Popular TV shows like *Grey’s Anatomy*, *ER*, and *House* lead people to think that nurses simply push gurneys, drive romantic plots, and provide a human backdrop for the real action. However, those of us among the 12 million nurses worldwide know the reality is far more fascinating, demanding and important.

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*Saving Lives* exposes the media’s role in reinforcing stereotypes that help fuel the nursing shortage. But it is also a call to action. *Saving Lives* offers concrete steps to help nurses and their supporters educate the public about nursing.

For millions of people worldwide, nurses are the difference between life and death, self-sufficiency and dependency, and hope and despair. Nonetheless a lack of appreciation for nursing has contributed to a global shortage that is one of our most urgent public health crises. There are not enough nurses available to monitor patients, provide high-tech treatments, advocate for patients, and teach patients how to live with their conditions. Poor understanding of what nurses do undermines claims for adequate staffing, and leads to a lack of resources for nursing practice, education, and research. All of that means worse patient outcomes, including death.

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Nurses on television and in movies are often cast in the role of “the naughty nurse,” as documented by Sandy Summers RN, MSN, MPH and Harry Jacobs Summers in their book, Saving Lives: Why Media’s Portrayal of Nurses Put Us All At Risk. But nurses as vixens are not the only stereotype to be found in the media. Nurses have often been unfairly and unrealistically portrayed as “battle axes” or psychologically compromised. And that’s if they are written into the script at all. In such popular television medical dramas as “House” and “Grey’s Anatomy,” where collectively there are 20 major physician roles, nurses are often treated as secondary characters or not depicted at all.