



**UPDATE:**  
**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation & Institute of Medicine**  
**Forums on the *Future of Nursing***

**November 5, 2009** - The Institute of Medicine (IOM) in collaboration with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has established a major initiative on the Future of Nursing. The initial cornerstone of the program would be conduct of a major study whose goal would be to produce a transformational report on the future of nursing.

An ad hoc committee is examining the capacity of the nursing workforce to meet the demands of a reformed health care and public health system. It will develop a set of bold national recommendations, including ones that address the delivery of nursing services in a shortage environment and the capacity of the nursing education system. In its report, the committee will define a clear agenda and blueprint for action including changes in public and institutional policies at the national, state and local levels. Its recommendations would address a range of system changes, including innovative ways to solve the nursing shortage in the U.S.

The committee may examine and produce recommendations related to the following issues, with the goal of identifying vital roles for nurses in designing and implementing a more effective and efficient health care system:

- Reconceptualizing the role of nurses within the context of the entire workforce, the shortage, societal issues, and current and future technology;
- Expanding nursing faculty, increasing the capacity of nursing schools, and redesigning nursing education to assure that it can produce an adequate number of well prepared nurses able to meet current and future health care demands;
- Examining innovative solutions related to care delivery and health professional education by focusing on nursing and the delivery of nursing services; and
- Attracting and retaining well prepared nurses in multiple care settings, including acute, ambulatory, primary care, long term care, community and public health.

**Previous Meetings**

- [Meeting 3. RWJF Initiative on the Future of Nursing, at the IOM.](#) Monday, November 02, 2009 (8:00 AM)
  - [View Agenda](#)
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- [Forum on the Future of Nursing: Acute Care](#) Monday, October 19, 2009 (12:30 PM)
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- The Alliance for Nursing Informatics submitted testimony available at:  
[http://www.allianceni.org/docs/ANI\\_SubmitsComments\\_RWJ\\_IOM\\_TheFutureNursing.pdf](http://www.allianceni.org/docs/ANI_SubmitsComments_RWJ_IOM_TheFutureNursing.pdf)
- [Meeting 2: RWJF Initiative on the Future of Nursing, at the IOM](#) Monday, September 14, 2009 (9:00 AM)
  - [View Agenda](#)
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### **Upcoming Forums**

Two additional forums will be held in December 2009 and February 2010. These forums will also be webcast. More information on registration and options for public involvement will be available on the website at:

<http://www.iom.edu/en/Activities/Workforce/Nursing.aspx>

**ANI Organizations are encouraged to submit comments individually.** \*The TIGER Initiative will be submitting testimony to future forums.

- Forum on the Future of Nursing: Community Health, Public Health, Primary Care, and Long Term Care  
December 3, 2009 - Philadelphia, PA
- Forum on the Future of Nursing: Education  
February 22, 2010 - Houston, TX