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PAM CIPRIANO NAMED 2010-2011 IOM NURSE SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

SILVER SPRING, MD – Pamela Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, has been chosen to participate in the 2010-2011 Institute of Medicine (IOM) Nurse Scholar-in-Residence Program, sponsored by the American Academy of Nurses (AAN), American Nurses Association (ANA), and the American Nurses Foundation (ANF). She will study the impact of Health Information Technologies (HIT) on nursing workflow, patient safety and outcomes as well as identify the characteristics necessary to achieve team-based care with multiple disciplinary use of electronic health information.

"The IOM Nurse Scholar program gives visibility to the role and contributions of nurses in health policy," remarked Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC. "It is a timely and unique opportunity for me to interact with other scholars and policy leaders around issues related to HIT, health reform, and the benefits to nursing and patients."

"Examining how health care providers use electronic health records to promote better care is a vital step toward innovation in the delivery of quality care," added ANA President Karen Daley, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN. "ANA applauds Dr. Cipriano for the work she continues to do on behalf of the nursing profession, and acknowledges the invaluable work of the IOM Nurse Scholar program for engaging nurse leaders in health policy development."

"The AAN/ANF/ANA Institute of Medicine Scholar-in-Residence Program is a wonderful opportunity for a nurse to interact with leaders in formulating policy in order to advance the health of the public," added Margarete L. Zalon, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, chair, ANF Board of Trustees. "The partnership between the

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American Nurses Foundation, American Academy of Nursing and the American Nurses Association strengthens this endeavor. Dr. Cipriano will bring her in-depth knowledge of nursing delivery systems and understanding of nursing workflow to the examination of how health information technologies can be optimized in order to deliver safe, efficient and effective care and inform policy discussions focused on the improvement of patient outcomes."

"Pam's leadership as a nurse executive and her understanding of the role technology can play in the improvement of health care make her an exceptionally strong choice for the IOM Scholar appointment at this time," said AAN President Catherine L. Gilliss, DNSc, RN, FAAN. "We believe she will be a very effective representative for the field of nursing as the 2010-2011 IOM Scholar."

Cipriano currently serves as Editor-in-Chief of American Nurse Today, a journal that addresses many topics critical to best nursing practices. She works as the University of Virginia Health System's Special Advisor to the Chief Nursing Officer, and also serves as clinical associate professor at the UVA School of Nursing. Cipriano has chaired the American Academy of Nursing's Workforce Commission aimed at taking action to combat the nursing shortage. She has received numerous honors throughout her career, including being named a distinguished member of the ANA and a Sigma Theta Tau International Distinguished scholar.

ANF and AAN are corporate affiliates of ANA. The Institute of Medicine is a corporate affiliate of the National Academy of Sciences.

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