AMERICAN NURSE TODAY ANNOUNCES NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
Thought Leader Lillee Gelinas Ascends to New Role

SILVER SPRING, MD – American Nurse Today, the official journal of the American Nurses Association (ANA), announced today that Lillee Gelinas, MSN, RN, FAAN, has been appointed editor-in-chief effective June 1, 2014. Gelinas, a member of ANA and the Texas Nurses Association, has served on the journal’s editorial board since its inception in 2006. American Nurse Today is a peer-reviewed journal owned and published by HealthCom Media.

Gelinas succeeds Pamela Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, who served as American Nurse Today editor-in-chief since its founding in 2006.

“We are excited to see Lillee assume this new role. She has demonstrated dedication and enthusiasm in her long service on the editorial board, and we are confident she will shape its future as editor-in-chief,” said ANA President Karen A. Daley, PhD, RN, FAAN. “We also gratefully acknowledge Pam Cipriano for her leadership in helping to launch and establish American Nurse Today as a respected and valued journal.”

ANA members receive a subscription to the award-winning journal as a benefit of membership.

“Lillee’s amazing passion for nursing and her in-depth understanding of the profession will be a valuable asset as American Nurse Today continues its focus on delivering information that nurses can use in their practice,” said Greg Osborne, HealthCom Media President. “Since her appointment to the editorial board in 2006, Lillee has contributed to shaping our award-winning editorial content. It is also very important to acknowledge Pam Cipriano, whose invaluable editorial leadership skills have helped establish American Nurse Today as the leading source of clinical and practical content in the nursing market.”

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“I am humbled and honored to accept this appointment with American Nurse Today,” said Gelinas. “Pam Cipriano’s shoes will be very hard to fill, but with a talented editorial board and an engaged audience, I’m very confident of a successful future. I firmly believe in the journal’s role, which supports nursing practice through evidence-based, practical information, and the platform it provides to reinforce the fundamental role we as nurses play in transforming the health care system.”

Gelinas continued, “Nurses are vital to the care provided today, are well-positioned to help patients navigate the shifts occurring in care delivery, and serve as the hearts and hands of our health care system. With such an important role, it is essential that we stay in conversation and connected as together we design the paths to our future. American Nurse Today provides an important outlet where the dialogue can occur.”

A nurse leader with more than 30 years of experience, Gelinas currently serves as system vice president and chief nursing officer of CHRISTUS Health, a system comprising more than 350 hospitals, services, and facilities in the U.S., Mexico and Chile. She is a well-respected thought leader and speaker on health care management, clinical issues, and patient safety and quality issues. She has served in various nursing leadership roles, including member of the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Nursing Steering Committee; member of the board of directors for the National Patient Safety Foundation; member of the Nursing Advisory Council of The Joint Commission; and many others. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and a member of the Academy’s Nursing Informatics and Technology Expert Panel.

Lillee Gelinas

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