



## THE GUTSY INNOVATOR

ACTIVATING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT OF NURSING

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Hello Nursing Colleague,

Have you ever been too literal? I have. For a while now, Ori had been talking about creating a fun and inspirational soundtrack for innovation. Initially, I thought “How is this going to work? How many songs are there about innovation?” Incredibly, she built 17 playlists for the [Gutsy Nurse Innovator channel on Spotify!](#) They’re wonderful, and they capture various aspects of the innovation journey. There are playlist titles such as: *Time to Double Down*, *Think Different. Be Different.*, *Ideas You Can’t Let Go Of*, just to name a few! A little bit of something for everyone. We encourage you to check it – look for specifics below.

“Literally,” Lois

Oliver Wendall Homes said, “Most people die with their music still in them.” We want you to lean into celebrating the person you are and the person you're becoming! The month of June calls for us to get outside, turn up the music, and feel the warmth of the sun kiss our face! We also take this month to honor critical moments of freedom – watch for our [#SeeYouNow](#) podcast playlist for Juneteenth on social platforms. We also celebrate Pride Month! There are shared parallels between these events and innovation: the critical need for diversity and inclusion; acknowledging our shared human experience; creating spaces where people and ideas are accepted and welcome; celebrating and encouraging effort, attempts, and the process; ensuring people feel loved and respected. We hope the “Gutsy Nurse innovator” innovation playlists makes you smile, inspires you, or even laugh out loud! Moving ideas forward is never easy – but your “music” is unique and too important not to share!

Keep Being Gutsy, Ori

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## Innovation Awards are Open!

It's official, we're opening applications for the 2023 ANA Innovation Awards, sponsored by Stryker. Two awards will be given – a \$25,000 individual award and a \$50,000 team award. It's time to #getgutsy! There is a breadth of areas included for you to consider for your application: education, research, new care model, a program, service, or business model, or a device or technology.

[Learn More and Apply Today](#)



## The Poetry of Nursing

Join us on June 15 at 6:00 p.m. EDT for our upcoming lounge, “How Listening Like a Poet Heals.” Learn how “listener poets” are working with nurses to process events and feelings, and make people’s lived experiences visible. The ANA Innovation Lounges are free to all nurses, but registration is required.

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[See You Now Podcast](#)

## Episode 70: [Northwell Health Nurse Choir](#)

One pandemic, one group of singing nurses, one Golden Buzzer, and one health system's commitment to well-being. Listen to this remarkable story of the healing power of the arts.

[Listen to Episode 70](#)

## Episode 71: [Meeting of Minds: Around the World Nurses Say...](#)

In this episode, you will hear from partners at McKinsey & Company as they share key results from a global survey of front-line nurses and discuss the critical role nurses play in driving health care innovation.

[Listen to Episode 71](#)

\*Don't forget about your free [See You Now podcast CNE](#) opportunity – it's available to all nurses!

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## Innovation Blog

### [Pandemic Escape](#)

In 2019, Kristy Causey, MSN, RN and Gracia Boseman, MPH, RN, leveraged the concept of the escape room to teach nurses about infection prevention in a fun and impactful way. One year later, the escape room evolved into a Pandemic Preparedness Escape Bus. Learn how these simulated scenarios have made all the difference!

[Read the Blog](#)



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## Gutsy Nurse Innovator List on Spotify



"Gutsy Nurse Innovator" Playlists!



Sing...Sing a Song

Who knew the music of Frank Sinatra, Pink, Katy Perry, James Brown (and many others) would be grouped together through their connection with innovation? Listen to our Gutsy Nurse Innovator [playlists](#) on Spotify. There truly is

## Listen to the Playlists

something for everyone! And if we've missed a song that needs to be included, let us know at: [\[email protected\]](#).

## Innovation Books We Love

### [Creativity, Inc.](#)

Take a look behind the scenes into the world of Pixar Animation, a north star of creativity and innovation. Let us know what YOU'RE reading. Send us a note at [\[email protected\]](#).

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## Stryker Caregiver Stories

### Nominate a heroic healer for Stryker's Caregiver Stories series!

Over the past three years, Stryker – one of the world's leading medical technology companies and long-time partner and sponsor of the ANA Innovation Awards – has been shining a light on some of the most incredible nurses in the country in its docu-style video series, Caregiver Stories. These nurses are the ones patients can never forget, the caregivers who colleagues aspire to emulate, and the men and women who go above and beyond for their patients – giving of themselves in countless ways.

[Watch their stories and nominate a superhero in scrubs to be featured in Stryker's next video.](#) If chosen to be featured, Stryker will make a nominal donation to a nonprofit of the nurse's choice that aligns with his or her story.



*“A river cuts through a rock not because of its power, but its persistence.”*

— Unknown



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