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AOHP Executive Board Member MaryAnn Gruden Appointed to NIOSH Board of Scientific Counselors

PITTSBURGH – The Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Executive Board Member MaryAnn Gruden to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Board of Scientific Counselors. Her two-year term begins January 1, 2016.

The NIOSH Board of Scientific Counselors includes 15 experts in fields related to occupational safety and health. These members, selected by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, advise the NIOSH Director on occupational safety and health research and prevention programs. The Board also provides advice on standards of scientific excellence, current needs in the field of occupational safety and health, and the applicability and dissemination of research findings.

Gruden, MSN, CRNP, NP-C, COHN-S/CM, has more than 20 years of occupational health nursing experience in the healthcare setting. She serves on the AOHP Executive Board as Association Community Liaison, promoting the mission and vision of AOHP with partners such as NIOSH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), The Joint Commission and the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN). She has represented AOHP as a member of the NIOSH Respiratory Advisory Group for occupational health nurses and respiratory protection since it was founded in 2011. In addition, she is a member of The Joint Commission's Technical Expert Panel on Respiratory Protection in Healthcare.

As manager of Employee Health Services for Allegheny Health Network (AHN) in Pittsburgh, PA, Gruden's department supports the health and wellness needs of AHN's 17,000 employees in their work to provide world-class care through seven hospitals and more than 200 primary- and specialty-care practices across western Pennsylvania. Her Master of Science in Nursing is from the University of Virginia, and she is certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner and Occupational Health Nurse Specialist, Case Manager.

"MaryAnn is a true pioneer in the field of occupational health, advancing the authority and practice of this nursing specialty for many years," says AOHP Executive President Mary Bliss, RN, COHN. "We are proud of her selection to the prestigious Board of Scientific Counselors and know her expertise will serve NIOSH well."

AOHP is a national association representing tens of thousands of healthcare workers whose vision is to be the defining resource and leading advocate for occupational health, safety and well-being in healthcare. Led by an experienced and dedicated group of occupational health professionals, AOHP promotes health, safety and well-being for healthcare personnel through: advocating for employee health and safety; occupational health education and networking opportunities; health and safety advancement through best practice and research; and partnering with employers, regulatory agencies and related associations. For more information, contact AOHP Headquarters at 800-362-4347, or e-mail info@aohp.org.

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