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Abstract:
Throughout history, humankind has faced innumerable challenges from disease, natural disasters, war, famine and life-altering events but there have always been those individuals who rise up and care for those in need. We have all at some time benefited from the care of nurses. Nursing as an art and science has confronted these challenges and found innovative ways to care for individuals and communities in need and pass on these interventions generation after generation to become the most trusted profession in the world. This presentation will address a brief history of nursing with a focus on a few of those who have met these challenges and become advocates for change.

Learning Objectives:
1. Identify factors in the development of the history of nursing
2. Describe at least three healthcare challenges confronted by nurses
3. Identify at least three healthcare outcomes as a result of nurses leading change
4. Recognize future challenges and call to action for nursing profession nationally and globally

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