



National Nursing Week 2023

A Message from Sherri Kensall, NNPBC Board Chair and RN Council President

On behalf of NNPBC's Board of Directors, Happy National Nursing Week!

National Nursing Week is an opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate the critically impactful health system work of the nursing profession. Across all settings, domains of practice and amongst all designations, nurses make a profound and meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Nurses and Nurse Practitioners are everywhere in health care: caring for someone at what may be the worst moment in their life, answering questions and ensuring families are supported, making care recommendations and care plans to meet an individual's specific needs, developing a new and innovative approach or technique, educating other nurses and/or students, engaging in research that fundamentally alters the trajectory of care, doing the heavy lifting of administrative and operational work, managing complex patient needs—always promoting dignity of those we care for. This shows a broad perspective of nursing within the health care system that is expansive and wide-reaching. This expansiveness is built on the foundation of our unique body of disciplinary knowledge developed over centuries of practice, research, education, and leadership.

The theme for National Nursing Week this year is, "Our Nurses, Our Future," showcasing the many roles that nurses play in patients' health journey. We celebrate all nurses and also all our health care team members supporting patients' health journeys. This theme is message of fundamental hope, and a clear reminder that the future of health care can, and will, always be impacted by nurses as we continue to take on different and varied roles within our interdisciplinary teams—lending expertise, skills, and knowledge wherever we work.

From bedside to boardroom, nurses have the influence, knowledge, and skills to continue to provide exceptional care and leadership for generations to come. I have seen my colleagues rise to the challenge and I have hope for a future that continues to rely on nursing expertise.

From all of us at NNPBC, we wish you a happy National Nursing Week.

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