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FRIDAY HUDDLE

A gathering of Oregon nursing workforce leaders to offer timely updates and share insights from peers and stakeholders.

Mark Your Calendars: November 10-16, 2024, marks this year's [National Nurse Practitioner Week](#)! Thank you to the NPs serving Oregonians throughout the state! Additionally, Thursday, November 14, was [World Diabetes Day](#). Learn [how diabetes impacts communities across the country](#) and find resources available through the [National Diabetes Prevention Program](#).

Nursing Workforce

Help Us Share OCN's Impact: Has OCN positively impacted your career or expanded your network as a nurse? We would love to hear from you! Features involve submitting a short written statement about your experience with OCN. No photos or videos are required. If you're interested in contributing, please contact callie.gisler@oregoncenterfornursing.org. The deadline has been extended to Wednesday, November 27.

Pertussis on the Rise in Oregon: The Oregon Health Authority warns that [more than 825 cases of pertussis](#), also known as whooping cough, have been recorded in Oregon this year. More than [150,000 individuals die globally](#) from the disease each year, according to the WHO. Vaccinations (DTaP and Tdap) protect against pertussis.

Western States Simulation Alliance: The California Simulation Alliance (CSA) invites nursing professionals across Oregon and other western states to get involved as the organization transitions to a new brand, [the Western States Simulation Alliance \(WSSA\)](#), in 2025. WSSA offers nursing simulation curriculum, instructor training, resources, and more. In addition, the organization's annual conference is scheduled for November 7-8, 2025, in San Diego.

Technology's Impact on Healthcare & Nursing: Huddlers explored the growing influence of technology and artificial intelligence on the nursing profession, as well as how it informed the general public's understanding of healthcare topics. New reports suggest that some nursing professionals are [pushing back against integrating AI-driven nursing solutions](#), particularly when they could cause patient safety risks. However, tools like ChatGPT and social media platforms like TikTok have gone mainstream. Huddlers in the education space also pointed out a rise in students relying on AI resources for coursework, which has resulted in misinformation in submitted assignments. Other Huddlers discussed how social media have become go-to sources for news and information. Unfortunately, these sources are not always accurate. Misinformation around topics such as vaccines can lead to mistrust in healthcare, creating tension for nurses trying to honor patient autonomy while addressing inaccurate medical beliefs. Huddlers agreed that technology like AI has benefits but must be used responsibly and double-checked for accuracy.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, November 22, at 8:00 a.m.

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