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# FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

**Reminder:** There will be no Friday Huddle next week, Friday, July 5, due to the holiday. We hope you all have a safe and fun Fourth of July weekend!

## Nursing Workforce

**Evidence-Based Literature and Learning Material:** Huddlers discussed how nurses stay up-to-date on current best practices, research, and news. One Huddler pointed out the use of team-based journal clubs in which discussions promote knowledge sharing among peers. Social media platforms have remained popular, with many nursing influencers gaining traction. In contrast, access to traditional healthcare journals is limiting and costly. Larger organizations often provide access to online databases and learning resources such as UpToDate and Elsevier. However, the high price tag can be a barrier for smaller organizations. To mitigate expenses, Huddlers discussed how organizations might consider partnerships to share the costs. Some states, like Washington, offer free resources as part of continuing education requirements, although licensing fees increase to cover this cost.

**Outstanding Nurse Preceptor Awards:** Nominate a nurse for the [2024 Outstanding Nurse Preceptor Awards](#). Nominations can be made on behalf of organizations and peer-made nominations. Submissions are due by Thursday, August 1, at 5 p.m. (PST). [Submit your nomination online](#) or contact OCN via email for more information: [callie.gisler@oregoncenterfornursing.org](mailto:callie.gisler@oregoncenterfornursing.org).

**Healthcare Economics Learning Material:** The Faith Community Health Network will host the next installment of its [Business of Healthcare series](#) in October. Anyone interested can contact the organization: [faithcommunityhealthnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:faithcommunityhealthnetwork@gmail.com). Past material is also available: including (1) [Health Care Economics: Part 1 slides](#) and (2) [Health Care Economics: Part 2 slides](#).

**Upcoming OSBN Listening Tour:** Executive Director Rachel Prusak of the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) will host a statewide listening tour in late July, including visits to Eastern Oregon, Southern Oregon, and the Oregon coast. Additional information about the listening tour, including exact dates and locations, will be [available on the OSBN website](#) in the coming weeks.

**Summer Heat Resources:** As summer temperatures to rise and parts of Oregon are already entering fire season, the following resources offer support in keeping your patients and loved ones safe:

- [Wisconsin Department of Health Services' checklists for extreme heat](#)
- [NIHHIS' guide to extreme heat safety and preparation](#)
- [Ready.Gov's extreme heat emergency preparedness material](#)
- [FEMA's extreme heat hazard information sheet](#)

**Committee Involvement Opportunity:** The Health Insurance Marketplace Advisory Committee (HIMAC) seeks members. This governor-appointed committee advises the state's health insurance marketplace about outreach, customer feedback, and insurance plan affordability. Those interested should [apply online by July 6](#).

### Next Friday Huddle:

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

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