



THE CORRECTIONAL NURSE

Inspiring

Professional Correctional Nursing Practice

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I recently received a comment from a Correctional Nurse that the scenarios at Nursing Behind the Wall are unrealistic because the nurses are able to have a patient seen by a provider rather quickly, and in normal facilities like the one in which she worked, a provider was onsite minimally each week, or even every other week. She believed that the scenarios were designed for a "perfect world" facility that had an endless budget and so, the scenarios were not helpful to her (and others in that same situation). I truly appreciated her comments! I responded back to her the following: "upon reflection, the scenarios did have a provider "when you needed one." However, the scenarios are meant to make you think about how you would manage the patient presenting in the same manner at your facility, regardless of "perfectness" or budget. They review the appropriate subjective information to ascertain and the objective evaluation for patients presenting with similar complaints, and this can/should be used at all facilities. If you work at a small jail, you, as the nurse, still have a scope of practice that must be adhered to, and you must consult with a provider who can determine a treatment plan for the patient. If you do not have a provider on call for you when they are not physically on-site, then you should be speaking with your administration stat to remedy the situation, as without a provider with whom you can consult, you may be practicing far beyond your scope of practice. Your patient should be receiving a thorough history and physical (per the information shared in the blog, for example), and then, depending on findings and any nursing guidelines/protocols you may have, a provider should be consulted. I don't think this is an ideal, but rather reasonable correctional nursing practice."

My intention with the CorrectionalNurse.Net blog, Nursing Behind the Wall and The Correctional Nurse Educator classes has always been to provide relevant resources for correctional nurses and I would appreciate hearing from you on this issue. Are the Nursing Behind the Wall scenarios not applicable to your practice?

Newsworthy Notes

The American Correctional Nurses Association is busy conducting its Board of Directors election and planning member activities for 2023. Check out the [website](#).

NCCHC Fall Conference is being held October 22-26, 2022 in Las Vegas. Your link to the agenda and registration can be found [here](#).

The ACA Winter Conference is set for January 27-31, 2023 in Orlando, Florida. Preliminary information can be found [here](#).

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!!

CorrectionalNurse.Net

This month at [CorrectionalNurse.Net](#) our clinical discussion will include patient education materials. Our professional practice discussion will include Ethics and Nursing Practice and roles. .

As always, announcements for new blog posts will be posted on our FaceBook pages and on Instagram.

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Correctional Nurse Educator

Our 50% off featured class this month at The Correctional Nurse Educator is [Seizure Disorder for the Correctional Nurse](#). I hope you enjoy it!

Remember that The Correctional Nurse will work with your group to provide accredited continuing education classes at a discounted and affordable cost.

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Nursing Behind the Wall

This month at [Nursing Behind the Wall](#), you will meet Ms. Burns, a woman with a red eye.

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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!

Lori

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*You, yourself, as much as anybody,
DESERVE YOUR LOVE AND AFFECTION
-Buddha*



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