

## **Supporting Specialty Nursing Practice**

As many groups of specialty nursing practice continue to evolve, NANB adapts its support.

NANB recognizes the value and dedication of Nursing Interest Groups (IGs) in the promotion of the profession and specialized areas of nursing practice, the enhancement of quality of care, the development of knowledge, competence and expertise, and in providing mentorship opportunities. When NANB IGs were established many years ago, many of the current specialty IGs and association affiliations did not exist. In the early 1990's some 34 IGs were affiliated with NANB. A recent review revealed that the number of active IGs had diminished to less than 10; with many no longer meeting regularly and some having incorporated with national IGs or associations. With these changes in mind, at the January 28th, 2020 meeting the NANB Board of Directors determined that NANB will no longer affiliate IGs, but rather continue to support various nursing specialty groups through the NANB sponsorship program and existing services, such as consultations and presentations to support the practice of nursing.