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**Member Organizations**

Aventura Hospital & Medical Center

Baptist Health South Florida

Baptist Hospital

Barry University

Bethesda Hospital

Boca Raton Regional Hospital

Broward College

Broward Health

Broward Health Coral Springs

Broward Health Imperial Point

Broward Health Medical Center

Broward Health North

## **New tool to connect nurses to hospitals fighting COVID-19 surge**

Nurses interested in helping to address a coronavirus surge in South Florida will have an easier time connecting with area hospitals thanks to an [online tool](#) being developed by the Nursing Consortium of South Florida. "Many states including Florida have relaxed licensure requirements for out-of-state license holders but it can be hard for out of state nurses to efficiently contact hospital HR staff. There are also numerous nursing license holders in Florida that are not currently working because they are pursuing advanced degrees or due to other reasons. We want to make it easy for them to connect with our members in a time of critical need," explained NCSF president Jineal Shinn who is also CNO at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. Nurse leaders at member organizations have been asked to provide the name and contact information of their HR/Talent Acquisition executive to NCSF executive director Ralph Egües by [email](#).

## **Filmmaker offers free viewing of acclaimed documentary, "The American Nurse"**

To honor nurses on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis, [Kino Lorber](#) is offering a free streaming re-release of the acclaimed documentary film, "[The American Nurse](#)." The documentary originally appeared in US theaters in May, 2014. It highlights the lives of five American nurses from diverse specialties, bringing to the big screen a sincere look at the commitment, necessity, and compassion behind this profession that impacts us all. The free streaming platform will be available until the end of May 2020. To watch the movie, please [click here](#). *Contact hours offered:* [Walden University](#) is offering 1.0 free contact hours for nurses who view this film and complete the evaluation by May 31, 2020. [Walden University](#) is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurse

Chamberlain College of Nursing

Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. For contact hours please [click here](#).

Cleveland Clinic Hospital

## Cleveland Clinic creates hardship fund for first responders

Cross Country Staffing

Doctors Hospital

Cleveland Clinic Florida has created a new philanthropic program to benefit first responders in South Florida and the Treasure Coast who are on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Cleveland Clinic [First Responder Hardship Program](#) will provide financial support to first responders who are experiencing a temporary financial hardship due to COVID-19 and wish to request consideration for financial assistance. The program will be provided in conjunction with one available to Cleveland Clinic Florida caregivers, and is funded by charitable donations from generous individuals in our local communities. Allocations will be distributed based on fund availability. Please [click here](#) to read more.

Florida Atlantic University  
Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Florida International University  
Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Florida National University

## CMS relaxes rules for doctors and nurses during emergency

HCA East Florida Division

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has relaxed a wide series of rules and regulations for the duration of the public health emergency that will better enable doctors, nurses, and others to care for patients. The new rules include allowing doctors to remotely care for patients across state lines at rural facilities, permitting nurse practitioners to perform more duties, and many other flexibilities. [Click here](#) to see the comprehensive list.

Kendall Regional Medical Center

Hendry Regional Medical

## Hackers take advantage of pandemic to exploit healthcare organizations

Holtz Children's & The Women's Hospital

Holy Cross Hospital

In the midst of the current difficulties and distress, unconscionable cyber hackers are targeting healthcare professionals and medical organizations to steal confidential data and exacerbate the suffering. These cyber criminals use seemingly legitimate emails from the CDC to trick recipients into clicking on a link that opens up access to malicious software and enables them to hack computers and extract confidential records. Read more about it in a [special report](#) by Andrea Richard, Customer Acquisition Specialist at [24By7Security](#).

Homestead Hospital

Jackson Memorial Hospital

Jackson North Medical Center

Jackson South Medical Center

## 25 ways to cope with the stress of confinement

Jersey College

JFK Medical Center

JFK Medical Center  
North

Joe DiMaggio Children's  
Hospital

Jupiter Medical Center

Keiser University

Mariners Hospital

MedPro Staffing

Memorial Healthcare  
System

Memorial Hospital  
Miramar

Memorial Hospital  
Pembroke

Memorial Hospital West

Memorial Regional  
Hospital

Memorial Regional  
Hospital South

Mercy Hospital

Miami Dade College  
Benjamin León  
School of Nursing

Mount Sinai Medical  
Center

Nicklaus Children's  
Hospital

Feeling the strain of staying at home? Missing your favorite activities? Anxious, cranky and ready to scream “enough already?” [Click here](#) for 25 helpful tips on dealing with the difficulties of quarantine, from [Dr. Eileen Feliciano](#), a psychologist who specializes in anxiety, depression and similar mental health cases.

