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AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION TAKES ACTION IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA), the largest nursing organization in the US, applauds registered nurses everywhere who have expressed their strong desire to help the victims of the Haitian earthquake. ANA is working closely with the federal government, non-governmental response community and other health professional associations to determine the type of assistance needed and when it might be safe to travel to Haiti. In particular, ANA has been in contact with ProjectHOPE, the American Red Cross, and the International Medical Corps. Nurses interested in becoming a first responder are encouraged to learn more [here](#).

ANA is providing daily reports to our constituent member associations and organizational affiliates so that our members will have the latest information about the situation on the ground in Haiti. ANA, in partnership with the American Medical Association (AMA) and the National Disaster Life Support Foundation, is sponsoring a webinar for health care professionals interested in learning more about responding to a challenging disaster such as an earthquake. “Haitian Earthquake Response for Health Care Professionals: Just In Time Training” will take place live at 1p.m. Eastern time on Saturday, January 16. Health professionals may register for the webinar at <https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/schedule/display.do?udc=ducffqjk80gs>. After the initial webcast, a link to the webinar will be available on the ANA website for members to access. The webinar focuses on the kinds of injuries first responders are most likely to see and the common treatments necessary.

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For nurses who are unable to give of their time but wish to offer financial assistance, ANA is encouraging members and concerned health professionals to donate through <http://www.anfonline.org/donatetohaiti>. The American Nurses Foundation (ANF) is the charitable and philanthropic arm of ANA supporting the association's work to promote the welfare and well being of nurses. The money donated will go toward disaster relief, including rebuilding the Haitian nursing infrastructure and assisting the National Association of Haitian Nurses, Association Nationale des Infirmières Licenciées d'Haïti. When donating, please type **RELIEF** in the Comment field to ensure your donation is distributed appropriately.

Please visit www.nursingworld.org/HaitiRelief for the latest updates on the situation in Haiti and the relief efforts. The site also provides invaluable information regarding the personal and professional responsibilities for those responding in disaster situations as well as ANA's seminal publication "Adapting Standards of Care Under Extreme Conditions."

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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.