

Nurses Month 2021

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Hi. This is Anne Dabrow Woods – Chief Nurse at Wolters Kluwer, Health, Learning Research and Practice.

And this is Nurses’ Month. As we celebrate and support the millions of nurses that continue to make a difference every day, we ask you...

What are you looking forward to most?

- Eating out?
- Live theatre?
- Hugs?
- A world without COVID?

We’ve all experienced a rough year...but none more than our frontline healthcare workers.

As nurses...we’ve always known burnout comes with the job. But since the pandemic, and the ceaseless caring for the sickest patients we’ve ever seen, fighting an insidious, mutating virus – invisible to the eye but with effects that are unspeakable – we kept going.

At first, we were unprotected and unprepared, then over-taxed, overwhelmed and exhausted—

...frustrated that we couldn’t provide the care we’ve been trained to give—yet we kept going.

When we ran out of PPE and beds, and ideas—we kept going.

We kept going, because we are nurses!

And because we are nurses...we became the families our patients couldn’t see at their besides.

And we cared without judgement or social injustice...

And as Florence Nightingale said of her career...

“I attribute my success to this – I never gave or took any excuse,”

So did we – because we are nurses.

And through it all, we discovered our voices in leadership and innovations...reimagining care models and care access, as we recognized gaps in healthcare and facilitated necessary changes, while providing hope to all with new vaccinations.

We’ve looked fear full in the face, undaunted, and inspired change to lead and transform healthcare into the future...

...because we never took or gave an excuse.

We just did what needed to be done.

We are nurses, after all.

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