

AMERICAN NURSE

OFFICIAL JOURNAL  American Nurses Association

July 2025 • Volume 20 • Number 7
MyAmericanNurse.com

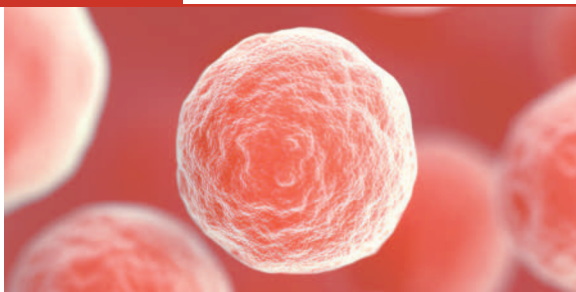
EDITORIAL

4 Editorial

By Lillie Gelinas, Editor-in-Chief

Simply put, the essence of nursing is the very heart of nursing.

FEATURES



6 **CNE** STIs: Antibiotic resistance and treatment challenges

By Erin Kiser

Nursing's role in mitigation and improving treatment outcomes

13 Intellectual and developmental disabilities: Nurse advocacy

By Lauren Dugger, Kaitlyn Savicki, and Karen Lucas Breda
Nurse education enhances confidence.

STRICTLY CLINICAL



RAPID RESPONSE

36 Malignancy-induced hypercalcemia

By Jason Taylor and Stephen Cernaewsky

A nurse's concern about a patient's mental status ensures prompt and appropriate treatment.

38 Alcohol screening in acute care settings

By Christina Montalva

Screening and brief intervention serves as a useful tool to identify and address unhealthy alcohol consumption.

LEADING THE WAY

FROM YOUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

18 Medicaid matters

By Jennifer Mensik Kennedy

Threatened cuts to Medicaid could have devastating effects on patients and nurses.



PLEASE SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK!

We want to learn more about your experience with *American Nurse Journal*. Scan the QR code to share your thoughts in a brief survey. Your input will help us ensure the quality of the journal.



bit.ly/3qFji4f

American Nurse Journal (ISSN 2689-9272 [print], ISSN 2769-7584 [online]) is published monthly by HealthCom Media, Lantern Hill Business Park, 259 Veterans Lane, Suite 201, Doylestown, PA 18901. Printed in the U.S.A. Copyright © 2025 by HealthCom Media. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored, or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopy, recording, or any information storage and retrieval system, with-

out permission in writing from the copyright holder. Periodicals Postage paid at Doylestown, PA and additional offices.

Postmaster: Send address changes to *American Nurse Journal*, Lantern Hill Business Park, 259 Veterans Lane, Suite 201, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Subscription information: Annual subscriptions: \$49.00 U.S.; \$59.00 Canada; \$71.00 outside U.S./Canada. Single copies: \$7 U.S.; \$15 outside U.S. Institutional subscriptions available by request. Digital-only subscription: \$14.97.

Reprints and back issues: Contact Chris Evans Gartley (Production Director) at 215-489-7000 or production@healthcommedia.com. Availability may be limited.



PRACTICE MATTERS



19 Reducing orthostatic hypotension

By Judy Badia and Merin Aby

This QI project aimed to prevent the need for rapid responses after total joint replacement.

24 Hair For You

By Renee Roberts-Turner, Brooke Goodwin,

Modupeola Hinga, Darcel T. Jackson, and Steven L. Wingfield

Personalized care for pediatric patients



ETHICS INBOX

25 Everyday ethics: Informed consent

By Connie M. Ulrich and Catherine Robichaux

What's the nurse's role in ensuring research participants fully understand what they're signing?



VIEWPOINT

44 Nursing faculty shortage

By Ashley Pianko and Carol D'Innocenzio

Perhaps the answer is staring us in the face.

WEB EXCLUSIVE!

News & Notes

Access a round-up of clinical and practice news and alerts at myamericannurse.com/category/news

COMING NEXT MONTH

- CNE: Naloxone education for nurses
- Nitrous oxide: Labor myths
- Engage with patients eye to eye

HEALTHY NURSE



WEB EXCLUSIVE!

The impact of belonging

By Missy Ofé Fleck, Cathrin Carithers, Lynnette L. Stamler, and Leeza Struwe

Staff nurses play a critical role in how student nurses perceive their clinical experiences.

myamericannurse.com/?p=419429

AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION ON THE FRONTLINE



- 27 Learn about the top issues facing member nurses, how the association works for you, and what we are doing to advance nursing.

FEATURE ARTICLE: Investing in nurse innovation

Subscription Questions?

ANA members: memberinfo@ana.org or (800) 284-2378
Subscribers: subscriptions@healthcommedia.com or (215) 489-7000

Change in Mailing Information?

ANA members: memberinfo@ana.org or (800) 284-2378
Subscribers: subscriptions@healthcommedia.com or (215) 489-7000

Indexing

American Nurse Journal is indexed in the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature.

Submit an Article

Please email Julie Nyhus, MSN, FNP-BC, APRN, at jnyhus@healthcommedia.com. In the email, describe the topic of your proposed article and why it would be of interest to the readers of *American Nurse Journal*; include your name, credentials, employer, and phone number. We'll let you know if we're interested in

the article you've proposed and can advise you on how to focus it. For more information, please refer to the Author Guidelines (MyAmericanNurse.com/author-guidelines).

Send a Letter to the Editor

Your input is vital in ensuring that *American Nurse Journal* is a valuable resource to your practice. You can email a Letter to the Editor at MyAmericanNurse.com/send-letter-editor.