



THE CORRECTIONAL NURSE

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Professional Correctional Nursing Practice

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These past few weeks, controversy has erupted over the COVID-19 available vaccines, and who should receive them. While different states are approaching the immunization schedules differently, in all states the timing of the immunization of incarcerated persons has been a debated topic. The latest information (disclaimer: it does change daily) is that the COVID-19 case rate is [four times higher](#) in state and federal prisons that in the general public, and since March 2020, [at least 227,333 incarcerated persons](#) have tested positive and at least 1671 have died. In addition, at least 54,496 prison correctional staff have tested positive, and 105 deaths have been reported. According to the draft state proposals for immunization “roll-out” submitted to the Centers for Disease Control last Fall, 15 states had correctional staff prioritized in Phase 1, while only eight states had incarcerated persons included in Phase 1. Disconcertingly, seven states did not include correctional staff in any phase and 10 states did not include incarcerated persons in any phase.

We all should consider the facts and form our own opinions about who should have access to the vaccine and when. I encourage you to read articles and listen to newscasts (both pro and con) regarding the immunization of incarcerated persons and us, individuals who willingly enter correctional facilities daily to provide care and custody to this vulnerable population, with the ultimate goal of protecting our communities, and make your own decision. Be ready to share it when asked (and perhaps even when not asked..)! Remember that our [Correctional Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice](#) mandates that we are patient advocates.

It is with great pride in our profession that I share with you that a few weeks ago the American Correctional Nurses Association was approached by ABC News to comment about COVID-19 immunization and the incarcerated population. Mary Muse, our Parliamentarian, was interviewed on camera as our representative. The YouTube version of the newscast is [here](#).

Newsorthy Notes

We are so happy to share that CorrectionalNurse.Net has been honored with a top nurse blog award from NP Schools.com, and we have again been awarded the Top Nursing Blog for 2020 from Nurse Recruiters. Named as the top blog for Correctional Healthcare and Nursing, our blog is bringing the news of correctional nursing as a specialty to our non-correctional nursing colleagues.

The American Correctional Association is holding its Hybrid 2021 ACA Winter Conference on February 4-9, 2021. Onsite activities will include Board of Governors, Delegate Assembly, General Session, Plenaries, Accreditation Panels and other specialized events. Virtual activities will include all workshops, Exhibit Hall and simulcast of Orlando sessions. More information is available on the [ACA website](#). It is notable that ACNA has been asked to comment on the issue of immunization for incarcerated individuals, and our own Mary Muse, ACNA Parliamentarian, was interviewed on ABC LIVE about the issue!

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care is soliciting presentations for the Fall 2021 National Conference on Correctional Health Care to be held in Chicago on October 30-November 3, 2021. Please consider submitting a proposal for a nursing topic! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I am very excited to announce that the National Commission on Correctional Health Care has decided to make its Virtual Spring Conference April 24-27, 2021 **FREE** to all participants! Yes, this is not a typo! Now, there is no excuse for you not to attend at least a session or two. Check out all the information and REGISTER on the [NCCHC website](#).

There are a lot of things happening at The American Correctional Nurses Association, including national interviews about immunizations for incarcerated persons, application for a grant to complete a commissioned paper about correctional nursing and transition to practice, and member programs for 2021. Don't forget to check back often on the [American Correctional Nurses Association website](#), where new announcements of interest are posted often. All are welcome to join!!

Remember that you can find our past Newsletters on the CorrectionalNurse.Net website in the Newsletter Archive.

Thanks for all you do, and Be Safe!!

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The month we have updated our very popular series about interviewing for a correctional nursing position. I think it is important for those of us already lucky enough to be working as correctional nurses to remember our roots, our nervousness, and perhaps, our false ideas of what correctional nursing would be before we accepted a position. Please read the posts both as nurses new to corrections (if you can remember it!) and then as seasoned nurses. Your feedback in the comments section would be greatly appreciated by those reading the posts who are looking to join us as correctional nurses.

Please **FOLLOW US** and check back often to ensure that you get notification of new posts!

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Correctional Nurse Educator

Our 50% off featured class this month is [Clinical Judgment for the Correctional Nurse](#).

