

December 7, 2007 The Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI) and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) approved the appointment of Kathryn Hoyman, PhD, RN, BC to serve as the ANI representative to the ANCC Context Expert Panel for Nursing Informatics. Volunteers sitting on a content expert panel play a key role in the development of the profession by identifying the knowledge, skills and abilities of informatics nurses through a logical job analysis, a process that ultimately affects all nurses that practice in a particular specialty area. This appointment is the final step in the establishment of a collaborative relationship with ANI and ANCC. The purpose of the partnership between the organizations is to jointly promote the development of informatics nursing through provision of national certification opportunities for nurses in the field of informatics.

Kathryn Hoyman, PhD, RN, BC is currently a Knowledge Engineer at Fairview Health Services in Minneapolis, MN. She is currently serving on the MINING (MInnesota Nursing INformatics Group) Board and previously served on the ANI Steering Committee.

The Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI) is a collaboration of organizations that represent a unified voice for nursing informatics. The Alliance represents more than 3,000 nurses and brings together over 25 distinct nursing informatics groups in the United States and provides a single contact point for informatics nurses and the healthcare community. ANI facilitates the involvement of informatics nurses in the development of resources, guidelines, research, public policy, certification, advocacy and career development. www.allianceni.org

ANCC is a nursing credentialing organization, offering general and advanced practice certification in over 35 specialty areas. ANCC offers continuing nursing education contact hours and review course materials through its Institute for Credentialing Innovation, accredits organizations that offer or approve continuing education courses for registered nurses, and promotes excellence in nursing services through its Magnet Recognition Program®. ANCC is a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA). www.nursecredentialing.org