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## GALLUP POLL VOTES NURSES MOST TRUSTED PROFESSION

**SILVER SPRING, MD** - For the eighth consecutive year, nurses have been voted the most trusted profession in America according to Gallup's annual survey of professions for their honesty and ethical standards. Eighty-three percent of Americans believe nurses' honesty and ethical standards are either "high" or "very high."

"It is with great pride that the ANA recognizes the trust placed in us by the patients we serve," commented ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. "At this time, when issues regarding the quality and availability of care are at the forefront of the national debate, we find it especially rewarding to see that nursing's integrity and commitment continues to be acknowledged."

Since being included in the Gallup poll in 1999, nurses have received the highest ranking every year except in 2001, when fire fighters received top honors. Results were based on telephone interviews with more than 1,000 adults.

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The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its constituent member nurses associations, its organizational affiliates, and its workforce advocacy affiliate, the Center for American Nurses. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.

