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Refresh! In Celebration of the Year of the Nurse ANN Undergoes a Remake

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From time to time, spring cleaning takes on a life of its own. There is no better time than during the Year of the Nurse to refocus and rejuvenate. Here at the Academy of Neonatal Nursing (ANN) we have been undergoing a makeover of sorts. We are thrilled to introduce our new and improved website offering practice resources, links to our conference recordings, home study courses, and our vast Online CNE Library, but with a fresh new look and feel. We are applying this same new look to our E-newsletter—the Academy Connection. You currently hear from us once every two months. Going forward, you will receive the *Academy Connection* in a new brighter, easier to read format every second month AND on opposite months you'll receive a new electronic publication, *ANN Updates*. To ensure that you receive important electronic updates, please add memberinfo@academyonline.org to your safe sender's list.

We are refining our popular Guide to NICU Care to incorporate new resources and opportunities for validating your practice knowledge and will be adding ANNTalks to our professional development resources. These short audio files that you can listen to on-the-go will help you survive life in the NICU. As a fun way to see what you know, watch for our monthly First Friday Quiz Challenge with chances to compare your knowledge to that of other NICU nurses across the country.

The makeover will carry over to some exciting new offerings for our members. ANN's online Certification Review Course is now live. This mobile friendly resource follows the National Certification Corporation (NCC)

and American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) blueprint for the neonatal nursing certification exams and consists of 15 chapters that begin with a series of questions (with rationale) to test your knowledge followed by brief summaries of the information you need to prepare for certification. The course concludes with a practice exam.

Lastly, we're expanding membership options by offering for the first time an online only membership choice for a reduced price as well as introducing the option to pay dues by quarterly installments. Check out the benefits chart on page 183 for more information about the great things that ANN has to offer!

ANN Welcomes Two New Members to the Executive Advisory Committee

The ANN Executive Advisory Committee provides the organization with strategic direction and provides regional representation for our members. This year we welcome two new members to the committee:

Christine Emmons, MPH, MSN, CNL, RNC-NIC, is the Neonatal Outreach Educator at the South Central Illinois Perinatal Center/HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. Christine is active on a number of professional committees including acting as a reviewer for ANN CE programs and serving as the education coordinator for the Illinois Section of Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN).

Maxine Ogbaa, BSN, RNC-NIC, CLC, is from Children's Hospital of Los Angeles where she works as a charge nurse. Maxine is a Skills Lab instructor and chair of the Discharge Committee Chair. She is also actively involved in several unit research projects.

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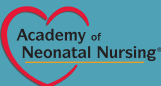
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