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Misinformation took off as the pandemic took hold, and it has led to confusion about everything from effective treatments for COVID-19, to masking, to vaccines.

Experts at the University of Pennsylvania say nurses can play a major role in holding back that tide because they work regularly with patients who may have been exposed to bad information and can offer corrections when needed.

In an article, “Preventing the Spread of Misinformation,” recently published in American Nurse Journal, lead author Antonia Villarruel, the dean of nursing at Penn, says nurses are at the forefront of combating misinformation.

Written to explain the “infodemic” — as U.S. Surgeon General Vikek Murthy has referred to the problem — the article tells why people and medical professionals might not have all the facts.

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