## AHCA Dashboard shows ongoing data on hospital bed capacity by county across Florida

Florida’s Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has published a real-time [data dashboard](#) showing the current hospital bed availability throughout the state by county. The dashboard provides the public and healthcare workers with ongoing visibility on the status of hospital capacity of all Florida hospitals. This vital statewide resource helps the Governor, the Department of Health, healthcare providers, and emergency management operators to better informed for local planning and response to COVID-19 in Florida. [Click here](#) to read more. [Click here](#) to see the Hospital Bed Capacity Dashboard.

## FDA authorizes Blood Purification Device to treat COVID-19

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization for a blood purification system to treat patients 18 years of age or older with confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) with confirmed or imminent respiratory failure. The authorized product works by reducing the amount of cytokines and other inflammatory mediators, i.e., small active proteins in the bloodstream that control a cell’s immune response by filtering the blood and returning the filtered blood to the patient. Please [click here](#) to read more.

## NTOCC releases new patient and family caregiver COVID-19 tool

The National Transitions of Care Coalition ([NTOCC](#)) is providing a useful **tool** that can assist consumers in talking to their healthcare professionals about issues and concerns they may have if they were exposed to or are having symptoms related to COVID-19. [The tool](#) is in the form of an easy to use questionnaire that captures essential information.

Northwest Medical Center

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Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing

Palm Beach Atlantic University  
School of Nursing

Palm Beach State College  
School of Nursing

Palms West Hospital

Plantation General Hospital

RN Network

South Miami Hospital

South University

TrustBridge Health

University Hospital

University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies

University of Miami Hospital & Clinics

VITAS Healthcare

West Coast University

West Kendall Baptist Hospital

Westside Regional Medical Center

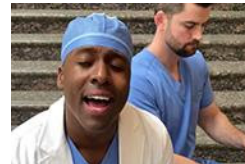
## April 22 Lunch & Learn webinar on Aging Life Care Support and *Improving Coordination for Elderly Patients*

This Lunch & Learn session on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT, will help participants better understand the role an Aging Life Care Manager brings to the collaborative care team and how integrating their services with community resources in transition planning can improve outcomes. Speakers will discuss the role of the care manager in assessment and monitoring, planning and problem-solving and family caregiver coaching. The session will be presented by: Elizabeth Barlowe, MA, CMC – President, Aging Life Care Association® and C. Taney Hamill, CEO, Aging Life Care Association®. [Click here](#) to register.

## FDA asks manufacturers to immediately withdraw all ranitidine products (Zantac) from market

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has asked manufacturers to immediately withdraw all prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) ranitidine drugs from the market. This is the latest step in an ongoing investigation of a contaminant known as N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) in ranitidine medications (commonly known by the brand name Zantac). The agency has determined that the impurity in some ranitidine products increases over time and when stored at higher than room temperatures and may result in consumer exposure to unacceptable levels of this impurity. As a result of this immediate market withdrawal request, ranitidine products will not be available for new or existing prescriptions or OTC use in the U.S. Please [click here](#) to read more.

## Inspiring musical performance by two Mayo surgeons goes viral



Two Mayo Clinic surgeons are sharing their musical talents, providing an [inspirational performance](#) during the pandemic for fellow health care workers and people in communities across the U.S. *Elvis Francois*, an orthopedic surgery resident who sings, and *William Robinson*, an orthopedic surgery resident who plays the piano, shared their rendition of “Imagine” by John Lennon on YouTube. The video went viral, and this and

other performances by the duo have been broadcast on national and local news networks.

## Free eBook for improving communications with patients



A free eBook entitled "How to Communicate with Patients during the COVID-19 Pandemic" is being offered by **Relatient**, a provider of patient engagement platforms. Patients have a lot of questions for their providers right now and the need to keep them and family members well informed is imperative. Information about COVID-19 changes daily, affecting hours of operation, procedures, and protocols. This guide may offers ideas, strategies and resources for leveraging patient engagement tools to keep patients updated without putting their staff on the phones all day. [Download now.](#)

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