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**NURSES SAY NO TO 'NIGHTINGALES'**

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**Abstract** (Document Summary)

Reaction from the field, predictably, has been speedier than a crash cart. "Disgusting . . . outrageous," said Susan Cramer, a doctoral student in nursing at the University of Virginia, where "Nightingales" has been a feverish topic lately. "Clearly, the aim of the show is to titillate, and to do so by pandering to every stereotype ever perpetuated about nursing."

Ms. [Sarah Detmer] cited a study by two nurses at the University of Michigan that showed nurses have been portrayed negatively almost without fail in the media. Historians Barbara Melosh and Susan Reverby have written books about the distorted image of nurses.

Detmer drew boos and hisses by announcing that she had watched "Nightingales." She quickly appeased the crowd by noting she had watched only to identify sponsors for boycott purposes. True to her word, Ms. Detmer will never again do dishes with Sunlight detergent and insists she will not be caught dead in Burger King...

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