I hope that you enjoy it!

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Nursing Behind the Wall

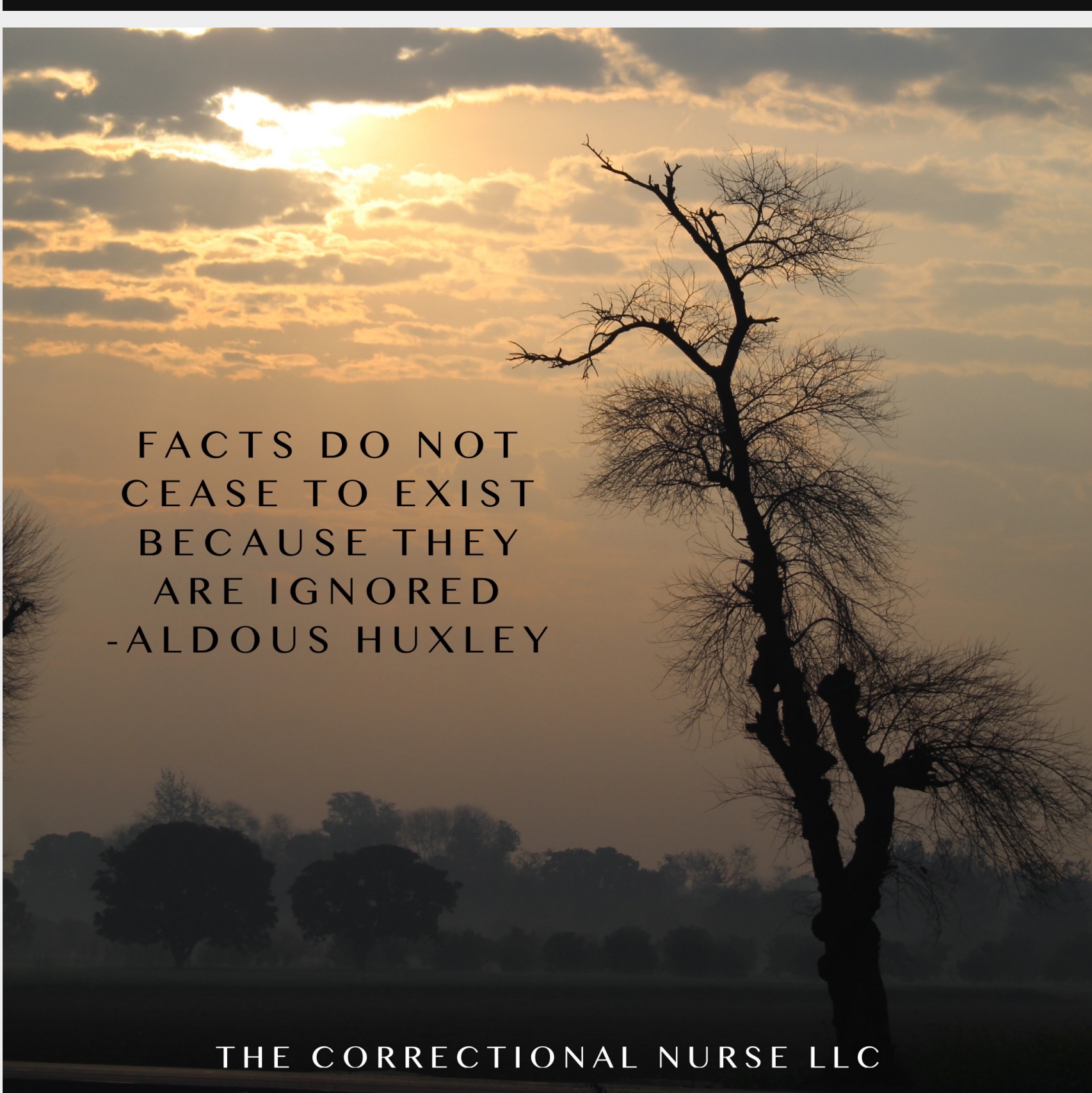
This month at [Nursing Behind the Wall](#), at press-time, we do not have a new scenario due to a technical issue. I recommend that you review our past two posts about Correctional Nursing scope of practice.

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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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