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Nursing in South Africa

Is the Nightingale under attack?



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Florence Nightingale

(Lady with the lamp)

1820-1910

**The Founder of the
Modern Day Art and
Science of Nursing**

Making life better



An educated women who used strategic networking to influence and bring about fundamental changes in health care and nursing during very challenging times .

She pursued her objectives with relentless enthusiasm and singleness of purpose.

A gutsy women who never settled for less than what she wanted.



She believed that nurses required formal training as well as experience in order to nurse effectively - foundation for nursing as an applied science.

She opened the first training school for nurses in 1860

She published over 200 books, pamphlets and articles.

“Notes on Nursing”

The first training book for nurses



Her contribution to public health, statistics, her administrative ability and her advocacy for health care policy making was respected throughout the world and continues to influence healthcare today.



She gave us the Environmental Theory which described the importance of ventilation, light air and prevention of overcrowding.

She became the leading advisor to the government for building of hospitals and healthcare facilities.

This reduced the mortality rate from 48% to 2%

“The nurse is not to expect a gift of clothing beyond this”



Clothing.

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Uniform upper clothing will be provided by Government, comprising, in the first year, the following articles:

- 1 cloak with hood.
- 1 Derry wrapper.
- 1 pair of Indian-rubber goloshes.
- 6 check aprons.
- 6 collars.
- 4 caps.
- 2 best caps.
- 2 badges.
- 1 white straw bonnet.
- 1 dark straw bonnet.
- 3 print gowns.
- 2 linseywoolsey gowns.
- 1 cape or light shawl.

- 1 woollen jacket.
- 2 pairs of sleeves.
- 1 alpaca gown.
- 1 flannel wrapper.

The above articles will not be supplied all at once, but in such manner as may be deemed expedient with reference to the season of the year. A box for these articles will be furnished to each Nurse.

Our benefits from the Nightingale legacy

Today we benefit from her legacy through her establishment of nursing standards and guidelines for nursing theory and practice.

She grounded the profession in both the discipline of science and art of skills development.

Nightingale laid the foundation for the professional conduct and ethical practices of healthcare.

She role modeled the resilience and perseverance that nurses have demonstrated throughout the modern history of the profession.

She advocated for the rights of women to fulfill her place in society and the working world.



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Eileen to give
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on the
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A Moslem Nurse

“lady with a halogen lamp”