



# THE CORRECTIONAL NURSE

Inspiring

## Professional Correctional Nursing Practice

Hi

I am thrilled to be starting this journey into the world of blogging with you! Please note our new newsletter name to better reflect all three of our sites! The integration of classes and case studies to help develop clinical decision-making with the monthly topics at CorrectionalNurse.Net is time-consuming, but so exciting and well worth it! Every month we will have a clinical topic and a professional practice topic posted on the CorrcetionalNurse.Net blog. At the same time, there will be a monthly case study posted on Nursing Behind the Wall involving the clinical topic, and at The Correctional Nurse Educator, an associated class that offers accredited continuing education hours will be 50% off for the month. I definitely want to post materials that are pertinent to your correctional nurse practice, and so I am looking forward to your [feedback](#) and suggestions for future topics.

I wanted to take a moment to share a couple of news-worthy items with you this month.

First, the **American Nurses Association** (ANA) workgroup that has been reviewing and revising the *Correctional Nurse: Scope and Standards of Practice* for the past year is finished (YAY!) with a DRAFT document that is being posted on the [ANA website](#) for public comment. Please, please, please take some time and review it. This is YOUR document, and your correctional nursing practice will be measured according to the tenets and statements made there. There is a place for you to make comments, and we REALLY appreciate your input. **Please know that all comments are anonymous.** The document will be posted for a month. All comments will be considered by the workgroup and ANA, and the final *Correctional Nurse: Scope and Standards of Practice, 3<sup>d</sup> edition* should be published in late 2019/early 2020. When the document is posted, I will announce it on our FaceBook pages for *CorrectionalNurse.net*, *The Correctional Nurse Educator* and *Nursing Behind the Wall*.

Next, the **National Commission on Correctional Health Care** is holding its [National Conference](#) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from October 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. There are some great topics, and a special "track" for correctional nurses, which includes at least one nursing topic per session. I will be presenting Common Skin Conditions for the Correctional Nurse and Patient Advocacy for the Correctional Nurse. Other nursing topics include emergency response and care, triage for nurses, nursing and policy development, nursing and evidence-based practice, understanding personality disorders, and more. I hope that you can join us!

## CorrectionalNurse.Net

This month, the **CorrectionalNurse.Net BLOG** will feature more about our new integration and vision for CorrectionalNurse.Net, Nursing Behind the Wall and The Correctional Nurse Educator and our clinical topic will be the integumentary system - skin. For this month only, both posts will be done the first week. In the future, the clinical post will be done the first week, and the professional practice post will be done during the third week.

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## Correctional Nurse Educator

This month our featured, discounted class is ***Skin Assessment (I) for the Correctional Nurse***. I hope that you find it interesting. The pictures are phenomenal and were donated to us by VisualDx – many thanks to them!

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## Nursing Behind the Wall

This month, the clinical topic is disorders of the skin. At **Nursing Behind the Wall**, you will meet and evaluate Mr. Adamss, a patient who submits a sick call for "water bumps" on his leg that he discovered about 3 days ago. They have gotten progressively worse, and he is now concerned that he has a serious disease.

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In closing, I appreciate you taking the time to read this newsletter, and I hope that you will find our sites interesting and educational. Our profession of Correctional Nursing is unique and sometimes challenging, but always very important to our patients. The impact we make is far-reaching, even if it is not always evident as we care for our patients. I have ALWAYS been proud to say that I am a Correctional Nurse – I hope that you are as well!

*Kori*

## Inspiration

Do your little bit of good  
where you are; it's those  
little bits of good put together  
that overwhelm the world.  
-Desmond Tutu



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