



FRIDAY HUDDLE

Convene • Connect • Collaborate

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



NURSE WORKFORCE

Home Care Gaps: A [recent article from Kaiser Family Foundation](#) highlights a national home care “quandary” continues as more people want care at home, but the workforce to support that demand remains difficult to staff. The discussion noted how hospital stays are shortening and shifting more complex care responsibilities to families and community-based services.

NURSE EDUCATION

NurseLearn Speaker Series: On January 27 at 12:30 pm, OCN’s Program Director Dawne Schoenthal will speak about why common wellness advice often fails and what may work instead. Register [here](#) to attend this accessible, lunch-hour learning opportunity.

NurseLearn Conference: Nursing’s second annual conference is Monday, March 9, 2026, at OMSI, with keynotes focused on dementia-related brain changes and person-centered care, and a closing plenary on “What if Maslow was wrong?” Breakouts include wound care, professional accountability/delegation, falls prevention, and a dementia-related film screening. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

OSBN Nurse Practice Act Modernization: Eleven divisions of the Nurse Practice Act have been updated, and a summary of the changes can be found on [here](#). These changes range from changes to practice hour licensing requirements, nursing students taking the nursing assistant exam, NCLEX remediation options, and more. OSBN will be hosting a Lunch and Learn on January 29 at noon to go over some of the most significant changes. [Register here](#) to attend.

RESOURCES

Friday Huddle 2025 Review: Be sure to read OCN’s year-in-review [blog](#) summarizing major 2025 Friday Huddle themes and conversations for nursing leaders and partners.

Oregon’s Nurse Well-Being Infographic: Earlier this month, OCN released a new [infographic](#) comparing 2022 vs. 2025 nurse well-being indicators, useful for briefings, leadership discussions, and advocacy.

OHF 2026 Legislative Preview: Oregon Health Forum [briefing with legislators](#) on the 2026 short session and potential health/nursing priorities for policy-aware leaders.

OregonLive: Childhood Vaccine Schedule Changes: [Oregon-focused explainer](#) on what federal schedule shifts may mean locally, intended for clinicians and families seeking clarity.

STAT: Talking With Parents About Vaccines: [Perspective](#) on how pediatricians are adapting communication approaches, useful for nurses fielding questions from patients and families.