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### For Immediate Release

## WOCNCB Certified Wound Care Nurse Receives APWCA Award

**Milwaukee, WI June 28, 2011** The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB®) congratulates Sharon Baranoski, MSN, RN, CWCN, APN-CCNS, FAAN DAPWCA on receiving the 2011 Outstanding Education Achievement Award from the American Professional Wound Care Association (APWCA).

According to Diana L. Gallagher, MS, RN, CWOCN, CFCN, CHT, president of the WOCNCB, "Certification by the WOCNCB validates that Ms. Baranoski has the knowledge and experience to meet the challenges of daily clinical practice. Her award from the APWCA recognizes the important roles that WOCNCB certified nurses play in sharing their specialized knowledge and experience to improve patient care."

"Certification is a very important part of our wound, ostomy and continence practice," adds Ms. Baranoski. "It shows that we have the drive to keep learning and updating our skills. I'm very proud of my certification and will continue to keep it active as long as I am practicing. As one of my favorite quotations, from medieval philosopher and physician Moses Maimonides, says, 'May there never develop in me the notion that my education is complete, but give me the strength, leisure and zeal continually to enlarge my knowledge.'"

Ms. Baranoski, who holds the Certified Wound Care Nurse (CWCN®) credential from the WOCNCB, has been certified by the WOCNCB since 1989. She is the president of Wound Care Dynamics, Inc., a wound consultant service in Shorewood, IL. A graduate of Lewis University, in Romeoville, IL, Ms. Baranoski received her specialty wound training from the Northwest Community ET program.

### About the WOCNCB

The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board is a professional organization 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 examination. WOCNCB certified nurses provide quality care to patients in a variety of settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, and home healthcare.

Today, nearly 6,500 WOCNCB certified nurses are practicing in the United States, Canada, South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia. The WOCNCB's wound, ostomy and continence certifications are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC), formerly the accreditation committee of the American Board of Specialty Nursing (ABNS).

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