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* Who pays for the work of nursing?
* What is the real work of nursing?
* How have our nursing predecessors struggled with the relationship between work and knowledge?

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