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## **ANCC ANNOUNCES SUMMIT TO DEVELOP NATIONAL RESEARCH AGENDA FOR CREDENTIALING IN NURSING**

SILVER SPRING, MD—The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) will hold a research summit meeting in December to develop a national research agenda for credentialing in nursing. The summit will be held on December 13, 2010, at ANCC headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland. At the meeting, internationally renowned experts in credentialing and nursing will join members of ANCC's Research Council and ANCC executive leaders to devise strategies for stimulating credentialing research within the broad perspective of U.S. healthcare reform. The group will rely on the recently released recommendations from the Institute of Medicine and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to describe the preferred future of nursing.

With credentialing programs for certification, accreditation, and recognition of organizations, ANCC is particularly interested in informing a research agenda that will accelerate and strengthen research on the impact of credentialing for patients, nurses, and healthcare organizations.

### **ANCC Nurse Credentialing Summit Invited Attendees and Experts:**

- Fadwa A. Affara, RN, RNT MA, MSc, International Nurse Consultant
- Michael R. Bleich, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean and Dr. Carol A. Lindeman Distinguished Professor, Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing, Portland
- Christine Broda, Stryker Medical. Stryker Medical has made a commitment to fund the annual \$25,000 Margretta Madden Styles Credentialing Research Grant over the next three years. The grant, awarded by the American Nurses Foundation, supports research that examines the relationship between nurse credentialing and quality healthcare outcomes.
- Daniel J. Pesut, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN, Professor, Department of Environments for Health, Indiana University, School of Nursing

### **About ANCC**

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA), provides individuals and organizations throughout the nursing profession with the resources they need to achieve practice excellence. ANCC's internationally renowned credentialing programs certify nurses in specialty practice areas; recognize healthcare organizations for promoting safe, positive work environments through the Magnet Recognition Program<sup>®</sup> and the Pathway to Excellence<sup>®</sup> Program; and accredit providers of continuing nursing education. In addition, ANCC's Institute for Credentialing Innovation<sup>®</sup> provides leading-edge information and education services and products to support its core credentialing programs. [www.nursecredentialing.org](http://www.nursecredentialing.org)

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