The Nurses, the Pediatric Cardiology *Specialty* Nurses

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The nurses,

That sisterhood of guardians for

> The fetus, the family, the infant, toddler, student, athlete-hoped to be launched to adulthood-transitioned?
>
> At the top of the class, the teacher, worker, mechanic, cook...
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> The challenged, the weary and the sick.

The Nurse, Shepherd through the clinics, the ICU, the floor, the OR, PreOp, PostOp, the Cath lab, EP, ETT, MRI, CT, Echo, EKG, OT, ST, PT, school, programs, work, Primary Care, Psychology, Psychiatry, Hepatology, GI, Anticoag, Hem/Onc, Ortho, Genetics, Neurodevelopment, Behavioral Health, Endocrine, OB-GYN, Social Work, Research

IEP, IRB, 504, Forms, Orders, Prescriptions, Results, Notes, Clearance

Tubes, lines, devices, pumps, meds, monitors, alarms, sensors, stickers, sheaths, stitches, strips, stethoscopes, transducers, phones, apps.

The Nurse, soldiers on writing, recording, charting (clicking), learning, teaching, feeding, holding, soothing, Zooming, singing, voting, playing, praying, grieving.

In 2020 they have become gloved, shielded, gowned, draped, donned, doffed, sweating, and fogged- valiantly fighting with nursing practice an elusive viral foe to keep patients, families and colleagues safe.

The Nurses, the Pediatric Cardiology *Specialty* Nurses are there, steady, strong, and brave- guardians, shepherds, writers, scientists, advocates, researchers, teachers, mentors, organizers-NURSES, sisters.

To YOU, the glue. We are us, we must!