

# Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs

*VA Nursing: A Revolutionary Experience*



**28th Annual Meeting**  
**April 9-12, 2008**  
**Boston, MA**

**NOVA 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**  
**April 9-12, 2008**  
**Radisson Hotel Boston – Boston, Massachusetts**

***“VA Nursing: A Revolutionary Experience”***

**PURPOSE:** To provide a forum for nurses to gain knowledge, exchange information and enhance skills.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- To gain an awareness of forensic medicine.
- To describe eligibility and services related to hospice care.
- To discuss caring for patient with polytrauma.
- To examine the impact of systems redesign on improving inpatient flow.
- To describe the use of humor by patients and providers in coping with illness.
- To identify current initiatives and future direction of VA nursing.
- To utilize collaborative skills in common goal attainment.
- To discuss educational opportunities and the outcomes of VA educational activities.
- To develop skills in writing for publication.

***A total of 17.25 CEUs will be awarded.***

**NOVA FOUNDATION**

During NOVA Foundation’s brief history, nearly a hundred scholarships have been awarded to nurses enrolled in continuing education programs. Six Jesse Brown Memorial Scholarships have been awarded, and ten nurse research projects have been funded. The NOVA Foundation is also committed to education and has hosted two research seminars, three Congressional briefings and four leadership conferences.

Come participate in the **NOVA Foundation Reception/Silent Auction** on Wednesday, April 9, from 5:30-7:00pm. Network with your colleagues from around the country and bid on fantastic items! See registration information on the reverse side.

**Proceeds from the evening help fund the Foundation’s giving program.**

***(Over for Registration Form)***

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

<i>FULL NAME</i>	<i>NICKNAME FOR BADGE</i>		
<i>SPOUSE/GUEST</i>	<i>NICKNAME FOR BADGE</i>		
<i>VA FACILITY</i>	<i>EMAIL ADDRESS</i>		
<i>HOME ADDRESS</i>	<i>CITY</i>	<i>STATE</i>	<i>ZIP</i>
<i>DAYTIME PHONE</i>	<i>FAX NUMBER</i>		

	<u>Discount Before 2/9/08</u>	<u>After 2/9/08</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> NOVA Member Registration	\$310	\$330
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Registration	\$425	\$425
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest (Non-VA Employee)	\$125	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> Daily Registration (CEUs Not Included)	\$175	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree Registration	\$195	\$195
<input type="checkbox"/> NOVA Foundation Reception & Auction	\$ 50	\$ 50
<input type="checkbox"/> Theater Show - "Menopause" Number of Tickets: _____	\$ 40	\$ 40
<input type="checkbox"/> NOVA Foundation Donation	\$ _____	

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- Check Enclosed (Made Payable to NOVA)  
 Credit Card    \_\_\_\_\_VISA    \_\_\_\_\_MasterCard

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Mail to NOVA:  
1726 M Street, N.W. - Suite 1101 - Washington, D.C. 20036*

**Cancellations must be in writing. There will be no refunds after 3/18/08.  
A \$25 processing fee will be charged for cancellations prior to 3/18/08.**

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**Wednesday, April 9**

8:00am - 11:30am	<b>NOVA Foundation Board Meeting</b>
11:30am - 12:00noon	<b>Luncheon for NOVA Foundation &amp; NOVA Boards</b>
12:00noon - 2:00pm	<b>NOVA Board Meeting</b>
12:00noon - 6:00pm	<b>Registration</b>
3:00pm - 4:30pm	<b>Strategic Planning Session</b>
	Cecilia McVey, RN, MHA, NOVA President
5:30pm - 7:00pm	<b>NOVA Foundation Reception &amp; Silent Auction</b>

