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## **ANA PUBLISHES SECOND MONOGRAPH ON NATIONAL DATABASE OF NURSING QUALITY INDICATORS PROGRAM® (NDNQI®)**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – This second of a biannual series of publications again examines the experience of hospitals participating in the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators® (NDNQI®) in achieving sustained improvement in quality of care. This volume emphasizes achieving improvement in the nursing work environment. Edited by the same expert team who created the initial 2007 volume (*Transforming Nursing Data into Quality Care: Profiles of Quality Improvement in U.S. Healthcare Facilities*), this new book will help readers to understand the keys to success for improving the quality of both nursing care and the work environment.

“ANA strives to be at the forefront of health care quality initiatives. We hope this book, along with the exemplary work of NDNQI® and the National Center for Nursing Quality® will continue to be valuable resources for nurses seeking quality initiatives and patient safety,” remarked ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. 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®).

Nursing staff from thirteen well-performing facilities profile their own improvement processes. Emphasis is on the wide-ranging potential in the job satisfaction indicators that comprise the

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NDNQI® RN Satisfaction Survey. The book also considers the broader context of the NDNQI® program, and the National Center for Nursing Quality® through the editors' introductory essay on key NDNQI® concepts and an afterword by a health care economist, who examines aspects of the costs and effects of quality improvement.

*Sustained Improvement in Nursing Quality: Hospital Performance on NDNQI Indicators, 2007-2008*, can stand alone or be combined with the 2007 volume as an excellent reference guide for executives of nursing and other healthcare staff, researchers, NDNQI site coordinators, quality improvement professionals, staff nurses, and any healthcare professional concerned with quality issues. It will prove invaluable to better understand the ongoing contributions of nursing-sensitive indicators to contemporary health care.

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