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Oregon Center for
NURSING

FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

Nursing Workforce

New Oregon Nursing Wage Study: This week, OCN published our latest research efforts: [How Much Do Oregon's Registered Nurses Earn? The 2023 Oregon Wage Study](#). The statewide study fills a known data gap, providing new insight into Oregon nurses' economic well-being. OCN analyzed nursing compensation against a comprehensive set of state-specific criteria—including the type of role, practice setting, longevity, education, and cost of living in geographic regions. You can tune into the [latest episode of the State of Wellness podcast](#) or contact Research Director Rick Allgeyer via email (rick.allgeyer@oregoncenterfornursing.org) for more information.

Friday Huddle Extended Cut: Join OCN for a deep dive into nursing wage trends, featuring the latest data from OCN research and National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (NSSRN) data. This 30-minute discussion on Friday, April 12, will begin at 9 a.m. following our regular Friday Huddle programming. Separate registration is required. If you cannot attend, you can also register to receive the replay. [Click here to reserve your seat!](#)

Public Health Documentary: In honor of National Public Health Week (April 1-7, 2024), tune into ["The Invisible Shield" docuseries](#), which explores public health in the United States. You can also learn more about [National Public Health Week here](#).

Spring National Prescription Drug Take Back Day: In a nationwide effort to address drug overdose, Oregon communities will join the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on April 27, 2024, for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The campaign provides Americans with a safe and convenient way of disposing of prescription drugs, with drop-off locations across Oregon. [Learn more and find a collection site online](#).

Managing Prescription and Illicit Drugs in Care Settings: Huddlers discussed how facilities manage illegal substances brought in by clients and the role that nurses play. Numerous Huddlers reported established processes that direct nursing staff to call facility security or law enforcement to collect the substances and document the incident. However, nurses should understand the risks of handling these drugs themselves. Organizations need clear protocols that protect staff while taking client rights into consideration. Huddlers agreed that prescription drugs brought in from home can also be a safety risk, though some bring in their own medications in an attempt to save money due to high healthcare costs.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, April 12, at 8:00 a.m.

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