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Seifert To Join Time to Talk CARDIO Advisory Board

WASHINGTON – Having made a career of caring for cardiac surgery patients, including service as a manager, educator, editor and first assistant in cardiac surgery, American Academy of Nursing (AAN) Fellow Patricia Seifert, RN, MSN, CRNFA, FAAN, was introduced as a new member of the Time to Talk CARDIO Advisory Board. She will add a nursing perspective within the influential program.

Time to Talk CARDIO is an educational program underwritten by Merck & Co., Inc. and developed in partnership with the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, Canyon Ranch Institute and RIASWorks. The initiative's mission is dedicated to advancing cardiovascular health by helping to improve the dialogue between patients and health care professionals.

Seifert is currently the Education Coordinator for the Cardiovascular Operating Room at Inova Heart and Vascular Institute in Virginia and a member of Sigma Theta Tau. She is a past President of the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN), former Editor-in-Chief of the *AORN Journal*, and was the first Lead Coordinator of the Nursing Organizations Alliance.

"Nurses are well-suited to playing a key role in educating patients and consumers not only because they display a special bond of communication with patients, but also because they are adept at communicating with all members of the health care community," Seifert said.

Time to Talk CARDIO is guided by a distinguished Advisory Board of medical and communications experts, led by Richard Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS, 17th Surgeon General of the United States.

Through Seifert's inclusion on the board, the Academy joins a network of organizations and health care professionals helping improve communication between patients and health professionals. These organizations include the American College of Preventive Medicine, Clear Language Group, Mended Hearts, Men's Health Network, the

Mississippi, Ohio and North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians, and Sister to Sister, the Women's Heart and Health Foundation.

“Patricia Seifert’s expertise in cardiovascular nursing will add a new voice to this important project,” said AAN President Catherine L. Gilliss, DNSc, RN, FAAN. “Nurses rely on establishing effective patient-provider communications and realize that health literacy is a key factor in improving health and positive care outcomes. She is a perfect choice.”

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