



**The Foundation of the  
National Student Nurses Association**  
*In Memory of Frances Tompkins*

**Press Release**

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**NSNA Board of Directors and FNSNA Trustees  
Endorse IOM Future of Nursing Report**

**Brooklyn, NY – January 14, 2011.** Both the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees of the Foundation of the NSNA (FNSNA) endorsed the Institute of Medicine report, "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health."

At its November 2010 meeting, the NSNA Board of Directors reviewed the report's major recommendations and determined that many of NSNA's current policies and resolutions related to nursing education and nursing practice are reflected in the recommendations. "NSNA will take a leadership role to ensure that nursing students become engaged in implementing the Report's recommendations—particularly those recommendations addressing academic progression, interdisciplinary relationships, and leadership development," stated Carylin M. Holsey, NSNA President.

In October, the FNSNA Trustees endorsed the report and also established a new scholarship fund to support students in RN completion programs (baccalaureate and masters). Kenneth W. Dion, PhD, RN, noted that the report "provides new opportunities for nurses along with all

healthcare workers to advance the profession and embrace quality patient care as a unified goal.”

The final report, which was released in December, is the result of the Initiative on the Future of Nursing, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The report conveyed four key messages:

1. Nurses should practice to the full extent of their education, training and licensure.
2. Nurses should achieve higher levels of education and training through an improved education system that promotes seamless academic progression.
3. Nurses should be full partners, with physicians and other health professionals, in redesigning health care in the United States.
4. Effective workforce planning and policy making require better data collection and an improved information infrastructure.

Programming related to the Report is planned for the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual NSNA Convention which takes place April 6-10, 2011 in Salt Lake City, UT. Dr. Susan Hassmiller will address more than 3,000 attendees during a Plenary Session dedicated to the implications of the report for future nurses. Dr. Hassmiller served as Study Director, Robert Wood Johnson Initiative on the Future of Nursing at the Institute of Medicine, and is Senior Advisor for Nursing at the RWJ Foundation.

“This is one Report that will not sit on a shelf collecting dust,” commented Dr. Diane Mancino, NSNA/FNSNA Executive Director. “It will serve as a blueprint, not only for nursing’s future, but for the future of healthcare delivery. We have a gift in this report, an opportunity to successfully plan outcomes that will make a difference in the quality of care we all deliver.”

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*NSNA is a membership organization with over 53,000 students in Associate Degree, Diploma, Baccalaureate, generic Masters and generic Doctoral programs preparing students for Registered Nurse licensure, as well as RNs in BSN completion programs.*

*The FNSNA was created in 1969 to honor Frances Tompkins, the Association’s first Executive Director. The Foundation is organized as a 501 (C) (3) charitable foundation and contributions are tax deductible.*