

# Nurses Day at the Capitol

**Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

*Monona Terrace and Convention Center, Madison*

## Agenda

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- 7:30–8:30 a.m.**                    **Registration/Exhibits/Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30–8:50 a.m.**                    **Welcome**  
Carolyn Krause, RN, MSN, PhD – WNA President  
Kathy Poi, MS, RN – Chair, WNA Public Policy Council
- 8:50–9:45 a.m.**                    **The Political and Influential Power of Nursing**  
**Presenter:** Rebecca Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR – President, American Nurses Association (*invited*)  
This presentation will examine nursing's influence in national health care reform legislation which contains 30+ provisions that promote the practice of professional nursing.
- 9:45–10:30 a.m.**                    **Break/Refreshments/Exhibits**
- 10:30–11:45 a.m.**                    **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- A. Safe Nurse Staffing Legislation in Wisconsin**  
Safe patient care is dependent on adequate nurse staffing, which WNA believes should be legislated for all Wisconsin hospitals. Hear perspectives from a hospital nurse executive, nurse manager, and a staff nurse on the potential impact of safe nurse staffing legislation.
- B. Nurses: Emerging Advocates for Environmental Health Legislation**  
The harmful effects of Bisphenol A and antibiotics in livestock feed are gaining widespread attention in the national and state legislative arenas. Want to get involved? Learn strategies nurses can use to advocate for effective environmental health policy.
- C. Consumer Health Literacy as a Policy Matter**  
Consumers are expected to negotiate complex health care systems to effectively manage their health. This is a burden to many, and strategies developed to address consumer health literacy must be implemented. Nurses play a critical role in providing the tools and skills necessary to navigate a challenging delivery system.
- D. Board of Nursing Regulatory System: Are You Aware of the Changes?**  
The regulatory system for addressing complaints has changed, including the process used to investigate complaints against nurses. Be informed of changes to disciplinary procedures and pending administrative rule changes that could affect your license and your practice.
- E. Nurse Fatigue and Safe Practice – Is Legislation the Answer?**  
The strong correlation between nurse fatigue and patient safety has resulted in positions and legislation addressing voluntary and mandatory overtime. Should legislation be adopted that requires health care organizations to develop policies that address nurse fatigue?
- F. Measuring and Reporting the Value of Nursing**  
Very little data gathered from the reporting of quality indicators and outcomes measures the impact of nursing care. There is a need to demonstrate the value of nursing, and nurses must take an active role in defining the importance of their work.
- 11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**                    **Stretch Break/Exhibits**
- 12:00–1:00 p.m.**                    **Nursing Influence on Policy: An Important Skill Set**  
ANA's Code for Nursing describes why RNs must advocate for and influence good health policy. Through this panel discussion, participants will learn about the select set of skills and competencies needed to successfully affect legislation and the experiences of several individuals who effectively influenced government officials toward better health policy.
- 1:00 p.m.**                                **Lunch on Your Own, Tour of the State Capitol and/or Legislator Visits**

Online registration will be available at [www.wisconsinnurses.org](http://www.wisconsinnurses.org) starting December 21.

**For Questions:**

Contact the Wisconsin Nurses Association at 1-800-362-3959, Ext. 10  
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## PLEASE CHOOSE ONE BREAKOUT SESSION:

Descriptions of each breakout session can be found on the reverse side.

Breakout Session A \_\_\_\_\_ Breakout Session B \_\_\_\_\_ Breakout Session C \_\_\_\_\_  
Breakout Session D \_\_\_\_\_ Breakout Session E \_\_\_\_\_ Breakout Session F \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (optional):

I plan to tour the State Capitol.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

I plan to visit my legislator and lobby on issues  
important to the profession of nursing.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

## REGISTRATION

**ONLINE** Go to [www.wisconsinnurses.org](http://www.wisconsinnurses.org) and (1) Click on Nurses Day at the Capitol (on right), or (2) Click on Conferences (on left), then Nurses Day at the Capitol.

**FAX** Complete registration and fax to WNA at 608-221-2788.  
Credit card registrations only.

**MAIL** Complete registration form and mail to WNA, 6117 Monona Drive, Madison, WI 53716.

**FEE** \$30.00  
Groups of 10 or more students can register at a discounted rate of \$20.00 each. To receive the discount, registrations must be batched and mailed or faxed to the WNA office together; students registering online will not receive the group discount.

**DEADLINE** February 22, 2010  
Cancellations received prior to February 22, 2010 will be charged a \$10.00 processing fee. NO refunds will be issued after February 22. Please contact the WNA office if you have questions.

## PAYMENT

- Check enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to WNA.  
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