**Thursday, April 10**

7:00am - 5:00pm	<b>Registration</b>
8:00am - 8:30am	<b>Opening Ceremonies</b>
8:30am -- 10:30am	<b>Keynote Session</b> <b>“Serial Murder By Healthcare Providers: Lessons Learned” - Healthcare Administration &amp; Quality Management Departments &amp; Direct Care Providers &amp; Clinical/Forensic Investigation</b> Kenneth W. Kizer, MD, MPH, President, CEO & Chairman Medsphere Systems Corporation Mary K. Sullivan, MSN, RNC, CARN, FAAFS, Clinical Forensic Nurse, Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center
10:30am - 11:00am	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
11:00am - 12:00noon	<b>“Hospice Care: What To Tell The Patient”</b> Matthew Russell, MD, Medical Program Director, VistaCare
12:00noon - 1:00pm	<b>Lunch On Your Own</b>
1:00pm - 2:00pm	<b>“Polytrauma: Finding Your Way Through The Maze”</b> Sunil Sabharwal, MD, MRCP, SCI Chief, VA Boston Healthcare System

2:00pm – 3:00pm

**“System Redesign”**

Joan Clifford, MSM, BSN, RN, Deputy Chief Nurse,  
VA Boston Healthcare System

John J. Marinello, RN, ADN, Nurse Manager, Emergency  
Department, VA Boston Healthcare System

3:00pm – 3:15pm

**Refreshment Break**

3:15pm – 4:00pm

**“Laugh ‘Til Your Stitches Burst”**

Susan D. McGinnis, RN, MS, NP, CCRN, VA Boston  
Healthcare System

6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Reception – Cocktails & Heavy Hors d’oeuvres**

8:00pm – 9:30pm

**Optional Event – Show at Stuart Street Theater**

**“Menopause”**

**Friday, April 11**

8:00am – 9:00am

**“‘Revolutionary’ Thoughts From ONS”**

Cathy Rick, RN, CNAA, FACHE, Chief Nursing Office,  
Department of Veterans Affairs

9:00am – 10:00am

**“Town Hall Meeting With Cathy Rick”**

10:00am – 10:15am

**Refreshment Break**

10:15am – 11:00am

**“Strategic Planning Update”**

Cecilia McVey, RN, MHA, NOVA President

11:00am – 11:45am

**Poster Presentations**

11:45am – 1:15pm

**Awards Luncheon & Annual Business Meeting**

1:30pm – 5:30pm

**Team Building Event – A Boston Scavenger Hunt!**

Evening

Open for Individual Plans

**Saturday, April 12**

8:00am – 9:30am

**Exhibits & Continental Breakfast**

9:30am – 10:30am

**“Success In Education”**

Mary Raymer, RN, MA, CNAA, VACO – Healthcare  
Retention & Recruitment Office

10:30am – 11:30am

**“Writing For Publication”**

Terri Gaffney, RN, MPA, Vice President, Gannett  
Healthcare Group

11:30am – 12:00noon

**“Harbor Lights”**

Mary Seaman, RN, MS, CNAA-BC, Director of Staff  
Relations for Nursing, James A. Haley Veterans’ Hospital

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

**RESERVE YOUR ROOM TODAY!**

Call the Radisson Boston Hotel at  
1-617-482-1800 and be sure to mention that you are with  
NOVA to receive NOVA's special rate of \$189.00 per night,  
single or double occupancy.

NOTE: **The cut-off date for room reservations is  
March 18, 2008!**

Reservation requests received by the hotel after March 18  
will be on an availability basis at the hotel's prevailing rate.

Radisson Boston Hotel  
200 Stuart Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  
617-482-1800

## AIRPORT & GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Logan International Airport is close to the Radisson Boston Hotel.  
**Taxi service** is readily available and costs approximately \$26 one way,  
with no extra charge for additional people. Several **shuttle bus services** are  
available just outside baggage claim. No advance reservations needed.

Shuttles cost between \$15-\$20 one way. Return shuttle bus service  
to the airport requires a reservation and can be made through the hotel's  
concierge or bellmen.

## QUESTIONS?

Call NOVA at 202-296-0888 or email Susan Dove at [sdove@vanurse.org](mailto:sdove@vanurse.org).