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**THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2008 WINNERS FOR THE  
NDNQI AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING NURSING QUALITY™**  
*Relaunches National Center for Nursing Quality*

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA) is pleased to announce the awardees for the 2008 NDNQI Award for Outstanding Nursing Quality™. The awards were presented at the third annual NDNQI Conference today in Dallas. The award program recognizes NDNQI participating hospitals that have achieved sustained overall excellence in nursing sensitive quality indicators. New to this year's award are awardees by hospital category.

The awardees for 2008 based on the hospital category are:

- Academic Medical Center: Univ. of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics, Madison, WI
- Teaching Hospital: Poudre Valley, Ft, Collins, CO
- Community Hospital: John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek Campus, Walnut Creek, CA
- Pediatric Hospital: Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, St. Paul, MN
- Rehabilitation Hospital: Shepherd Center, Atlanta, GA
- Psychiatric Hospital: Moses Cone Behavioral Health Center, Greensboro, NC

To underscore ANA's longtime commitment to patient safety and quality care, ANA is bringing all its quality improvement initiatives under the National Center for Nursing Quality (NCNQ®) and improving the Center's online resources.

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“ANA has long been at the forefront of health care quality initiatives. The improvements we’ve made to the National Center for Nursing Quality will ensure that nurses will have access to the best possible resources for improving care at their facilities,” remarked ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR.

At the conference’s keynote presentation, Dr Nancy Dunton, PhD presented evidence on the influence of the nursing workforce on hospital acquired conditions. Dr. Dunton reported that hospitals recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) as Magnet™ facilities have lower incidents of pressure ulcers in their medical and surgical units. Additionally, Dunton revealed from NDNQI® data that moderate or severe fall rates are lower on medical and surgical units with a higher proportion of nursing care hours supplied by RNs and on units on which patients have fall risk assessments at least once every 24 hours.

The National Database for Nursing Quality Indicators® (NDNQI®) was established in 1998 as part of ANA’s Safety and Quality Initiative and is part of the National Center for Nursing Quality (NCNQ®). The program collects nursing-sensitive data affecting patient outcomes with the goals of providing comparative information to health care facilities, and developing national data on the relationship between nurse staffing and patient outcomes. NDNQI reports on indicators such as staff mix, patient falls, and nurse satisfaction on a unit-by-unit basis. NDNQI is managed by the University of Kansas School of Nursing under contract to ANA.

For more details about ANA’s quality related programs, please visit <http://www.ncnq.org>.

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