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THE GUTSY INNOVATOR

EMPOWERING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT OF NURSING

The Gutsy Innovator - July 2021 Newsletter

Dear Nursing Colleague,

Weekly, we have the joy of talking with nurses who desire to expand what is possible for our profession. These nurses are curious about innovation, they are leading new work in their communities, within their organizations, or by starting new endeavors. These conversations inspired the name for the ANA Innovation Newsletter, *The Gutsy Innovator*.

guts·y / 'gʊtsē/ adjective – showing courage, determination, and spirit.

Starting or doing something new can require us to think and act differently. It takes courage to step into the role of novice or to be vulnerable. The capacity of nurses to innovate is a game changer for health and healthcare across our country. We need to make space across the profession to speak out about what needs to be improved, to think and lead (all nurses are leaders) differently, to try something new, be willing to fail forward. These actions create new possibilities for our profession and the people with whom we work.

Taking a chance on yourself and your ideas is a brave and necessary step towards carving out your unique path. Don't wait – the world needs you!

Keep being gutsy, Ori



Opening Keynote Rear Admiral Susan M. Orsega to Speak at the ANA PI+A Forum

Join us virtually for the ANA Policy, Innovation & Advocacy Forum September 14! Hear from opening keynote Rear Admiral Susan M. Orsega, MSN, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, Director of Commissioned Corps Headquarters, U.S. Public Health Service and interact with industry leaders and health care experts. Explore the interplay between health delivery and policy innovations. Better understand how nurses can amplify their voices through advocacy. Examine how virtual care is enhancing access to services, reducing disparities, and improving safety. Celebrate nurse-led innovation at the NursePitch™ Showcase and network with peers. Plus, earn up to **12 CNE** credits. ANA members get a 20% discount on registration fees.

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ANA Innovation Awards - It's Time to Apply

We are proud to [announce Stryker](#) as the new sponsor of the ANA Innovation Awards. We are now accepting applications for 2022! You could win **\$25,000** entering as an individual or **\$50,000** for the team award. Awards will be presented to a nurse and a nurse-led team whose innovations are: educational interventions, products, devices, technology, research, businesses or programs, services, or new care models that are improving health and patient safety. Open to all nurses!

[See Rules and Apply Today!](#)

ANA INNOVATION LOUNGE

VIRTUAL EVENT

Nurse Innovators, Creators,
and Experts Talk Innovation
in Health Care

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ANA Innovation Lounge - It Was a Hit!

Our first Innovation Lounge **Why Do Nurses Need to Innovate? What Happens if They Don't?** took place on June 22, 2021. We had a lively and engaging discussion with panel members who brought their unique perspectives, experiences, and thoughtfulness to the conversation. A common theme with each speaker is that healthcare needs nurses to recognize their work as innovators.

If you were unable to attend, no worries! We will be sharing clips of the discussion on our website. Please join us for our upcoming lounge on August 17 where we will explore the fuzzy front end of innovation.

Stay tuned for future lounges -- September 28 and October 12. We look forward to seeing you there!

"Nurses give to the voiceless" - A. Mishan

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See You Now Podcast

This month, our [See You Now podcasts](#) highlight nurses whose groundbreaking work and contributions are moving health equity forward.

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See You Now Podcasts



The SEE YOU NOW Podcast is a finalist in the Healthy Living, Men's Health, and Cancer categories for the 2021 Sharecare Awards. These selected episodes showcase nurses working to improve care and influence outcomes in new and innovative ways. Winners will be revealed during the social campaign in the fall.

Episode 53: Honoring Juneteenth

Hear about the innovative contributions of Black nurses to build healthier communities and their groundbreaking work to move health equity forward.

[**Listen to Episode 53**](#)

Episode 38: Mentoring for a More Equitable Future

Wallena Gould, EdD, CRNA, FAAN, shares her analysis of reasons for underlying problems that prevent innovation from being impactful or scaled. Her body of work has been applied across healthcare to forge a more equitable future.

[**Listen to Episode 38**](#)

July Innovation Blog Posts

Check out how the University of Connecticut School of Nursing and Clemson University School of Nursing are incorporating innovation into their curriculum. It is never too soon to teach nurses and nursing students about innovation.



Adding Innovation to Nursing Education

[**Read Blog Post**](#)



Nursing Health Through Architecture

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Your Innovation Story - Share With Us

Tell us about your innovative practices – big or small. What cool things are happening in your organization? What has changed since the pandemic? Share how you've taken a chance to forge a new path for yourself, your patients, or your colleagues.

[Submit Your Story](#)

Keep Being Gutsy!

"Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes."

- Mahatma Gandhi

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