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News on nursing in the media

Are nurses getting the respect they need to save lives?

December 11, 2020

Essential workers

Nurse added to Biden-Harris Covid-19 task force

In late November 2020, the Biden-Harris transition team added a nurse to its Covid advisory board, after campaigns by the Truth About Nursing and others. She is Jane Hopkins, a Seattle union leader originally from Sierra Leone who practiced for many years as a mental health nurse. We thank the transition team and urge them to add more nurses!

On November 28, the Biden-Harris transition team added three members to its 12-person Covid-19 task force, including Seattle nurse Jane Hopkins, RNMH. Originally from Sierra Leone and educated in the U.K., Hopkins practiced for more than 20 years as a mental health nurse before joining the Service Employees International Union, where she is now an executive vice president at [Local 1199NW](#) in Washington State. She also reportedly serves on Washington State's Covid task force. The Truth and others have undertaken [advocacy campaigns](#) to persuade the transition team to add nurses to the physician-heavy task force. And we thank the transition for adding Hopkins, who should be a strong voice for direct care nurses and others affected by the Covid-19 crisis, as a [short interview](#) she gave on December 3 to Seattle NBC affiliate KING 5 indicates. In that interview, Hopkins said she would advocate for the full range of essential health care workers as well as marginalized communities. While we celebrate this progress, the Truth is urging that more nurses be



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added to the task force to provide the diverse expertise that nurses have, as we [noted in our campaign](#), in areas like infection control; occupational health; rural health; palliative care; pain management; school nursing; vaccine hesitancy and health literacy; and ethical issues in the allocation of health resources. We are continuing discussions with our contact on the current task force and will send updates!

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Send the Covid Advisory Board your thoughts

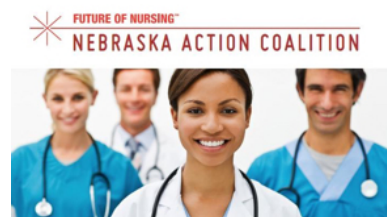
In the meantime, [please click here to send us your ideas](#) — either in writing or with a short video (we reserve the right to edit)—for what you think the Covid advisory board needs to know from nurses and we will bring those concerns to our contact on the panel. Thank you!

[See more about our campaign on our blog.](#)

Speaking engagements

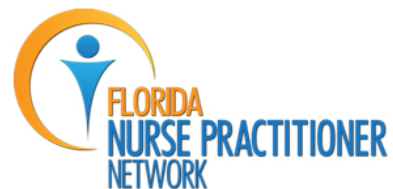
See Sandy Summers present to Nebraska nurses in online presentation available in January 2021

Truth About Nursing director Sandy Summers will give the keynote address at the Nebraska Action Coalition-Future of Nursing's Leadership / Culture of Health Conference. Originally scheduled to be held at the Holthus Convention Center in York, Nebraska, these events will now be held online. Speaker presentations will be available Friday January 8, 2021 - Friday February 5th, 2021. [Please see Sandy if you can!](#)



See Sandy Summers in Florida in August 2021

In August 2021, 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 "2021: 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.



Sandy Summers gave an online presentation for the University of Sheffield in October 2020

On October 19, 2020, Truth About Nursing founder and director Sandy Summers appeared online as part of a University of Sheffield program to answer the question, "What are the best ways of informing and engaging the public about nursing"? This is part of a consensus development project of the [Strategic Research Alliance](#), a joint effort of the University of Sheffield and The Royal College of Nursing, which aims to address the five most important questions facing nursing in the UK. Nurses presented their findings to a lay panel to initiate public policy changes, with the ultimate goal of strengthening UK nursing care. We will let you know when the presentation is archived. Stay tuned!



Nursing events now up in 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
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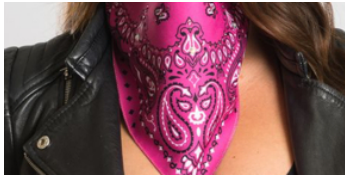


Book Sandy Summers for your event!

Sign all of our petitions. Demand respect for nursing!



After 348 tries, *Grey's Anatomy* portrayed a nurse doing the nursing



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

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

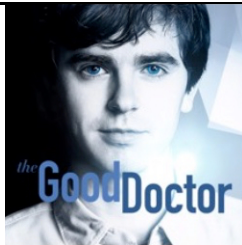


Project Nightingale

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, just released.



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

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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!



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[See the speech!](#)

Professors

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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...](#)



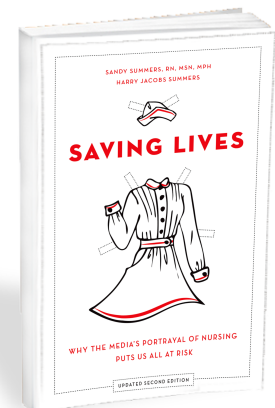
[See our curriculum ideas...](#)

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



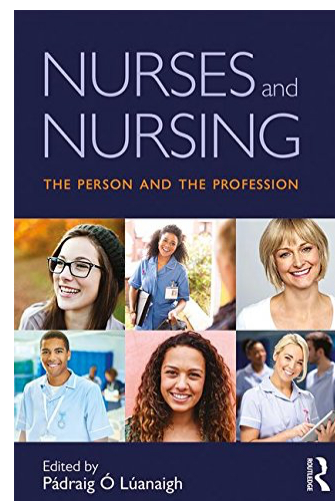
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Learn more about Saving Lives!

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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