



THE CORRECTIONAL NURSE

Inspiring

Professional Correctional Nursing Practice

Hi ,

Happy New Year! As I look back in 2019, I am so grateful to have received the opportunity to continue this CorrectionalNurse. Net blog, and in the process, update Nursing Behind the Wall to be better utilized by all readers. It is hard to believe that this is my fifth newsletter! As I look forward, I see great opportunity to advance the specialty of Correctional Nursing, and I am so glad that you are with me on this journey! I appreciate all the comments and well-wishes - please continue to let me know what you would like to see on the blog and in the case studies. Sometimes all of the potential topics are overwhelming! Knowing what your challenges are, and what you would like to have highlighted on the sites, helps me greatly!

My best wishes to you and yours for a happy, healthy and safe New Year!

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

The ACNA:

First, the American Correctional Nurses Association is moving forward! The DRAFT By-Laws have been written, and we are having our first virtual meeting via WebEx technology on January 22, 2020 at 6pm EST, 5pm CST, 4pm MST, 3pm PST, 2pm Alaska time and 1pm Hawaiian Time. If you have signed up for the mailing list, then you will be receiving the log-on information in the next week or so. If you have not, and want to be part of this exciting organization, then please complete the survey [HERE](#). We also have a live website - [OurACNA.org](#). We hope that you will consider becoming a member. Having more individuals with different perspectives will only make us stronger as an organization! Remember, this organization is for ALL correctional nurses - LPNs, RNs and APRNs.

Upcoming Conferences:

The American Correctional Association is holding its Winter Conference in San Diego, California beginning this weekend.

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care is holding its National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia from May 2-5th, so please, save the date. There are some really interesting nursing presentations planned, and as always, it is invigorating to meet colleagues from all over. In addition, I wanted to remind everyone that there will soon be a call for proposals for the Fall Conference, and it is never too early to plan a submission.

HELP:

I have been approached by the associate editor of the Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing, a publication of the Oncology Nursing Society, to write a scholarly article about the care of incarcerated individuals with cancer. I think it is a wonderful topic, and a way to have our nursing colleagues get to know and appreciate what we do as correctional nurses, but I have little expertise in that area. If anyone would like to take this on, please contact me and I will send you the information. I would also be happy to help from an editing/writing perspective, if requested. I think this is a great opportunity for correctional nursing to shine!

CorrectionalNurse.Net

This month, the CorrectionalNurse.Net BLOG will feature more about Abdominal Assessment/Evaluation as we explore Inspection, Auscultation, Palpation and Percussion. There will be weekly updates this month! In addition, the professional topic is Ethics in Correctional Nursing. I hope that you will join me, and please, leave feedback in the comments section!

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Correctional Nurse Educator

This month our featured, discounted class is *Abdominal Assessment: Upper Abdominal Pain for the Correctional Nurse*. I hope that you find it interesting!

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Nursing Behind the Wall

This month, the clinical topic continues with abdominal pain. At [Nursing Behind the Wall](#), you will meet and evaluate Mr. Villegos, a 46 year old male who submits a Health Service Request for abdominal pain that started about 8 hours prior to dropping the slip.

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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!

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Sometimes later
becomes never....

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