

Do we have what it takes to take care of aging Baby Boomers?

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Mary Rita Hurley, RN, Aging Initiatives Director of STTI, the Honor Society of Nursing, talks with Joyce about the needs of our aging population, and what we need to add to the nation's healthcare services in order to meet their needs.

About our guest:

Mary Rita Hurley joined STTI four years ago to manage the development of all leadership and education programs, publications and events. She worked with others in the organization to apply for a large grant from the Hartford Foundation, which was awarded to STTI for the development of the Geriatric Nurse Leadership Academy. Nationally, she is currently on the American Organization of Nurse Executives Geriatric Task Force, the National Gerontological Nurses Association board of directors and serves as an Advisory Member to the Executive Council of the National Council of Long Term Care Nurse Executives. Read her story at:
<http://www.nursingsociety.org/Pages/MaryRitaHurley.aspx>



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About serving our aging population:

Many of our parents and grandparents are reaching the geriatric patient age. This population uses the majority of the nation's health care services, and is poised to grow as baby boomers increase demand. But, are our health care providers prepared to handle geriatric patients' particular needs?

That's where the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) comes in. STTI is a leader in Gerontology nursing education, providing tools for nurses to expand their gerontology education, such as:

- * Pain management website – Tips and stories on proper care for senior citizens
- * Continued education – Courses to help nurses increase gerontology knowledge
- * Supplement articles – Quarterly articles to inform nurses about gerontology practices,

such as “Give me some Sugar!” The Diabetes Self Management Activities of African-American Primary Caregiving Grandmothers, and Intentions of Older Homebound Women to Reduce the Risk of Falling Again.

About STTI:

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. Founded in 1922, STTI has inducted more than 400,000 members in 86 countries. Members include practicing nurses, instructors, researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs and others. STTI's 463 chapters are located at 571 institutions of higher education throughout Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, The Netherlands, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Swaziland, Sweden, Taiwan, Tanzania, the United States and Wales. More information about STTI can be found online at <http://www.nursingsociety.org>