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**THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION RECEIVES PUBLICATIONS AWARD
FOR NDNQI MONOGRAPH AND TEACHING IOM BOOK**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Association (ANA) has long promoted the importance of nursing's contribution to quality in health care. Now, two ANA books have received the 2007 Awards of Excellence from the Washington, DC, Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication (STC):

- ***Transforming Nursing Data into Quality Care: Profiles of Quality Improvement in U.S. Healthcare Facilities***, by Isis Montalvo, RN, MS, MBA, and Nancy Dunton, PhD. In 1998, ANA established the National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI®) to develop and report on ten evidence-based nursing-sensitive quality indicators. In this book, 14 of the participating facilities share their NDNQI experiences in the words of the nurses who worked with the indicator data to improve patient outcomes in their facilities.
- ***Teaching IOM: Implications of the IOM Reports for Nursing Education***, by Anita Finkelman, MSN, RN, and Carole Kenner, DNS, RNC, FAAN. In 1999, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) began publishing a series of technical reports on quality in health care, starting with *To Err is Human*, which discussed patient safety and health care errors. Since then, reports have been published on such topics as quality of care, leadership, nursing care, workplace environment, diversity, public health, and health professions' education. This book and CD-ROM provide innovative strategies and instructional material on how to incorporate the IOM reports and their implications for quality into nursing education programs.

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“It is an honor to be recognized by STC for such outstanding work,” remarked ANA President Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR. “I would like to recognize the excellent work of all involved for producing such fresh and innovative publications that represents ANA’s commitment to quality health care.”

The STC is the largest individual membership group in the world dedicated to promoting technical communication. The Washington, DC, Chapter of the STC holds its Technical Publications Competition annually. Judges and participants in the Competition come from Washington, DC, technology and R&D firms, government agencies and institutes, non-governmental organizations, university presses, and professional associations. In granting the awards, the judges recognize the quality of the content, writing, editing, design, as well as the total integrated quality of the publications.

Press copies of the two publications are available for media contacts upon request by e-mailing Cynthia Lee at Cynthia.Lee@ana.org. Please include name of publication, organization, reviewer name and address information, including phone and e-mail address.

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