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Professional Correctional Nursing Practice

Hi Lori,

The American Nurses Association workgroup for the Correctional Nurse: Scope and Standards of Practice has finished its work, 13 months after it began. The draft Correctional Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, Third Edition, will undergo its first ANA review by the Committee on Nursing Practice Standards in early December. Upon successful review, that Committee will forward the draft document to ANA's Board of Directors for final action that approves the scope statement and acknowledges the standards. Then, the publishing team will create the final print and e-book versions with publication most likely by April/May 2020. Thanks to all who took the time to read the draft and post comments during our public comment period. Each was considered and the document was edited when appropriate.

Thanks, as well, to all the participants in the workgroup! The diversity of backgrounds, work experience and even geographical location greatly enhanced the quality and content of our Scope and Standards document. The dedication to correctional nursing and this project is evident when one considers there were 1-2 or more meetings monthly, with research and writing to be completed in between meetings, and all participants were volunteers. I will let you know when the books are available every correctional nurse should have a copy of the Correctional Nurse: Scope and Standards of Practice!

Another very exciting announcement is that the American Correctional Nurses Association is off to a great start. The inaugural meeting took place in Ft. Lauderdale, FL during the NCCHC Fall conference, and the enthusiasm was awesome! From the conference, approximately 50 individuals voiced support for our organization. Meeting minutes will be distributed to all participants in the next few weeks. We are currently applying for non-profit status, and a core group are editing the proposed By Laws.

The next meeting is planned tentatively as a virtual meeting in January 2020. We are working on the technical aspects, and an announcement will be forthcoming. The group has also developed a short, 6 question survey to find others who are interested in becoming a member of the American Correction Nurse Association. We have posted the link on Correctional Nursing Facebook pages, but I also wanted to post it in our newsletter as well. In less than a week, we have heard from approximately 200 people! If you have not completed the survey, please take a moment and, using the link [HERE](#), take our very short survey and let us know what you would like to see from a professional organization for correctional nurses and if you are interested in becoming a member. We look forward to hearing from each and every one of you!

Our professional topic for this month is patient advocacy, and we will announce the blog post publication in the middle of the month.

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The clinical topic this month is rhabdomyolysis. Rhabdomyolysis means the "dissolution of skeletal muscle". It is a syndrome caused by direct muscle injury, or a mismatch between energy production and energy consumption that results in a breakdown of muscle cells. This breakdown causes the leakage of potentially toxic intracellular contents into the systemic circulation. While there are many causes for rhabdomyolysis, the most common include trauma, drugs/alcohol, and strenuous exercise.

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The monthly class for November offered at 50% off is *Rhabdomyolysis for the Correctional Nurse*. Grab it [HERE](#).

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Nursing Behind the Wall

This month, the clinical topic is Rhabdomyolysis. At [Nursing Behind the Wall](#), you will meet and evaluate Mr. Cushing, a 37 year old man newly arrived at the jail with a history of alcohol and methamphetamine use who is complaining of body aches.

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In closing, I appreciate you taking the time to read this update, 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!

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