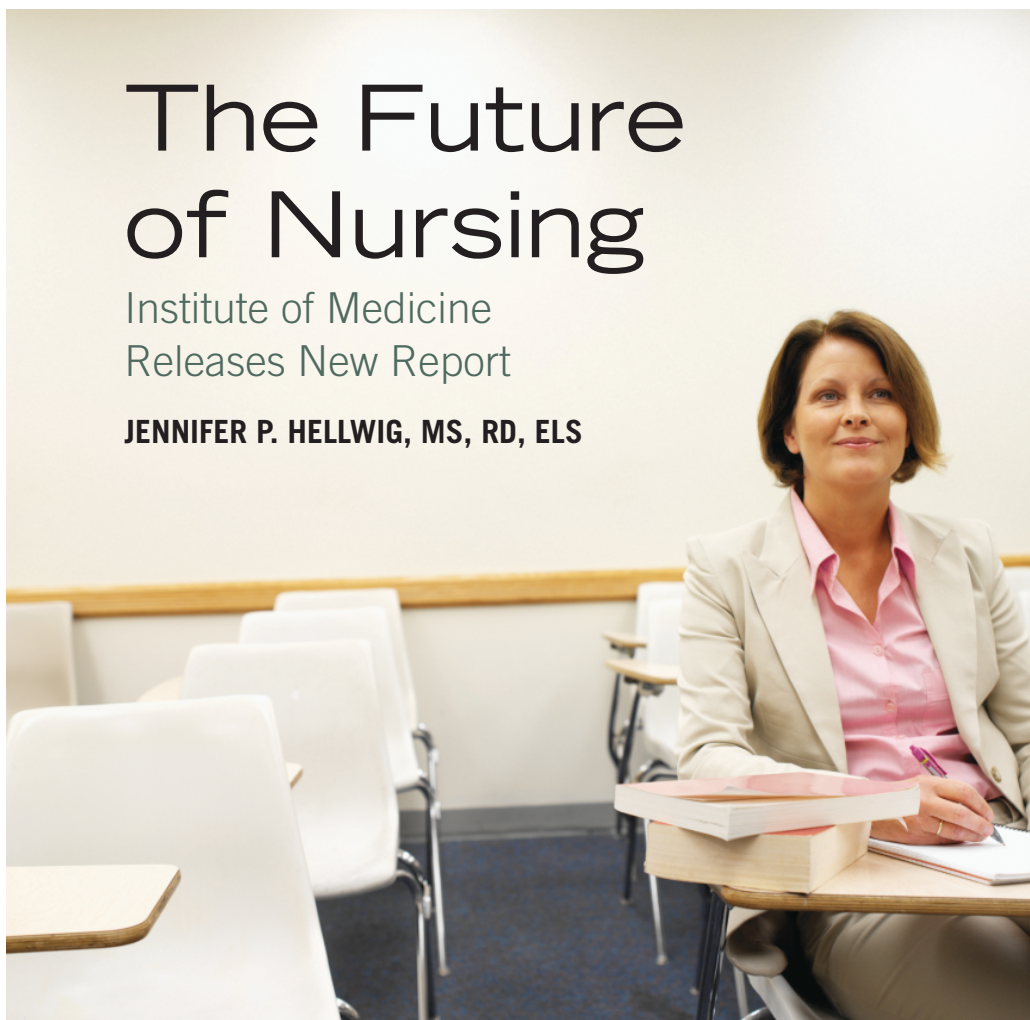




# The Future of Nursing

Institute of Medicine  
Releases New Report

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nurses' roles, responsibilities and education should change significantly to meet the increased demand for care that will be created by health care reform and to advance improvements in America's increasingly complex health system, says a new report from the Institute of Medicine.

Nurses should be fully engaged with other health professionals and assume leadership roles in redesigning care in the United States, said the committee that wrote the report. To ensure its members are well-prepared, the profession

should institute residency training for nurses, increase the percentage of nurses who attain a bachelor's degree to 80 percent by 2020 and double the number who pursue doctorates. And regulatory and institutional obstacles—including limits on nurses' scope of practice—should be removed so that the health system can reap the full benefit of nurses' training, skills and knowledge in patient care. The report is the product of a study convened under the auspices of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Initiative on the Future of Nursing, at the Institute of Medicine, and is the result of the committee's review of scientific literature on the nursing profession and a series of public forums to gather insights and evidence from a range of experts. Copies of *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*, are available from National Academies Press at 1-800-624-6242 or <http://www.nap.edu>. Additional information on the report is available at <http://www.iom.edu/nursing>

### Call for Award Entries

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), is accepting entries for the 2011 International Awards for Nursing Excellence. The awards recognize achievements in the fields of technology, media, chapter excellence, research and leadership. Award recipients will be honored during STTI's 41st Biennial Convention in Grapevine, TX, October 29 to November 2, 2011. Members and nonmembers are encouraged to submit nominations until March 1, 2011. For complete information including all categories, awards, eligibility, fees and judging, visit <http://www.nursingsociety.org/Awards/international>

### Diabetes Video

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Office of Women's Health has produced a new educational video that provides tips to help women with diabetes safely use their diabetes medicines. The video, as well as other free diabetes materials including medications booklets, fact sheets, brochures and recipes, are available at <http://www.fda.gov/womensdiabetes> today. The video can also be found on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zd2ezv1b5No>

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### Diabetes and Hospitalization

People with diabetes need to take extra precautions if they find themselves at the hospital, according to the Joint Commission's Speak Up™ educational campaign. The campaign is supported by the American Association of Diabetes Educators, American Diabetes Association and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The Joint Commission's new Speak Up™ brochure "Diabetes: Five Ways to be Active in Your Care at the Hospital" includes tips for people living with diabetes and encourages them to ask

a trusted family member or friend to be an advocate during trips to the emergency room or any planned hospitalization. Topics covered in the brochure include finding out how diabetes will be managed during hospitalization, asking about medications and possible interactions, talking with the hospital dietitian, avoiding infections and planning for recovery at home. The Joint Commission's new diabetes education campaign is part of the award-winning Speak Up™ program. Speak Up™ brochures help patients be active participants in their care and are available in English and Spanish at <http://www.jointcommission.org>

## Save These Dates!

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT
June 25 to 29, 2011	Denver, CO	AWHONN Annual Convention. For more information visit <a href="http://www.awhonn.org/convention" style="color: white;">http://www.awhonn.org/convention</a>
Ongoing	Call for location	The AWHONN Fetal Heart Monitoring Principles and Practices Workshop. For information visit <a href="http://www.awhonn.org/" style="color: white;">http://www.awhonn.org/</a>

Get your next meeting or educational session listed in *Nursing for Women's Health* by e-mailing your information to [nwh@awhonn.org](mailto:nwh@awhonn.org) and putting "Save These Dates" in the subject line. Announcements are included on a space-available basis. Please send announcements at least 6 months before you wish to have them published.

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