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ANA and International Transplant Nurses Society Co-Publish First Standard for Transplant Nursing

Silver Spring, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) and the International Transplant Nurses Society (ITNS) today announced the release of *Transplant Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice*, a comprehensive one-volume reference guide that identifies and defines expectations for the role and practice of the transplant nurse.

Transplant nurses care for solid organ candidates, both recipients and living donors. In this specialized practice, nursing care is focused on protecting, promoting, and optimizing the health of transplant recipients and the living donors across the life span. Transplant nursing care also focuses on the protection, promotion, and optimization of the deceased organ donor during the organ donation process, and includes providing care to the families of recipients. Transplant clinical nursing applies evidence-based care to individuals, families, and communities through all phases of the transplant process.

To best assess and analyze transplant nursing and then to accurately describe and delineate it, ANA and ITNS convened a panel of nurse experts to develop *Transplant Nursing: Scope & Standards of Practice*. Reflecting the rapid advances and expanding scope of this relatively new practice specialty, *Transplant Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice* is a foundational volume that articulates the essentials of this specialty, its accountabilities and activities -- the **MORE.....**

who, what, when, where, and how of its practice -- for both specialists and generalists and those who work with them.

The standards themselves -- six for nursing practice and nine for nursing professional performance -- promote clinical practice excellence for transplant nurses by outlining a specific set of measurement criteria, and provide an in-depth framework of transplant nursing perspectives and priorities.

In addition to providing recommended standards of professional performance, the book's summary discussion of the scope of transplant nursing practice -- including characteristics, trends, education, training, practice environments, and its ethical and conceptual bases -- lends an informative, broad context for understanding and using these standards. While *Transplant Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice* is a reference and guide primarily for practicing nurses and nursing faculty and students, it is also an essential document for other specialists in transplant care, such as healthcare providers, researchers, and scholars, along with those involved in funding, legal, policy, and regulatory activities.

Review copies for educators and press copies for media contacts are available upon request by sending an email to francine.bennett@ana.org. Educators should include name of school, contact information, course/program title and student enrollment in course using the book. Press should include name of publication, organization, reviewer name and address information including phone and email address.

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