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ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS WEEK

November 2 - 8, 2003

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS WEEK will be celebrated nationally November 2 through 8, 2003 to honor health care providers working in the more than 80 allied health professions. Constituting approximately 60 percent of all health care providers, allied health practitioners greatly influence health care delivery by supporting, facilitating, and complementing the roles of physicians and other health care specialists. This collaboration, which emphasizes the strengths of all health professions, is enhancing the quality of care in this country and abroad.

The new era in health care delivery finds allied health professionals employed in public and private sectors - not only in hospitals but also in clinics, laboratories, nursing homes, mental health facilities, private medical practices, research institutions, public health services, and pharmaceutical companies. Allied health personnel are also employed in industry, where they administer basic health care and emergency first aid to workers, inspect equipment and assure that safe work practices are followed. Additionally, these professionals may act as technical advisors and representatives in the manufacturing and marketing of medical equipment and supplies.

Take this opportunity to congratulate all allied health professionals in your community who are instrumental in maintaining your high standard of health care and responding to your health care needs. And take a minute to learn more about allied health professions by reviewing the web sites www.healthpronet.org, www.nn2.org or www.asahp.org.

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