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**INTERNATIONAL MAGNET CHAMPION RECEIVES ANCC'S HRH PRINCESS AL-HUSSEIN  
AWARD  
VERONICA CASEY, RN, RM, MSN**

SILVER SPRING, Md.—Veronica Casey, RN, RM, MSN, received the HRH Princess Muna al-Hussein Award for her outstanding commitment to the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program<sup>®</sup> around the globe. ANCC President Michael L. Evans, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, presented the award at the National Magnet Conference<sup>®</sup> in Baltimore.

Casey is the Executive Director of Nursing Services at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Queensland—the first hospital in Australia and one of the first international facilities to earn Magnet<sup>®</sup> recognition in 2004. She is also District Director of Nursing & Midwifery Services at the Metro South Health Service District in Australia.

As one of three international commissioners on ANCC's Commission on Magnet Recognition, Casey approves Magnet criteria, policies, and guidelines for application in all types of healthcare facilities throughout the world. She has served on the Magnet International Task Force and represented ANCC at many international nursing forums.

"Veronica has generously given of her time and talent to champion the Magnet Recognition Program in the international arena," says ANCC Executive Director Karen Drenkard, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN. "Over the years, in her many roles, she has worked enthusiastically to spearhead Magnet's global expansion and improve nursing excellence, patient care quality, and clinical outcomes around the world."

**About the ANCC HRH Princess Muna al-Hussein Award**

The HRH Princess Muna al-Hussein Award recognizes significant contribution to health care across borders and a dedication to nursing. It is named for Her Royal Highness Princess Muna al-Hussein of Jordan and represents her deep commitment to the advancement of nursing in her native country and around the globe. With a focus on education, scholarship, ongoing training, and professional development, HRH Princess Muna has championed nursing and strengthened the healthcare workforce worldwide.

**About the Magnet Recognition Program**

The Magnet Recognition Program was developed by ANCC to recognize healthcare organizations that provide nursing excellence. The program also provides a vehicle for disseminating successful nursing practices and strategies.

Recognizing quality patient care, nursing excellence, and innovations in professional nursing practice, the Magnet Recognition Program provides consumers with the ultimate benchmark to measure the quality of care that they can expect to receive. *U.S. News & World Report* uses Magnet designation as a primary competence indicator in its assessment of almost 5,000 hospitals in order to rank and report the best medical centers in 16 specialties. Eight of the top 10 medical centers on the *U.S. News Best Hospitals in*



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#### **About ANCC**

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA), provides individuals and organizations throughout the nursing profession with the resources they need to achieve practice excellence. ANCC's internationally renowned credentialing programs certify nurses in specialty practice areas; recognize healthcare organizations for promoting safe, positive work environments through the Magnet Recognition Program and the Pathway to Excellence® Programs; and accredit providers and approvers of continuing nursing education. In addition, ANCC's Institute for Credentialing Innovation® provides leading-edge information and education services and products to support its core credentialing programs. The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) is the first and only healthcare certification organization in the United States to have successfully achieved ISO 9001:2008 certification. [www.nursecredentialing.org](http://www.nursecredentialing.org)