Policy Update

New Primary Care Expert Panel. The board approved the Primary Care Expert Panel to provide expertise and leadership in primary care policy and to develop collaborative strategies with other panels where primary care informs the policy issues. The panel is charged with promoting improved coordination of care and smooth transitions across all practice settings. Your participation on the Primary Care Expert Panel is invited. Please complete the simple commitment to serve application to become a panel member.

Baby-Friendly USA. Congratulations to Diane Spatz, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN, co-chair of the Breastfeeding Expert Panel, on her appointment to the Baby-Friendly USA NICU Task Force.

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Academy President: It's "Nursing's Time"

Late last month, Academy president Diana Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN, spoke to a gathering of nursing students, colleagues, and supporters at Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies.

Dr. Mason encouraged nurses to develop and share their vision for improving health care. She highlighted many of the Academy's Edge Runners, who have innovative models of care. Nurses and the health community need to look at the social determinants of health, which are the sources that affect a person's well-being. Read the full article and watch the lecture »
Pamela H. Mitchell, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN, was named an associate editor of the *International Nursing Review*, the official journal of the International Council of Nurses.

Anne Turner-Henson, PhD, RN, FAAN, received the Southern Nursing Research Society’s Leadership in Research award. This award is given based on special and outstanding merit of a member in leadership, contribution to society, and the promotion of nursing and health care research.

Fellows on AACN’s Board of Directors

Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, RN, CPNP/PMHNP, FNAP, FAAN, was inducted into her alma mater’s Academy of Distinguished Alumni at West Virginia University.
Have news to share? Let us know!

In Memoriam

On February 22, 2014, Dorothy "Dort" Gregg died in hospice care in Littleton, Colorado. She was 94.

Dort had a distinguished 40-year career and is often referred to as "the grandmother of psychiatric nursing."

She served as a mental health consultant for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Dort worked at the National Institute of Health in the area of psychiatric nursing education and training.

A strong proponent of sharing knowledge to achieve quality patient care, she established the Psychiatric Institute and Nursing Symposium, as a Colorado-wide communication event to discuss psychiatric nursing projects in an academic setting. The symposium continues today.

After teaching at the University of California, San Francisco, and Western Reserve in Cleveland, Dort returned to the University of Colorado in 1968 as chairman of the Graduate Program of Psychiatric Nursing. She retired in 1985, but remained an active CU alum.

She was a lifetime member of the American Nurses Association, and in 1973, was appointed a charter member of the American Academy of Nursing. She was also a recipient of the ANA Division of Psychiatric Nursing Award for Contributions to Advancement of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing. She has received numerous awards from the University of Colorado.

Dort has enhanced the entire nursing and health profession. Her work and research will continue to bring positive change.

Call for 2014 Council Abstracts Now Open

Submit an abstract for review for the Council’s 2014 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research, held this fall in Washington, D.C. Be sure to submit soon! The deadline is March 31 at midnight EDT.

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