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**AANN Clinical Practice Guideline Editorial Board
Transitions Leadership and Prepares for Productive Year Ahead**

Chicago, IL—October 2014— The Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) Editorial Board, an AANN volunteer group responsible for managing the development and publication of guidelines in the AANN Clinical Practice Guideline Series, welcomed a new editor on August 1. Therese A. West, DNP, CPN, APN-BC, assumed the role from Patricia A. Blissitt, RN PhD CCRN CNRN CCNS CCM ACNS-BC, who served as editor for 2.5 years.

West has served as the Lead Author for the *Care of the Patient with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury* CPG. As CPG editor, she will assist in the development and production of CPGs. "I am honored to serve as CPG editor to facilitate the continued development of AANN's evidence based Clinical Practice Guidelines. The guidelines are a wonderful resource that offer nurses the information they need to provide excellent neuroscience nursing care," says West.

The CPG Editorial Board includes:

- Sheila Alexander, PhD RN
- Patricia Zrelak, PhD RN CNRN NEA-BC
- Angela Starkweather, PhD ACNP-BC CNRN
- Molly McNett, PhD RN CNRN
- Twilya Lay, MS ANP-BC ACNP-BC, AANN Board Liaison

As an AANN member since 2006, West is a long-time AANN volunteer. In addition to her role with the Clinical Practice Guidelines, she has served AANN as an author for the first Scope and Standards for Advanced Practice Neuroscience Nurses, the Educational Products Committee chair (2011-2014), director at large on the board of directors (2010-2012). She is also a member of the Chesapeake Bay Chapter of AANN based in Maryland.

Twelve publications are available for download on the AANN website, ten of which are currently listed in the National Guideline Clearinghouse. Two new guidelines were recently released, including *Care of the Adult Patient with a Brain Tumor* and *Care of the Pediatric Patient with a Brain Tumor*. In addition,

the CPG Editorial Board now provides free corresponding webcasts on each new CPG topic after the launch of the publication.

Plans for 2014-2015 include publication of the new epilepsy/seizures guideline as well as the annual review of all current CPGs.

Visit www.aann.org/cpgs to view all of AANN's Clinical Practice Guidelines.

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