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American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and UpToDate Partner to Improve Patient Care

AUSTIN (Jan. 26) – The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and UpToDate, Inc. announce that *UpToDate* is now an official educational program of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. The partnership reinforces both organizations' commitment to improved patient care and recognizes the growing importance of nurse practitioners as first line healthcare providers.

The purpose of the partnership is to enhance the relevance of the *UpToDate* program for nurse practitioners and increase its use by NPs to help provide the best care to patients. AANP will be providing systematic feedback through the provision of a formal review panel to ensure that the *UpToDate* program meets the needs of nurse practitioners. *UpToDate* is an evidence-based information resource that provides practical answers and recommendations to clinical questions at the point of care. *UpToDate* is also an official educational program of or offered in cooperation with eight other professional medical societies.

AANP also has approved *UpToDate* as a provider of nurse practitioner continuing education. NPs will be able to accrue continuing education credits by using *UpToDate*: one hour of researching clinical questions in *UpToDate* equals 1.2 contact hours of learning.

“AANP and *UpToDate* have worked together to make sure that this product will be extremely beneficial to nurse practitioners. In addition to being an AANP approved continuing education provider, *UpToDate*'s point-of-care information enables NPs to have important clinical resources at their fingertips,” said AANP Director of Research and Education Mary Jo Goolsby, EdD, MSN, NP-C, FAANP. Dr. Goolsby also serves as the *UpToDate* program review advisor.

“We are very excited about partnering with AANP and the potential to improve the quality of care to patients,” said Burton Rose, MD, founder and Editor-in-Chief of *UpToDate*. “We recognize the increasingly important role of nurse practitioners as providers of clinical care and we look forward to the benefit of their input to *UpToDate* content to improve the value of *UpToDate* to all clinicians.”

UpToDate is currently used by more than 200,000 physicians and medical practitioners in leading medical centers and teaching institutions in the United States and worldwide. Nurse practitioners represent a rapidly growing segment of users as they recognize *UpToDate*'s usefulness in helping them answer questions that arise in the course of patient care. In a recent *UpToDate* usage study, NPs reported that they found the information they were looking for in *UpToDate* in 95% of their searches and that 89% of their searches improved patient care.

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About AANP

AANP was founded in 1985 and is the oldest, largest and only full-service national professional organization for nurse practitioners of all specialties. With nearly 20,000 individual members and more than 100 group members, AANP represents the interests of approximately 90,000 nurse practitioners around the country. AANP continually advocates for the active role of nurse practitioners as providers of high-quality, cost-effective and personalized healthcare. For more information about AANP, visit www.aanp.org.

About *UpToDate*

UpToDate is a subscription-based clinical information resource created by a community of 3,000 expert medical clinicians to provide answers to questions that arise at the point-of-care. Content covers adult internal medicine and subspecialties, family medicine, women's health and pediatrics. *UpToDate* synthesizes published evidence and clinical experience to provide recommendations for patient care in fast and easy-to-use online, CD-ROM and Pocket PC formats. Revised versions are issued every four months. The company accepts no advertising or sponsorships, a policy that helps to ensure that *UpToDate's* content remains unbiased by any commercial interests. For more information on *UpToDate*, go to www.uptodate.com.

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