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### **PNCB's Primary Care PNP Role Delineation Study and Primary Care CPNP® Exam Update**

GAITHERSBURG, MD (August 15, 2008) – The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (PNCB) is pleased to announce the results of its 2007-2008 Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Role Delineation Survey. This research represents the largest survey ever completed of practicing primary care PNPs. Analysis of this landmark study has assisted the PNCB to update its Primary Care Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (CPNP®) Exam.

More than 1,600 Pediatric Nurse Practitioners participated in a comprehensive survey of primary care PNP practice. Participants represented all 50 states and Canada. Respondents reported 1 to 38 years of experience as PNPs and noted that the survey appropriately represented the important activities of the PNP role. More than 90% reported their primary job responsibility was primary care practice in a variety of health care settings including but not limited to the home, hospital, ambulatory and school-based clinics, private practice and sub-specialty clinics.

As a reflection of current practice, this research highlighted a number of changes in PNP clinical role responsibilities including the emergence of professional role activities related to emergency preparedness, credentialing and privileging, evidenced based practice and leadership. Analysis of survey results also noted increased role responsibilities for coordination of care for children with chronic or special needs as well as a renewed practice focus on contemporary health prevention content including sports safety, environmental and home safety and social situations. Respondents also emphasized the importance of patient care procedures in their practice to include gynecological examinations and incisions with drainage.

These changes in primary care PNP practice have been incorporated in the PNCB's updated Primary Care CPNP® Exam content outline. Exam development for this new content outline is now underway, and the new content outline will be represented in the Primary Care CPNP® Exam beginning in October 2008.

These important updates to the Primary Care CPNP® Exam will reinforce the PNCB's mission to promote worldwide excellence in health care for children through the highest quality credentialing services. We invite you to visit our website at [www.pncb.org](http://www.pncb.org) to view our new exam content outline and a slideshow that highlights survey results and exam changes.

More than 95% of all practicing PNPs have earned the PNCB's trademarked credential CPNP®. We look forward to serving the certification needs of all primary care PNPs.

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