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AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION HOLDS MAJOR POLICY CONFERENCE
“NURSING CARE IN LIFE, DEATH AND DISASTER”

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) is hosting a major policy conference, Nursing Care in Life, Death and Disaster on June 20-22 in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference focuses on the significant health preparedness policy questions related to standards of care provided during a major disaster. With input from nurses, doctors, and experts in public health and disaster preparedness, ANA will develop guidelines dedicated to improving patient outcomes and quality of care during a crisis.

“Part of nursing’s proud tradition is our response in the wake of a disaster. With this conference, our goal is to start a dialogue with nurses and other health care professionals to determine how to deal with a crisis situation, while still providing the quality of care that is the hallmark of the nursing profession,” remarked ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR.

ANA is pleased to work with the support of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Association of State and Territorial Directors of Nursing (ASTDN) to bring together a diverse field of panelists and attendees. Speakers for the conference include Carole Jakeway, RN, MPH, Chief Nurse Division of Public Health Department of Human Resources, GA, Scott Sasser, MD of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Denise Danna DNS, RN, CNAA-BC, FACHE President-Elect of the Louisiana State Nurses Association, and Melissa Lockhart, PhD, APRN, BC and OSHA certified trainer in WMD, and a Triage Officer of the Decontamination Team for Weapons of Mass Destruction at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston, TX.

For more information on ANA’s Quadrennial Policy Conference Nursing Care in Life, Death and Disaster please go to <http://www.nursingworld.org/meetings/>.

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