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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF Dr. Judy Carlson, PV/PHN 1A034

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Dear Ms. Giannini,

Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), Hawaii, is spearheading a research pilot project that will be conducted at TAMC and Naval Medical Center, San Diego. The project entitled, The Power of Nursing Care: Electronic Implementation of NANDA, NIC and NOC Standards of Practice, is about to begin data collection on two ICU Units for a 60 day period.

NANDA Diagnoses, Nursing Intervention Classification (NIC) interventions, and Nursing Outcome Classification outcomes relevant to the ICU have been selected and linked for ease of use and note configured into an electronic documentation system. Each NIC Intervention has a time and ABC code associated with it. We hope from this study to capture nursing workload, outcomes of care, nursing practice, acuity of care, and the value of nursing through potential cost savings and revenue generation. ABC codes will help to achieve this latter goal.

Once the data is collected and analyzed there will be a presentation to the Surgeon General and the Medical Core Chiefs of Staff. This should occur in the beginning of 2007. The Commanding General of the Army Nurse Core, who has now also been appointed the Deputy Army Surgeon General, has been supportive of this project. In fact she has personally funded the study.

The results of the study will hopefully be strong enough to provide strong justification for the core chiefs to approve DoD wide acceptance and implementation of NANDA, NIC and NOC in an electronic documentation system with the associated ABC. Projected Implementation for DOD wide use would be 2009-2010 timeframe.

Sincerely,

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