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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **2007 Inspiration in Women's Health Award Winner**

**Diana Hankey-Underwood, MS, RN-C, NP** has been awarded the **2007 Inspiration in Women's Health Award by the Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH)**. The award ceremony was held on October 11, 2007 at NPWH's Clinical Conference in Philadelphia and also includes a scholarship prize.

Ms. Hankey-Underwood was nominated for the Inspiration in Women's Health Award for her outstanding ability to motivate and inspire others through her work as a Nurse Practitioner, educator and Executive Director of Grace Anatomy. Individuals nominating her included: prominent physicians; Cheryle B. Gartley, president and founder of the Simon Foundation for Continence; collaborating nursing professors; colleagues; students and others serving those with medical needs.

The WHNP selected Diana Hankey-Underwood for this award for her contributions to her field through the development of incontinence educational programs, international relations and project coordination, and for her tireless efforts that have motivated many individuals throughout the United States and the world.

Diana works on local, national, and international projects and has impacted many lives. She currently serves as the Executive Director of Grace Anatomy, a non-profit charitable and educational organization. Diana is an adjunct clinical instructor at the State University of New York at Buffalo. She developed and now presents the Incontinence Community Awareness, Resources and Education (I CARE) program™ at the University of Buffalo Medical School, the first program in the nation to receive insurance reimbursement.

Last winter she collaborated with Dr. Marsha Marecki, Associate Professor and Dr. Susan Lombardo, Clinical Associate Professor, at University at Buffalo School of Nursing. This work was presented at The International Sigma Theta Tau, Honor Society of Nurses Conference in Vienna in 2007. At the same time, her work with internationally known surgeons helped children here and overseas.

Ms. Hankey-Underwood is a licensed nurse practitioner in New York and Michigan. She has a BSN from the University of Michigan, and a MS degree from the University of Michigan's Parent-Child Nursing Program. Diana is a member of the Simon Foundation for Continence, Society of Urological Nurses & Associates (SUNA), and the Wound Ostomy & Continence Nurses Society (WOCN).

Ms. Hankey-Underwood noted that it is 'a great honor to receive the NPWH Inspiration in Women's Health Award'. The \$2,000 scholarship award will be given to Grace Anatomy.

The Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH) organization was founded in 1980 and is dedicated to the provision of quality health care, that which is inclusive to an individual's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, to women of all ages by nurse practitioners. NPWH represents nurse practitioners that provide care to women in the primary care setting as well as in women's health specialty practices. The organization is a trusted source of information on nurse practitioner education, practice, and women's health issues and works with a wide range of individuals and groups within nursing, medicine, health care industry, and women's health community. NPWH can be found on the web at [www.npwh.org](http://www.npwh.org).

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