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FRIDAY HUDDLE

A gathering of Oregon nursing workforce leaders to offer timely updates and share insights from peers and stakeholders.

Nursing Workforce

Healthcare Facility Visitor Policies: Huddlers discussed the many facets of managing guests and visitors in healthcare settings, which often involves balancing the important role that loved ones play in a patient's healthcare journey with potential risks such as prohibited items like weapons or a patient's at-home medications. We discussed popular safety strategies already being used in acute care settings, such as metal detectors, limited entrances, visitor searches, and lockers were explored, with Salem Health cited as an example of employing metal detectors and security guards following [a Portland emergency room shooting last year](#). Huddlers also compared the unique challenges faced by different types of healthcare settings, such as long-term care, where resources are limited and nursing staff are often responsible for security enforcement. Finally, we discussed the importance of public education and awareness, including clear signage and education on appropriate behavior.

Nurse Staffing Law Resources: Dive into Oregon's new nurse staffing laws with experts from the Oregon Health Authority during a webinar on May 3. The session will include time for questions and answers regarding staffing requirements. [Register online to save your seat.](#)

Events & Happenings

Nurse Staffing Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting: Join the Oregon Health Authority (ONA) for [its quarterly meeting of the Nurse Staffing Advisory Board](#). This advisory board provides guidance on the administration of Oregon's nurse staffing laws, trends and concerns related to nurse staffing, and more. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, from 1-5 p.m. with in-person and remote options.

NWONL Building Healthy Work Environments Where Nurses Thrive Series: The Northwest Organization for Nurse Leaders (NWONL) will host [the second part of its webinar series](#) on Friday, April 26, at noon. This interactive session explores the AACN Healthy Work Environment (HWE) Standards, including discussion from nursing leaders who have firsthand experience implementing these standards into their workplace.

Oregon Nursing Research & Quality Consortium Annual Conference: Join the Oregon Nursing Research & Quality Consortium for its 2024 conference, hosted at Salem Health on Monday, April 15. The day-long event explores elevating the nursing craft through evidence-based practices, including a special keynote from ANA president Jennifer Mensik-Kennedy. [Registration is still available online.](#)

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, April 19, at 8:00 a.m.

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