



Media Advisory

New Ways of Thinking and Delivering Health Care: Advanced Nursing Practice Steps Up for Canadians' Health

September 11, 2008, Toronto, Ontario – Toronto will host almost 600 advanced practice nurses and nurse practitioners from 30 countries during the 5th International Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing Network Conference from September 17 to 20, 2008. The conference will be held at the Westin Harbour Castle Conference Centre.

The conference will look at how advanced practice nursing can meet the health-care needs of Canadians in a time of health human resources shortages through leadership in improving population health and collaborating toward new approaches to health care. Advanced practice nurses, including nurse practitioners and nurse anesthetists, are playing a key role in improving access to health-care services in Canada and around the world.

Featured speakers include:

- **Stephen Lewis**, professor in global health, McMaster University, and co-director of AIDS-Free World
- **Dr. Stephanie Ferguson**, International Council of Nurses Switzerland

An **international panel** will discuss *Maximizing Health and Global Development of the APN Role*; the panel includes Beng Choo Ang from Singapore, Anna Green from Australia, Petrie Roodbol from Netherlands and Kaaren Neufeld from Canada.

The conference is co-hosted by the Canadian Association of Advanced Practice Nurses and the Canadian Nurses Association. For more information, visit www.inpapnn2008.com

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