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ANA APPLAUDS IOM'S RELEASE OF 'FUTURE OF NURSING' REPORT *Research recommends nurses take greater leadership role in delivery and development of care*

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) highly commends the Institute of Medicine (IOM) for its newly released report on the nursing profession and acknowledges the need for nurses to take a leadership role in all settings to meet the demands of our changing health care system. The report is the result of the Initiative on the Future of Nursing, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Among the report's recommendations:

1. Nurses should practice to the full extent of their education, training and licensure.
2. Nurses should achieve higher levels of education and training through an improved education system that promotes seamless academic progression.
3. Nurses should be full partners, with physicians and other health professionals, in redesigning health care in the United States.
4. Effective workforce planning and policy making require better data collection and an improved information infrastructure.

“We at ANA support the recommendations of the IOM report and are eager to partner with others in developing effective strategies to implement these ideas, which are reflective of ANA’s long standing work on behalf of the nursing profession,” ANA President Karen Daley PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, commented. “This report bolsters the case that ANA has long championed – that the full contributions of nurses and nursing are essential to the delivery of high quality, patient-focused care. The IOM recommendations, along with the adoption of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), serve to create a unique opportunity to restructure our current health care system into one which emphasizes collaboration and a commitment to quality. We

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look forward to working alongside other key stakeholders to implement the changes needed to ensure we're building a health care system that provides access to high quality care.”

Key stakeholders, including ANA, will reconvene at a meeting November 30 - December 1 to begin to discuss the implementation of the IOM report.

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The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 3.1 million registered nurses through its constituent member nurses associations, its organizational affiliates, and its workforce advocacy affiliate, the Center for American Nurses. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.