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American Academy of Nursing announces details of 2011 conference season

*Annual Meeting and Conference registration opens on May 1;
Abstracts due May 2*

Washington, DC (March 30, 2011) – Underscoring health promotion, research and innovation, the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) announced its 38th Annual Meeting and Conference, designed to provide nurse leaders with a dynamic program that features prominent speakers, engrossing activities, networking opportunities and commemorative celebrations.

The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill from October 13-15, 2011, immediately following the [Pre-Conference](#) program and Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science Special Topics and Poster Session on October 12. Registration for AAN's Annual Conference and meeting opens on May 1, and the deadline to submit abstracts is May 2.

Visit <http://www.aannet.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=4499> for instructions to submit abstracts.

Themed "Health Promotion across the Lifespan: Focus on Evidence," the three-day conference's to-be-announced agenda will feature numerous plenary and breakout sessions, in addition to the annual Living Legends ceremony and new Fellows induction ceremony. As in the past, individuals and organizations are welcome to sponsor events and other conference sessions or materials. A sponsorship guide will be made available in the near future.

"The annual conference establishes an elite forum for the most accomplished in nursing to celebrate achievements and integrate new ideas," said AAN Chief Executive Officer Cheryl G. Sullivan, MSES. "As we advance evidence-based innovations that expand the influence of nursing to achieve better health outcomes, the conference enables Fellows to formulate and articulate new knowledge and research."

The 2011 Annual Meeting Planning Committee is chaired by Judith Baggs, PhD, RN, FAAN; Colleen Goode, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN; and Ruth Kleinpell, PhD, RN, FAAN. Their vision helped define this year's four objectives:

- Framing nursing's long-standing contribution to health promotion as a critical component of health reform;
- Showcasing evidence-based innovations in health promotion across the lifespan for their relevance in meeting public need;
- Evaluating ways that health promotion can infuse and direct local, regional, and national policy agendas; and
- Stimulating ideas for expanding research and innovation in health promotion.

For more information visit <http://www.aannet.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=4498>.

The [2011 Pre-Conference, "Performance Measurement: Strategic Imperatives for Nursing,"](#) examines the strategic imperatives for performance measurement and highlights the need for policy and positions that benefit from the insight and expertise of Academy experts on quality.

Pre-Conference objectives include:

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- Identifying critical issues and gaps in performance measures required to demonstrate nursing's contributions to quality, safety, costs, and outcomes;
- Examining the state of performance measures for care coordination and outcomes across the care continuum and recommendations for future development; and
- Analyzing sources of demand and key stakeholders for Academy policy/positions related to performance measurement across the continuum of care.

The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science Special Topics and Poster Session, "Comparative Effectiveness and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research: The Intersection of Nursing Science and Health Care Delivery," will feature many esteemed speakers and abstracts. This year's objective is to examine comparative effectiveness research and patient-centered outcomes research methods and their use in practice and policy.

The morning session will begin with a keynote by Carolyn Clancy, MD, followed by a panel discussion featuring Nicky Cullum, PhD, RGN; Susan Horne, PhD; Patrick McNees, PhD, FAAN; Pamela Mitchell, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN ; and Patricia Stone, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN. National Institutes of Health (NINR) Director, Patricia Grady, PhD, RN, FAAN, will provide an overview of NINR's role in comparative effectiveness research during a lunchtime presentation.

For more information visit www.nursingscience.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1

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