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**THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION ADVANCES QUALITY EFFORTS**  
*Hosts Conference on the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators*

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA) is pleased to announce its third annual National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators® (NDNQI®) conference “New Frontiers in Quality Care” in Dallas, Texas on January 21-23, 2009. Staff nurses, nurse executives, NDNQI site coordinators, hospital chief executive officers and quality improvement professionals are encouraged to attend to identify how nearly 1400 participating hospitals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia use NDNQI reports to improve nursing practices, nursing workforce and patient outcomes.

“Now in its third year, this conference has become a tremendous opportunity for committed quality improvement professionals to discuss NDNQI’s uses and successes, as well as its significance to the individual nurse. ANA’s unique database is one of the most powerful research tools available to nurse executives for promoting patient safety and quality care,” said ANA President, Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR.

This year, the conference will feature a keynote presentation by Linda Aiken, PhD the Director of the Center of Health Outcomes and Policy Research at the University of Pennsylvania entitled, “Impact of Hospital Care Environment on Patient and Nurse Outcomes”. ANA President Rebecca M. Patton will also be among the conference’s distinguished speakers.

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she will be joined by Nancy Dunton PhD, the Principal Investigator of the NDNQI and Research Associate Professor at the University of Kansas School of Nursing, Diane Boyle, RN, PhD, an Associate Professor at the University of Kansas School of Nursing, and a Co-Investigator of NDNQI, and Kathleen Kendrick, RN, MS, CS, the Deputy Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

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, pain management, 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 conference details, go to

<http://www.nursingworld.org/HomepageCategory/UpcomingEvents/NDNQIConference2009.aspx>

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