Integrating the Institute of Medicine future of nursing report into the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses strategic plan.

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Abstract:

The release of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Future of Nursing report in October 2010 makes this an unprecedented time in healthcare and nursing (IOM, 2010b). The political, economic, and social drivers of change include the focus on healthcare reform as well as the public demand for access to quality care and practice and care changes. There is also mounting evidence in respected reports about anticipated changes in nursing practice, education, recognition, and other aspects of the profession.

These forces have coalesced, opening a rare opportunity for the estimated 3 million registered nurses in the United States. There is a great incentive for nursing to act urgently, because this window will close as soon as the focus shifts to other pressing matters. Change is inevitable, healthcare is quickly evolving, and the ultimate outcome of the present healthcare reform is unknown. To prepare neuroscience nurses to lead change and advance health for all Americans, the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) Board of Directors (BOD) passed a motion in July 2011 to adopt the following four key messages of the IOM Future of Nursing call to action and tie them to the AANN strategic plan.

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