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American Journal of Nursing 2011 Book of the Year Awarded to ANA Title *NDNQI Case Studies in Nursing Quality Improvement*

SILVER SPRING, MD – ANA's lead book of 2011, *NDNQI Case Studies in Nursing Quality Improvement*, has been recognized as one of the most valuable nursing texts: a panel of nurse experts judged it to be a 2011 AJN Book of the Year in the Professional Development and Issues category. Written by Jennifer Duncan, PhD, RN; Isis Montalvo, MBA, MS, RN; and Nancy Dunton, PhD, it is the third publication focusing on aspects of the experience of participants in ANA's National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators®.

Similar to its 2007 and 2009 companion volumes, *NDNQI Case Studies* provides evidence-based insights and guidance on how to use NDNQI® data to improve the quality of care and discusses how to apply to practice the lessons of the book's eleven case studies. Ranging from unit-specific to system-wide initiatives, these studies all demonstrate the teamwork and persistent effort required to achieve the structural improvements that led to improvements in care and better patient outcomes in hospitals of various types and sizes. Also included are an overview of evaluating and improving nursing quality improvement and online and written resources.

NDNQI Case Studies is a resource for nurse educators and their students, providers of staff training and continuing education, nursing executives and other health care staff, researchers, NDNQI site coordinators, quality improvement professionals, staff nurses, and any health care professionals concerned with quality issues.

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During January 25 - 27, more than 1,100 nursing and hospital leaders from across the country and overseas are meeting in Las Vegas to share strategies on achieving and sustaining improvements in the quality of America's health care at the ANA Nursing Quality Conference.™

About the Authors

Jennifer Duncan, PhD, RN, is a writer and researcher for NDNQI who has a clinical background in oncology nursing, has created an interactive online tutorial for NDNQI members to interpret their nursing-sensitive indicators for the purpose of quality improvement, and was lead author of an NDNQI acuity and risk adjustment study plan.

Isis Montalvo, MBA, MS, RN, as Director of the National Center for Nursing Quality® (NCNQ®) provides strategic direction and oversight to NCNQ and NDNQI, grounded in 23 years of experience in multiple areas of clinical and administrative practice with a focus on critical care and performance improvement, including positions as an NDNQI staff coordinator, quality specialist, and nursing research chair.

Nancy Dunton, PhD, Research Associate Professor in the University of Kansas Medical Center's School of Nursing, with a joint appointment in the School of Medicine's Department of Health Policy and Management, has been the principal investigator for the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators since its inception in 1998, bringing more than 25 years of experience in helping organizations use outcome indicators.

Press copies are available upon request by contacting Francine Bennett at francine.bennett@ana.org. Copies may be purchased online at <http://nursesbooks.org/Main-Menu/Quality/NDNQI-Case-Studies-in-Nursing-Quality-Improvement-.aspx>.

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