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Greetings!:

The University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing has exciting news, prestigious awards and ground breaking research developments happening every day. See what we've got going on now. Click on the headlines to be taken to the full story below:

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Released Nursing Report to Draw Attendees for Discussion at Penn School of Nursing

A new [report on the Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health just issued](#) by the Institute of Medicine and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation outlines a roadmap for nurses of the 21st century. The role of nurses will grow in the coming decades but there are significant challenges to making it happen and doing it right.

The report will be discussed at a symposium on Oct. 14 at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Here are a few highlights:

- Ø There are more than 3 million nurses in the U.S. And they will be taking on new responsibilities with changes in the health care system as a result of the Obama administration's new health care law. The law will mean coverage for millions of Americans and expanded work for the health care field. Nurses will shoulder a lot

of these changes and will need to be seen as leaders and full partners in a reformed health care system.

Ø In 10 years, 80 percent of nurses should have bachelor's degrees, the report recommends. Twice as many nurses should get PhDs and all nurses should do residencies, the sort of practical training that new doctors do, the report recommends.

Ø But that's not all. The report calls for the elimination of regulations and institutional limits on what nurses are allowed to do, including so-called "scope of practice" rules that limit what sorts of care they can and can't provide.

It's a rich resource of integrated information and evidence of how nurses effectively deliver quality health care engineered to meet the demands of a reformed health care system that will offer greater access, higher quality, and more cost-effective care to the American public.

Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania contributed significantly to the report which offers four major themes:

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

Significantly, the recommendations in the report for increased BSN-prepared nurses and realigning Medicare education payments to support nurse residencies heavily rely upon Dr. Aiken's published research, while Dr. Naylor's extensive development of a transitional model of care is cited heavily as transforming practice throughout the report.

Additionally, Drs. Aiken and Naylor conducted a systematic review of the outcomes and costs of randomized controlled trials of care coordination and transitional care models using nurses for the Institute of Medicine for the report.

Dr. Julie Fairman, as an IOM Nurse Scholar-in-Residence was a member of the study staff.

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American Association of Colleges of Nursing Names Dr. Mary Naylor the 2010 Winner Policy Luminary Award

Dr. Mary D. Naylor, PhD, FAAN, RN, the Marian S. Ware Professor in Gerontology and the Director of NewCourtland Center for Transitions and Health has been chosen by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) as the 2010 winner of the Policy Luminary Award.

This award was established in 2009 to recognize outstanding nursing leaders for their contributions to public policy.

Dr. Naylor was selected because of her distinguished research program in transitional care, the findings that have provided the evidence for quality care for individuals and families in health care transitions, but most of all for her influence on health care policy. She has distinguished herself through her advocacy, articulate testimony at many levels including U.S. Senate hearings and incredible national presence in the care of the elders.

Dr. Naylor is nationally and internationally recognized for her program of research on patients in transition. Since 1988, her multidisciplinary research team has been testing and refining a model of transitional care delivered by APNs in collaboration with patients' physicians. Major findings from these trials have been published in *Nursing Research*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, and the *Journal of the American Geriatric Society*. They have also been featured in national media coverage by the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, and *Consumer Reports*.

Over the years, Dr. Naylor has forged and formed partnerships with leaders of several health care centers and insurable companies are now adopting Dr. Naylor's vision for the care of the elderly and chronically ill. Dr. Naylor continues to refine the transitional model of care as well as develop evidence of its outcomes for other high risk populations such as clients with Alzheimer Disease and young adults with serious physical injuries.

Dr. Naylor is the second person to receive this significant recognition. The first recipient of this award was Dr. Mary Wakefield, Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration. The award is presented annually at the AACN Fall Semiannual Meeting.

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Dr. Marilyn Sommers Wins Writing Award for Excellence in Research from the Journal of Forensic Nursing

Dr. Marilyn (Lynn) Sawyer Sommers, PhD, RN, FAAN, the Lillian S. Brunner

Professor of Medical-Surgical Nursing, has received the inaugural Writing Award for Excellence in Research from the Journal of Forensic Nursing.

This award - for her article "Health disparities in the forensic sexual assault examination related to skin color" - recognizes her research's innovation, significance, approach, potential impact, and overall presentation.

See: Sommers, M. S., Fargo, J. D., Baker, R. B., Fisher, B. S., Buschur, C. & Zink, T. M. (2009). Health disparities in the forensic sexual assault examination related to skin color. *Journal of Forensic Nursing*, 5(4), 191-200.

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Vision 2020 - A Conversation About Women and Leadership

The University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing is hosting a webcast as part of Vision 2020, An American Conversation about Women and Leadership™ that takes on the unfinished business of the suffragists by inspiring new generations of women to shape what we value as a nation. The healthcare panel involves discussion from panelists including college presidents and the Black Women's Health Imperative, moderated by Rosemarie Greco, the former head of the Pennsylvania Office of Healthcare Reform.

The healthcare discussion will be held October 21, from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in room 114 of Claire M. Fagin Hall, 418 Curie Boulevard.

A moderator from The Forum of Executive Women will be on hand to lead a discussion afterwards. The panelists are listed below:

Panelists:

Nancy Dickey, MD, President, Texas A&M Health Science Center

Eleanor Hinton Hoytt, President and CEO, Black Women's Health Imperative

Richard Homan, MD, Annenberg Dean and President, Drexel University College of Medicine

Moderators:

Rosemarie Greco, Senior Advisor, Health Care Reform, to the Governor of Pennsylvania and Chair of the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania; Co-Chair, Vision 2020

Kelli Daniels, MD, Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Drexel University College of Medicine

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