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**American Association of Critical-Care Nurses joins healthcare, medical organizations, designating May as National Critical Care Awareness and Recognition Month**

*Celebrate the dedication and commitment that acute and critical care team members demonstrate every day to patients and their families.*

**ALISO VIEJO, Calif.** – May 14, 2010 – The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) joins healthcare and medical organizations paying special tribute to the dedicated professionals who care for the sickest patients and their families during National Critical Care Awareness and Recognition Month (NCCARM) in May.

NCCARM honors dedicated professionals whose compassion and care make a difference in the lives of critically ill patients and their families. Healthcare and medical organizations that partner for this honorary month include the [Society of Critical Care Medicine](#), Mount Prospect, Ill.; [American College of Chest Physicians](#), Northbrook, Ill.; [American Thoracic Society](#), New York; and the [American Association for Respiratory Care](#), Irving, Texas.

In honor of the team of professionals who care for critically ill patients, wear blue on Friday, May 21, 2010. For more information and to learn seven ways to celebrate NCCARM visit [www.sccm.org](http://www.sccm.org).

**About the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses:** Founded in 1969 and based in Aliso Viejo, Calif., the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) is the largest specialty nursing organization in the world. AACN joins together the interests of more than 500,000 acute and critical care nurses and claims more than 235 chapters worldwide. The organization's vision is to create a healthcare system driven by the needs of patients and their families in which acute and critical care nurses make their optimal contribution. To learn more about AACN, visit [www.aacn.org](http://www.aacn.org), connect with the organization on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/aacnface](http://www.facebook.com/aacnface) or follow AACN on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/aacnme](http://www.twitter.com/aacnme), #NTI2010.

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