Speaking engagements

See Sandy Summers in Florida in August 2020



On August 21, 2020, Truth About Nursing founder and director Sandy Summers will be the keynote speaker at the Florida Nurse Practitioner Network (FNPN) conference in Orlando. The FNPN's theme for this, its 17th conference, will be "2020: The Year NP's Inspire, Innovate & Motivate." If you can, please come see Sandy and be inspired! The conference will be held at the Orlando World Center Marriott.



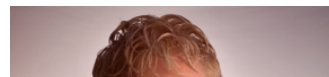
[Register Now](#)

See Sandy Summers in Nebraska in November 2020

On November 6, 2020, Truth About Nursing director Sandy Summers will give the keynote address at the Nebraska Action Coalition-Future of Nursing's Fall Leadership / Culture of Health Conference. Sandy will also give a shorter presentation at the 40 Under 40 Emerging Nurse Leaders' Award Ceremony. The conference will be held at the Holthus Convention Center in York, Nebraska. Please come see Sandy if you can!



Nurses week events thrown into the



air? The Truth About Nursing's founder and executive director can give an online presentation!

Let Sandy Summers, RN, MSN, MPH, 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 speaks widely to a variety of international nursing groups. [Click here to see details](#) and **book her today!**



Book Sandy Summers for Nurses Week Now!

Sign all of our petitions. Demand respect for nursing!



Ask U.S. federal officials to get nurses more PPE and Covid-19 tests instead of leaving nurses without proper protection.



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.



Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt: "Thank God for stupid nurses"



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



Inside Amy Schumer used vicious anti-nurse stereotypes

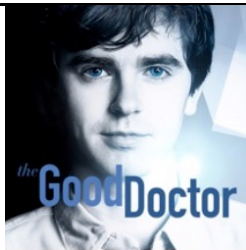
Should *biologists* oversee nurses? The NIH thinks so. Join our campaign!



Tara Schwetz, PhD biologist
NINR Interim Director



Francis Collins, MD
NIH Director



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



Project Nightingale

Don't let this be a search result for "Nightingale."
"New Google / Ascension"

project has already
breached nursing's data
security.



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



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

We can turn \$5/month into a more empowered nursing
profession. Join us?

Presentations

How can nurses become fierce advocates?

Sandy Summers delivered an empowering message to new graduates at graduation speech at Widener University's Nightingale ceremony last week

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!



Can you please donate \$5 or \$10 per month to support our work?
Thank you!

[See the speech!](#)

Professors

Planning your curriculum?

We have ideas

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Many nursing professors rely on the extensive and varied materials on the Truth's website to help their students engage with critical issues nurses will face in the future, from their public image to key aspects of nursing education, practice, and advocacy. Since 2001, we have explored and analyzed how the global media and society in general has seen the nursing profession. Join your colleagues and use this material to help plan your curriculum! [Please consider some of these ideas...](#)



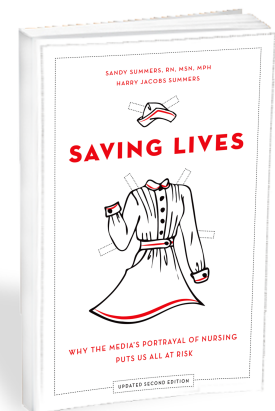
[See our curriculum ideas...](#)

Books

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!

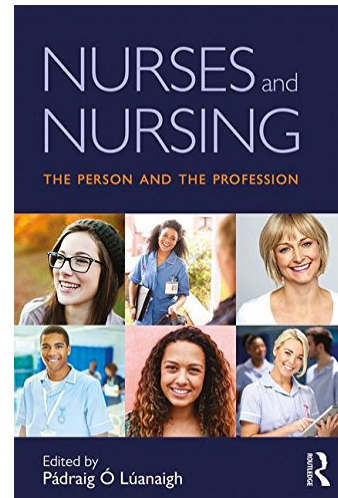


Learn more about Saving Lives!

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 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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