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PNCB's Pediatric Nursing Role Delineation Study and CPN® Exam Update

GAITHERSBURG, MD (September 25, 2008) – The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (PNCB) is pleased to announce the results of its 2008 Pediatric Nursing Role Delineation Study. The data for this research is drawn from the largest survey ever completed of practicing pediatric nurses. Analysis of this crucial survey has assisted the PNCB in updating the content outline of its nationally acclaimed Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN®) exam.

More than 2,800 pediatric nurses participated in a comprehensive research survey to analyze current pediatric nursing practice. Pediatric nurses from all 50 states and the District of Columbia reported a mean of 16 years of experience as pediatric nurses, with the majority working in general pediatric inpatient settings. Participants responded that the survey accurately represented the important activities of the pediatric nursing role. Respondents identified a total of 72 pediatric nursing knowledge competencies and tasks critical to pediatric nursing practice, which are currently reflected in the PNCB's CPN® exam forms.

While the content on the updated outline is very similar to the previous one, the significance accorded to groups of tasks has brought about a change both in the knowledge categories and in the distribution of test items per exam category. The previous category of Growth and Development is now an integrated concept throughout all categories of the exam. In addition, Management of Illness, which includes chronic disease and end of life, now represents the category with the greatest number of exam items. A new category representing Professional Role responsibilities will also be included as a content area. These changes have been incorporated into the PNCB's updated CPN® exam content outline, which will be represented in the CPN® exam beginning December 15, 2008.

Conducting research on the practice of pediatric nurses and incorporating these findings into the CPN® exam content outline support the PNCB's mission to promote worldwide excellence in health care for children through the highest quality credentialing services. We invite you to view our new exam content outline on our website at www.pncb.org. A slideshow that highlights survey results and exam changes will be added to our website soon.

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