



Press Release

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WOCNCB® Board of Directors endorses the United Ostomy Association of America's Ostomy and Continent Diversion Patient Bill of Rights

Milwaukee, WI – November 28, 2017 - At the Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB®) fall Board of Directors meeting on November 4, 2017, the Board of Directors voted to endorse the United Ostomy Associations of America's (UOAA) Ostomy and Continent Diversion Patient Bill of Rights.

The WOCNCB® is dedicated to providing consumer safety and protection by offering credentialing in the areas of wound, ostomy, continence, and foot care nursing to registered nurses who meet WOCNCB®'s stringent qualifications and pass its certification examinations. WOCNCB® certified nurses provide specialized, quality care to patients in a variety of settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, and home healthcare.

As part of its ongoing mission to promote the highest standards of consumer care and safety in the areas of wound, ostomy, continence, and foot care, WOCNCB® is pleased to support the Ostomy and Continent Diversion Patient Bill of Rights as an important tool to ensure that patients advocate for their own care by expert ostomy and continence care professionals and enhance awareness of improved patient outcomes through the use of a Certified Wound Ostomy Continence Nurse (CWOCN®).

WOCNCB® is pleased to endorse the Ostomy and Continent Diversion Patient Bill of Rights as an important guide for all ostomy and continent diversion patients to be an active participant in ensuring they are receiving the highest standard of care that is tailored to their individual medical needs. We commend the United Ostomy Associations of America for promoting this important tool for patient care. View the Ostomy and Continent Diversion Patient Bill of Rights: http://www.ostomy.org/Ostomate_Bill_of_Rights.html

WOCNCB continues to look for ways to strengthen shared interests and patient-centered goals in partnership with the UOAA. We look forward to opening a dialogue with the UOAA leadership to discover ways to operationalize these shared endeavors.

About the WOCNCB®

The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board is a professional organization dedicated to providing patient safety and protection by offering credentialing in the areas of wound, ostomy, continence and foot care nursing to registered nurses who meet WOCNCB®'s stringent qualifications and pass its certification examination. WOCNCB® certified nurses provide quality care to patients in a variety of settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, and home healthcare. More than 8,100 WOCNCB® certified nurses are practicing domestically and internationally. For more information, contact the WOCNCB at (888) 496-2622, [e-mail lobradovic@wocncb.org](mailto:lobradovic@wocncb.org) or visit www.wocncb.org.



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