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News on nursing in the media

Are nurses getting any respect on Halloween?

October 31, 2021

Headlines

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7. [Book an online or in-person engagement now!](#) **BOOK SANDY NOW**
8. Sign all our petitions: [Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt](#), [Grey's Anatomy](#), [Ratched](#), [Google/Ascension/Project Nightingale](#), [Cardi B](#), [The Good Doctor](#), [Amy Schumer](#), [Family Feud](#) **TAKE ACTION**

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News Summaries

A very cheeky display

Megan Thee Stallion does the naughty-nurse vigilante

In June 2021 Megan posted photos of herself in a naughty nurse outfit on Instagram to promote a new song that was about “shakin’ ass.” That imagery, which has been reproduced in many prominent places, is damaging to nursing in a fairly standard way. But in the video Megan also – for a short time wearing the same naughty nurse outfit - sexually terrorizes and physically disfigures a misogynist U.S. Senator, in a revenge fantasy that fans are meant to admire. And others, we assume, to fear.



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Unidirectional sexual healing

MSNBC publishes Truth leaders’ op-ed on naughty nurse Halloween costumes

A few days before Halloween 2021, MSNBC posted an [op-ed](#) by Truth About Nursing executive director Sandy Summers and senior advisor Harry Summers explaining why the naughty nurse was a bad costume choice for Halloween. Citing recent examples from pop music, the authors noted that the image “reduces a life-saving modern health profession to a tired joke about female sexuality.”



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The Artist Currently Known as Martha



Martha Stewart resurrects bloody nurse image for Halloween

In October 2021, *Martha Stewart Living* magazine reprinted an image of a Halloween costume Stewart had created in 2016. She wore an old-timey nurse outfit and was covered in blood, as a tribute to Richard Prince's nurse paintings. This image isn't very naughty, with limited cleavage, nor very battle-axe, as Stewart looks more terrified than terrifying. Still, after a while, and without the cultural backstory of the paintings, continuing this antiquated imagery isn't great for a modern profession.



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Slaying: "Paris Hilton Is a Naughty Nurse"

Meanwhile, Katherine Schwarzenegger honors essential workers and upcycling

Two roads diverged in the woods of Halloween 2020, and celebrity mogul Paris Hilton took the one too much traveled, with a tired naughty nurse outfit that undermined real nurses' efforts to get resources during the pandemic. Meanwhile, Katherine Schwarzenegger knelt in scrubs with her rescue dog and homemade box structures that honored essential workers, in an effort to at least make things a little better.



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Sex candy

Yahoo report on naughty nurse Halloween costumes relies on Truth director and

yahoo/news

Thinking about going as a 'naughty nurse' for Halloween? Why some say the costume 'presents nurses as sex candy'

Kaitlin Dally
October 7, 2021 3 min read



advisor

In October 2021, *Yahoo Life* posted a [good piece by Kaitlyn Reilly](#) about real nurses' objections to naughty nurse Halloween costumes, with quotes from Truth director Sandy Summers and advisor Tyler Kuhk. We argued that such "sex candy" imagery contributes to the sexual abuse that real nurses suffer because it suggests, at least to some, that sexual services are part of nurses' jobs. We explained: "Men who stereotype nurses want to control nurses, because they fear being in a hospital bed being controlled by nurses, who are the caregivers who are the most hands-on."

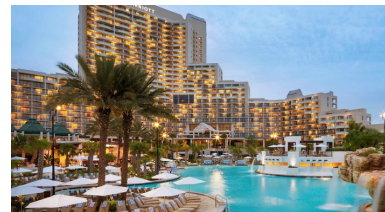


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Speaking engagements

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 (FNP Network) conference. The conference had been scheduled to occur in Orlando but was held online because of the Covid outbreak. The FNP Network'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!

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. (She's vaccinated.) [Click here to see details](#) and **book her today!**



Book Sandy Summers for your event!

Sign all of our petitions. Demand respect for nursing!



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.



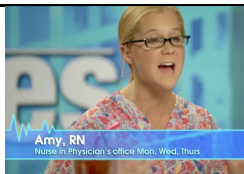
Cardi B needs education as to why the naughty nurse damages the nursing profession



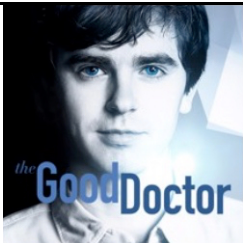
Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt: "Thank God for stupid nurses"



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.

Project Nightingale

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

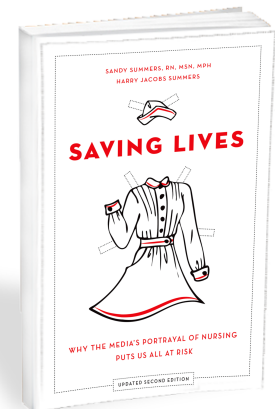
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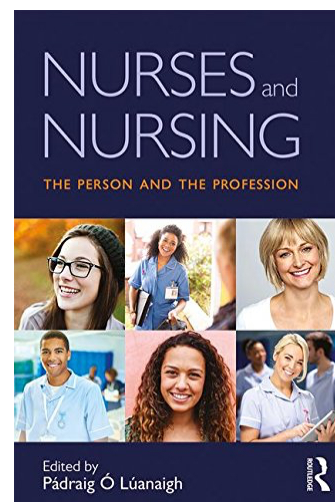
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Think about the future

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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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

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



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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!

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