

A Message to our Incredible Nursing Community

National Nurses Week is May 6-12, with the American Nurses Association recognizing and honoring the nurses in the United States. Nurses are family, friends, neighbors, accounting for one in every 100 people in the US. Nurses remain the most trusted profession with 84 percent of Americans rating the honesty and ethical standards of nurses high or very high.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to each and every one of you as you do your important work in caring for patients. It truly is humbling to me the commitment that you all demonstrate in the care of patients and families in their time of need. This selfless commitment to care requires care for ourselves. People depend on us to be "on our game", to show up to work with the ability to care for others at their most vulnerable. What we do is sacred work, and it is our responsibility to come to work mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically prepared for a day of challenges, triumphs and defeats.

As you begin your daily work, know that you are an important and pivotal piece to the patient's care team, and your efforts do not go unnoticed by your co-workers, leaders, and patients/families. You all are an inspiration to others in your pursuit of excellence in the care that is provided to patients each and every day.

Thank you for the care you provide each day, it makes a difference. Happy Nurse's Week!

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