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**NAFC ANNOUNCES DIANA UNDERWOOD CONTINENCE CARE  
CHAMPION AT THE NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN WOMEN'S HEALTH  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**October 22, 2007 (Charleston, SC)** — At the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH) Annual Conference, NPWH member and National Association For Continence (NAFC) Board of Directors member, **Diane Smith, RN, MSN, CRNP** presented **Diana Underwood, MS, RN-C, WHNP**, with the organization's latest continence care champion (CCC) award on Thursday, October 11, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The honor is based on contributions in the field of incontinence towards research, education, and advances in clinical practice. Individuals are nominated by members of the society and an award recipient is then selected by representatives of NAFC's Board of Directors.

**Diana Underwood, MS, RN-C, WHNP**, is a nurse practitioner (NP) and adjunct clinical instructor at the State of New York at Buffalo currently working on local, national and international projects to help people improve their quality of life. She is Executive Director of Grace Anatomy, Inc., a charitable and educational non-profit organization, whose purpose is to guide, aid and assist individuals and medical providers to enhance health and reduce stigma from physical conditions such as incontinence and birth defects and/or their associated psychological conditions, through research, imparting relevant information, sharing of resources, experiences and ideas among people who have or who treat these conditions.

Ms. Underwood received a Masters of Parent Child Nursing from the University of Michigan, where she is also a licensed NP. **Susan Wysocki, RNC, NP, FAANP**, President and CEO of NPWH shares her enjoyment in learning of Ms. Underwood's CCC award by stating, "[NPWH] is grateful to have her as a part of our team! With her dedication to continence care and natural interest in people's welfare, we all have a lot to learn from her. She maintains an energetic disposition and contagious positive attitude that we should all strive to have." Ms. Underwood has recently created an educational program that is approved for reimbursement by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York.

This award is sponsored by the American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) Foundation, which was created to fund research and education for the benefit of women with bladder and bowel control problems and related pelvic floor disorders.

Members of other medical societies have been celebrated through NAFC's CCC award program as well. These groups include: **American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS)**, **Society for Urodynamics and Female Urology (SUFU)**, **American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)**, **Society of Urogynecologic Nurses and Associates (SUNA)**, **Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)**, **American Geriatrics Society (AGS)**, **American Physical Therapy**

**Association (APTA), Society of Women in Urology (SWIU), Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society (WOCN) and, most recently, the Association of Physician Assistants in Obstetrics and Gynecology (APAOG).**

**About Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH)**

The National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (formerly the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Reproductive Health) was founded in 1980. NPWH's mission is to assure the provision of quality health care to women of all ages by nurse practitioners. NPWH defines quality health care to be inclusive of an individual's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

**About the National Association For Continence (NAFC)**

The National Association For Continence is a 501(c)3 corporation whose mission is threefold: 1) to educate the public about the causes, diagnosis categories, treatment options, and management alternatives for incontinence, voiding dysfunction, nocturnal enuresis, and related pelvic floor disorders; 2) to network with other organizations and agencies to elevate the visibility and priority given to these areas; and 3) to advocate on behalf of consumers who suffer from such symptoms as a result of disease or other illness, obstetrical, surgical or other trauma, or deterioration due to the aging process itself. NAFC is broadly funded by consumers, healthcare professionals and industry. It is the world's largest and most prolific consumer advocacy organization devoted exclusively to this field.