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***The American Board of Nursing Specialties  
Elects Judy Lentz, MSN, RN, OCN®  
President***

The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is pleased to announce that Judy Lentz, MSN, RN, OCN®, was elected President of the organization at their Spring Assembly Meeting, held March 1, 2003 in Washington, D.C. She will assume this volunteer role on July 1, 2003 and serve a two year term of office.

Mrs. Lentz is Executive Director of the Hospice and Palliative Nursing Association (HPNA), National Board of Certification for Hospice and Palliative Nursing (NBCHPN®), and the HPNFoundation, located in Pittsburgh, PA. NBCHPN® is a regular member organization of ABNS. In addition, its certification examination program granting the CHPN® credential is accredited by the Accreditation Council of ABNS.

Mrs. Lentz brings extensive leadership experience to the role of President and “as an experienced change agent, visionary and dedicated professional, will position ABNS to use all opportunities to achieve its purposes, including the pursuit of an exciting research agenda,” said Sharon Kemerer, MSN, RN, COHN-S/CM, current President.

***Editors Note:***

The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is a membership organization that maintains a national peer review program for nursing specialty certification. The purposes of ABNS are to provide a forum for nursing certification collaboration, promote the value of nursing certification to various publics and provide a mechanism for accreditation and recognition of quality nursing specialty certification. Currently, twenty ABNS Regular Members and one Associate Member Organizations represent over half a million specialty certified registered nurses and its five Affiliate Members include providers of key certification –related testing products and services. One Public Member represents the consumer’s perspectives on issues about specialty nursing certification. For further information about ABNS, visit [www.nursingcertification.org](http://www.nursingcertification.org) or email Bonnie Niebuhr, MS, RN, CAE,

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