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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

**Autonomy in Nursing:** One Huddler flagged an increased number of calls from nurses at community health organizations seeking triage help and advice. We discussed the numerous elements that might be causing this phenomenon and how it reflects a nurse's autonomy in practice. Several Huddlers agreed that it might be due to non-clinical staff involved in leadership, as traditional nurse leaders would likely understand the necessary policies and procedures required to support staff. Another inquired if these calls came from recent graduates still building their professional confidence. We also discussed how regulatory changes might decrease nursing autonomy in acute care settings.

**Nursing Care Plans:** Huddlers also discussed the role of a nursing care plan and how it is utilized throughout the patient care process. These plans are heavily emphasized in nursing programs, but real-world application varies across facilities and different health settings. Huddlers agreed that the traditional care plan needs to be updated, including more accessible language. We also explored how care plans could be better incorporated into EHR systems since many of these systems do not necessarily prioritize a nursing perspective.

**Nurture a Black Nurse Campaign:** Our friends at ABNAO are launching an important campaign that supports the well-being and safety of Black nurses throughout Oregon. Learn more about how you can get involved and donate to the [Nurture a Black Nurse Campaign](#) when it launches in November.

**Rural Emergency Preparedness Resources:** For anyone working or living in rural Oregon communities, the [Rural Emergency Preparedness and Response Toolkit](#) is a helpful digital resource to ensure you, your family, and your patients are prepared for an emergent situation.

**Get Involved with OSBN:** The Oregon State Board of Nursing is seeking new additions ahead of 2024, including a direct care nurse! This is an excellent opportunity to get involved and support the nursing profession in Oregon. [Learn how to apply here.](#)

## Nursing Education

**Oregon Nursing Education Academy:** Hosted by OHSU, the [Oregon Nursing Education Academy](#) is accepting applications for its six-month [online preceptor scholar program](#), which provides scholarships to take two graduate-level courses within OHSU's MNE program—the deadline is December 15, 2023. The program is also accepting applications for the [Clinical Nursing Faculty Scholar program](#), which offers students full scholarship support while earning their master's degree. The application priority deadline is May 31, 2024. Learn more about the ONEA online or contact Alanna Lowery (loweryal@ohsu.edu) with any questions.

### Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, October 20, at 8:00 a.m.

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