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***JOANN COLEMEN, RN, MS, AOCN®, ACNP  
ELECTED MEMBER AT LARGE OF ABNS***

The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is pleased to announce that JoAnn Coleman, RN, MS, AOCN®, ACNP, was elected to the Member at Large position of the ABNS Board of Directors at their Spring Assembly Meeting, held March 5, 2005, in San Diego, California. She will assume this role beginning July 1, 2005 and will serve a two year term of office.

Ms. Coleman is an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner for GI Surgery and Surgical Oncology at Johns Hopkins Hospital located in Baltimore, Maryland. In addition she has served as a volunteer on the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation's (ONCC) Board of Directors since 1999, serving as President from 2001-2003. ONCC is a regular member organization of ABNS and Ms. Coleman has previously served as ONCC's voting representative to ABNS

"Ms. Coleman brings valuable experience to ABNS and its Board of Directors. She is well positioned to speak to the issues facing specialty nursing certification and advanced practice nursing," said Judy Lentz, MSN, RN, NHA, current President of ABNS. Lentz further stated that "Her leadership skills will further position ABNS to achieve its vision - *Specialty nursing certification is THE standard by which the public recognized quality nursing care* – will be achieved!"

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***Editors Note:***

The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is a membership organization that maintains a national peer review program for nursing specialty certification. The mission of ABNS is to promote the value of specialty nursing certification to all stakeholders. Currently, twenty-five ABNS Regular Members and one Associate Member Organizations represent nearly half a million specialty certified registered nurses and its nine Affiliate Members include providers of key certification-related testing products and services. One Public Member represents the consumer's perspectives on issues about specialty nursing certification. For further information about ABNS, visit [www.nursingcertification.org](http://www.nursingcertification.org) or email Bonnie Niebuhr, MS, RN, CAE, Chief Executive Officer, at [ABNSCEO@aol.com](mailto:ABNSCEO@aol.com).

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