



## News Release

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### ABNS Research Committee Completes Survey on Value of Specialty Nursing Certification

**AURORA, Ohio, October 2005** ~ Following a detailed survey which contacted over 94,000 individuals and used an 18-item Likert instrument provided by the Competency & Credentialing Institute (CCI), the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) announced today that a detailed analysis of the results is currently underway by Dr. Jim Penny, Senior Psychometrician from CASTLE Worldwide, Inc.

At the Fall 2003 meeting in Pittsburgh (PA), members of the American Board of Nursing Specialties prioritized a list of research topics presented by the Research Committee. After approval by the ABNS Assembly in 2003, the internet-based survey was launched through the generosity of an ABNS affiliate member, Professional Examination Service.

Organization-specific information will be made available to each participating organization by December 2005. Plans to disseminate the outcomes will include preparing an executive summary, detailed reports, and articles for nursing managers, student nurses, and non-certified nurses, and ABNS will schedule presentations/posters at various conferences in the future.

The 20 ABNS member organizations that participated in the survey included: American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), AANLCPCB (American Association of Life Care Planners Certification Board), The American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN), American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification (ABPANC), American Board for Occupational Health Nurses (ABOHN), American Legal Nurse Consultant Certification Board (ALNCCB), American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN), Competency and Credentialing Institute (CCI), Certifying Board of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (CBGNA), Infusion Nurses Certification Corporation (INCC), National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN<sup>®</sup>), National Board for Certification of School Nurses (NBCSN), National Certification Board for Diabetes Education

(NCBDE), Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC), Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC), Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board (ONCB), Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB), Rehabilitation Nursing Certification Board (RNCB), and Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Certification Board (WOCNCB).

Current members of the ABNS Research Committee which directed the survey include Larry Fabrey, Judy Lentz, Pat Muenzen, Jim Penny, Kathryn Schroeter, Tancy Stanbery, Jan Towers, and Judy Verger. Past Research Committee members involved in the development of the survey planning included Carol Spence and Wendy Valentine, as well as the ABNS Chief Executive Officer Bonnie Niebuhr.

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***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 mission of ABNS is to promote the value of specialty nursing certification to all stakeholders. Currently, twenty-seven ABNS Regular Member and one Associate Member Organizations represent nearly half a million specialty certified registered nurses. Its ten 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, Chief Executive Officer, at [ABNSCEO@aol.com](mailto:ABNSCEO@aol.com).

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