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Public Health Crisis Spurs American Society for Pain Management Nursing to Take Action

Lenexa, KS – March 25, 2009 – The American Society for Pain Management Nursing participated in a briefing yesterday on Capitol Hill to discuss the national nursing shortage epidemic. Americans for Nursing Shortage Relief Alliance, of which the American Society for Pain Management Nursing is a member, hosted the briefing in conjunction with Congresswoman Lois Capps (D-CA).

“The nursing shortage is a critical issue, because the link between health care and our nation’s economic security is undeniable,” says Nancy Eksterowicz, MSN, RN-BC and President of the American Society for Pain Management Nursing. “It is essential to restore advanced education nursing funding to support students in clinical education or as faculty in schools of nursing.”

The American Society for Pain Management Nursing has also endorsed a Consensus Document developed by the Americans for Nursing Shortage Relief Alliance - [‘Assuring Quality Health Care for the United States: Building and Sustaining an Infrastructure of Qualified Nurses for the Nation’](#). It seeks to have Congress enact and fund a comprehensive set of initiatives to address the nursing shortage to ensure that the nation has an adequate infrastructure of well-qualified nurses. It outlines programs and evidence-based, cost-effective best practices across the federal agencies that hold the most promise for the federal government to adequately address the issue.



Debra Trautman, RN, PhD and Health Policy Fellow for Speaker Nancy Pelosi addresses the group

The American Society for Pain Management Nursing is one of 48 national organizations that comprise the Americans for Nursing Shortage Relief Alliance. Their goal is to work with Congress to implement a comprehensive set of initiatives to increase the nursing workforce and enhance the flexibility allowed in nursing education and clinical practice.

The American Society for Pain Management Nursing is an organization of professional nurses dedicated to advancing and promoting optimal nursing care for people affected by pain by promoting best nursing practices. For more information about American Society for Pain Management Nursing please visit www.aspmn.org.

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