

Welcome to Nurses Month 2020

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Hello, my name's Dr. Anne Dabrow Woods, chief nurse of Wolters Kluwer Health Learning, Research and Practice. Welcome to Nurses Month. The World Health Organization designated this year to be the Year the Nurse and Midwife. Now in May we usually celebrate Nurses Week, but the American Nurses Association decided it would be a great idea to extend that to the full month and that's exactly what they're doing. We're going to celebrate under the theme of a Voice to Lead: Nursing the World to Health and each week we're going to focus on different parts of the theme. Week one will focus on self-care, week two we'll talk about recognition, week three will be about professional development and week four will focus on community engagement. We're also going to take a look at some research that Wolters Kluwer has done looking at nurses who've only been in practice for 10 years or less and looking at their impact on the future of nursing and on healthcare. We as a profession are very, very strong. We run towards adversity instead of shying away from it. We are resilient. We take the time to get up every morning and go do what we need to do to improve health care for all. And above all we're selfless; we give of ourselves even when feeling physically and emotionally tired. It took a pandemic for those around us to recognize the value and the power of nursing. They recognized something that we've already known. We're the heroes of health care. So happy Nurses month and I celebrate who you are and what you bring to healthcare.