



U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Nursing Professional Advisory Committee



Welcome Message from the Chief Nurse- RADM Susan Orsega

As Chief Nurse of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS), my vision for the nursing category is: Leading The Way To A Healthier America and World. It is my aim that PHS nurses will be highly regarded, innovative, proactive leaders in nursing practice and health care; who exemplify healthy lifestyles and apply health promotion strategies to their jobs, programs and communities; who identify, deliver, document and share best practices throughout nursing; and are ready to respond to complexities inherent to public health underserved populations both here in the US and around the world. It is my desire to foster a culture of commitment, character, collaboration, adaptability, and teamwork to achieve excellence within the category.

Today's USPHS nurses must look at the social, economic and environmental factors that impact their patients' health, specifically how and where patients live, play, work, and learn. Nurses can and do play a pivotal role in influencing those spaces that are outside the health sectors. USPHS nurses are charged with being nimble and pioneering the way to work as leaders in all the different sectors.

As my leadership team, the N-PAC chair, subcommittee and voting members represent the interests of nursing profession across the category as well as our civilian counterparts. I urge you to get to know the voting members from your Agency and Operational Divisions and the subcommittee co-chairs and members. I am proud of the work they do each day to ensure your voice is heard, that my vision for the Nurse Corps is actualized and the mission of the USPHS is upheld. When there are opportunities to volunteer for N-PAC, I recommend you take those occasions to proudly represent the Nurse Corps and the USPHS. It is a privilege and responsibility of being a USPHS Commissioned Corps Officers, and one that comes with significant influence and importance. Thank you for all you do - your efforts enable the future progress of our Category, our Corps, and health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan M. Orsega". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a vertical line.

RADM Susan M. Orsega
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