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## **Nurse radio is on the air--or at least on the Internet**

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Nurses have tough jobs, with long hours, lots of stress and pay that doesn't always match up to the demands. But at least they now have a radio station all their own.

OK, so radio station is not exactly accurate. Nurseradio.org is a Web site with original programming that can be downloaded 24/7.

"Traditional radio is dying" says Georgianna Donadio, the host and executive producer of nurseradio.org.

The site currently features 18 interviews with nurses on a wide array of topics, from trauma care to the history of nursing to public health and the business of nursing.

Supported by the New England School of Whole Health Education in Wellesley, Mass., among others, the Web site costs about \$50,000 annually to maintain, according to Donadio, who is also an associate professor and program director at the school.

Most of the interviews posted on the Web site are with nurses with a holistic bent. But all are welcome to contribute, Donadio says.

The stories are compelling and educational, she says, whether the nurses talk about treating patients in the inner city or what it was like to patch up soldiers on the front lines during the Vietnam War.

Response from nurses has been great, Donadio says, with 500 interviews downloaded since the program's launch in late spring.