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

This month at Correctional Nurse
This month our featured, discounted class is
Please be posted on our FaceBook pages.
for Human Dignity. As always, announcements for new blog posts will
Perspective: Inmate or Patient and Nursing Ethics: Respect
Our professional practice topics will be Correctional Nurse
practice information about conditions causing Red Eye.
This month, the

Newsworthy Notes

Thanks for all you do, and Be Safe!!
Remember that you can find our past Newsletters on the

ALL
Remember, the ACNA is the professional organization for
Correctional Nurses - LPNs, RNs and APRNs!
upcoming Board election, and our
Corporations and individuals that support Correctional

Nursing, but who are not, themselves, correctional nurses.
strong, but we need you! Membership is open and
Check out the
ACNA website

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were normal, and she reported that her symptoms
repeat her labs in a week.
the thyroid.
out of her bag.
called Maca, which claimed to increase energy and libido,
and she denied taking medication when the students asked,
denied taking any medication when I questioned her
she did not tell the students about the Macca and vitamins,
as well, but when I asked about any vitamins or
she was taking.
asked about medication, so they did not know about the

She also stated that the hospital staff only

Hypothyroid and recommended that she go to her primary
department discharged her with a diagnosis of

Consequently, we discontinued her diagnosis
parameters, and included a pulse of 80 beats per minute.
repeat her labs in a week.
the thyroid.
indicated a sinus tachycardia of 123 beats per minute, and
of intermittent constipation, diaphoresis and hot flashes.
emergency department encounter that occurred 3 days
Clinic, a 43 year old woman came in for a follow-up to an

She went to the emergency department for "heart

At the next visit, I was surprised to see her


Confronting the Patient

We have a wide variety of topics that are not for

While I had hoped that COVID

When I asked her why

She also complained

I hope that you have had a good month since we last

This is an example of symptoms that did not quite make

Maca either.

and even repeat a lab before acting on incongruent

She had just been released from a hospitalization

and she denied taking medication when I questioned her

including the medication she was currently taking. She

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She also learned that sometimes patients with

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