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NURSES WEEK IN FULL SWING

FREDERICTON, 12 May 2004 — New Brunswick nurses will focus on the theme “Nursing: Knowledge and Commitment at Work” as they join their 255,000 colleagues across Canada this week to celebrate National Nursing Week, May 10-16, 2004.

“This year’s theme is particularly significant as it reflects the complex knowledge, skills and decision-making that nurses bring to their roles, whether in clinical care, education, administration or research.,” said Beth Sparks, president of the 8600-member Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB).

“Nurses are delivering health care in homes, community health centres, hospitals, schools and nursing homes, to all age groups: the senior with Type 2 diabetes, a young adult recently diagnosed with cancer, an adolescent coping with abuse, a school child being immunized, or a new mother learning to care for her newborn baby,” Ms. Sparks went on to say.

Nurses are the largest group of health care professionals in New Brunswick and the country. They deliver health care 24-hours-a-days, seven-days-a-week, 365 days a year. This week is an opportunity to celebrate the contribution nurses are making every day to the health of the people of this province and the communities they live and work in.

The Nurses Association of New Brunswick is a professional, regulatory body representing 8600 registered nurses and nurse practitioners. NANB’s is responsible for advancing and maintaining the standards of nursing in the province, for governing and regulating those offering nursing care.

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