

## Discuss common nursing goals

# AORN, other associations meet

AORN and 11 other nursing organizations met in Kansas City November 17 to chart new means of coordinating efforts in the nursing field. Martha J Parlapiano, RN, national AORN President; and Jerry G Peers, RN, AORN Executive Director, represented AORN at the meeting called by ANA.

As a result of the one day meeting hosted by the American Nurses' Association, top officers and executives of the participating organizations announced plans to develop close liaisons in pursuing areas of mutual interest such as continuing education, certification, physician's assistants and the expanded role of nurses, licensure, fee for service nursing practice, and the Model Nursing Practice Act.

The conference grappled with the major topics which affect the nursing profession, particularly continuing education and certification.

In their discussion of continuing education, the conference participants emphasized the urgent need to work toward setting national standards. They called for a

top level meeting of the organizations participating in the conference with ANA's council on continuing education "as soon as possible."

The conference agreed that such a meeting would provide "valuable input" on the ANA national level by these organizations, "who are now providers and sponsors of continuing education programs."

In the area of certification, the conference expressed their willingness to work closely with the ANA in developing certification programs, achieve a common concept of certification and avoid a duplication of effort by the various programs.

ANA's certification program, to be operative in 1973, will recognize not only a high level of knowledge in the nurses' specialty areas, but also a demonstrated competency of practice.

Most of the organizations currently recognize the specialty nurses' entry into their field through accreditation mechanisms.

"AORN was pleased to be invited to this meeting," President Parlapiano said.

"It is the first step toward a closer relationship among many associations with a common interest—nursing and better care of the patient.

"The group accepted AORN's invitation to a future meeting at AORN Headquarters," she continued. "More definitive plans for this meeting will be forthcoming."

ANA president, Rosamond Gabrielson, RN, said, "This meeting is a solid manifestation for our commitment to face squarely the growing challenges to the nursing profession and of our resolve to work together in finding relevant solutions."

Attending, in addition to AORN and

ANA representatives, were representatives of the American Association of Industrial Nurses, the American Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technicians, the American Association of Neurosurgical Nurses, the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, the American College of Nurse-Midwives, the Nurses' Association of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Council of Cardiovascular Nursing of the American Heart Association, the Public Health Nursing Section of the American Public Health Association, the Department of School Nurses of the National Education Association, and the National Student Nurses' Association. ☐



On the far side of the table, Jerry G Peers, AORN's Executive Director, and Martha J Parlapiano, national AORN President, discuss common nursing goals with other association representatives in a Kansas City meeting. Participants discussed new ways to coordinate the association's efforts to improve nursing and patient care. AORN volunteered to host a future meeting which will further explore common areas of concern.

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