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THE GUTSY INNOVATOR

gutsy: showing courage, determination and spirit

We're THE newsletter obsessed with activating the creative spirit of nurses to transform health care.

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During this past year, we have seen the nursing innovation community grow and celebrated nurses who have embraced the unknown. As we review the 2023 ANA Innovation Award applications, we are humbled by the brilliance of nurses, their breadth of creativity, and the innovations being developed and led by nurses to address needs across our country. We have so many reasons to be proud of the nursing profession.

As the year comes to an end, amidst the dynamic state of health care with record flu cases, RSV, and a continued COVID-19 pandemic, to some extent, it can feel like health care itself is in survival mode. Nurses have shared how addressing the new state of health care requires innovative approaches, thinking, and solutions – but we're simultaneously seeing the desire for many to return to a pre-pandemic thinking and operations. This moment calls for us to double down on innovation – to embrace your personal creativity, your ability to innovate, and the power of your ideas to propel nursing and health care forward.

In the weeks ahead, we wish you and all of those you care for a healthy, peaceful, and restorative holiday season!

Keep being gutsy, Ori + the ANA Innovation Team

ANA INNOVATION 
ACCELERATOR 

We all dream of tomorrow, positioning
nurses to move their ideas forward today.



The 2023 ANA Innovation Accelerator offers a community of resources and support for nurses and nursing students interested in creating positive change in health care through innovative practices. This free nine-month Accelerator invites participants to explore content areas focused on human-centered design, business models, entrepreneurship/intrapreneurship, intellectual property, and leadership.

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See You Now Podcast

Listen to episodes 78 and 79, entitled, Making Spaces. In these dual episodes of the See You Now podcast, meet [Rose Hedges, DNP, RN](#), and [Anna Young](#), co-founder and CEO of MakerHealth. Learn how they are creating health care maker spaces for hospitals and organizations to ensure that nursing innovation flourishes.

[Ep. 78 Making Spaces - Part 1](#)

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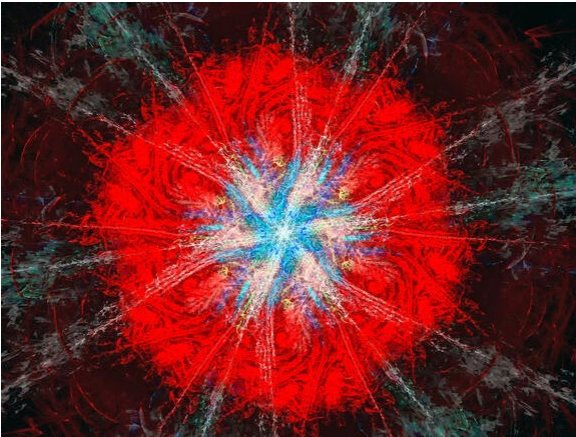
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Watch for one more See You Now podcast CNE bundle coming soon!

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Innovation Blogs + Articles

Medical Improv: A Surprising Intervention for Critical Outcomes



You don't often connect improv with the improvisations that happen across health care every day. Learn from nurse [Beth Boynton, MS, RN, CP](#), who is making sure health professionals realize the potential of improv training to advance health care outcomes. Read how she uses improv to design fun and engaging ways to improve communication, collaboration, and organizational culture.

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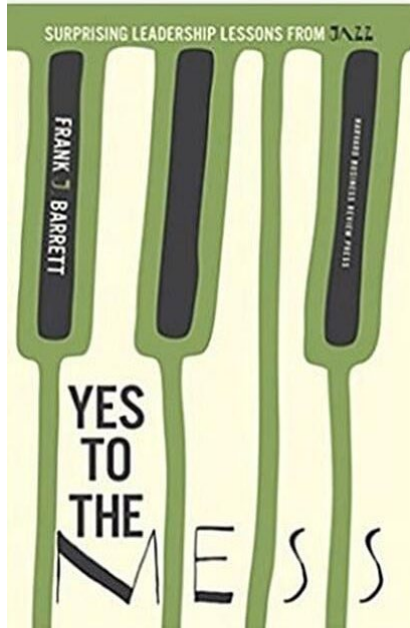
Meeting Patients Where They Are

Community members have dubbed [Barbara Chapman, DFNP-C, EBP-C, PMHNP](#), an "angel." Barbara is not waiting for patients to find her, she drives a 44-foot mobile van 2.5 hours to bring health care resources to underserved and rural locations across Texas. When she arrives, people are already waiting in line. She and her team see patients ranging from 3-78 years of age, with a myriad of conditions. Not only does everyone get seen, but the team passionately rises the next day to do it again!



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Innovation Books We Love



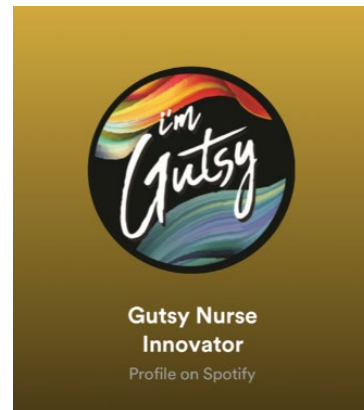
Yes to the Mess by Frank Barrett

Yes to the Mess by Frank Barrett examines the lessons that can be learned from listening to jazz music. When Miles Davis was asked about the secret to improvisation, he said, “I listen to what everyone was playing and then play what’s missing.” Like famous jazz musicians, nurses can continue to advance the science of innovation by scanning the health care ecosystem to find what’s missing and fix it.

[Check Out Yes to the Mess](#)

The Gutsy Playlist

Plus, we’ve added a jazz and improv playlist to the [Gutsy Innovator innovation channel](#) on Spotify.



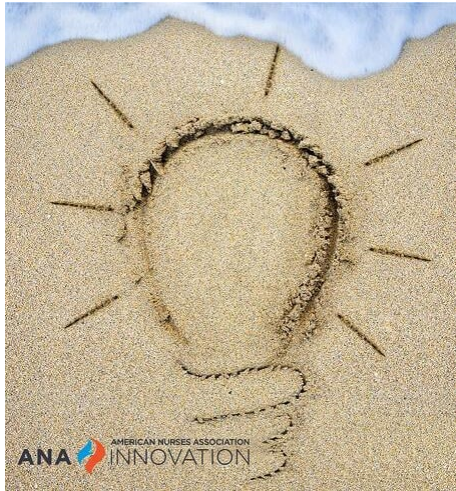
ICYMI - IAC Member Update



The Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments podcast features [Carol Zeigler, DNP, APRN, APHN-NC, NP-C](#), discussing climate injustice. Did you know “green lifestyle” living can be utilized by low-income families for credits? This podcast is a great way to gain some green inspiration from Carol who is also the chair of the ANA Planetary and Global Health Innovation Advisory Committee. It’s worth a listen.

ANA INNOVATION SANDBOX

We help seed the early-stage ideas of nurses and their innovations.



Nurses provide excellent care, continually adapt to the dynamic health care environment, and create new and innovative thinking to address health care challenges. Are you a nurse or nursing student with a budding idea? Check out the ANA Innovation Sandbox, which provides micro-funding to support the very early-stage ideas of nurses and pre-licensure nursing students.

[Learn About the Sandbox Here](#)

“Never let the fear of striking out keep you from swinging.” - Babe Ruth

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