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Overview of Nursing Quality and Safety Initiatives

Planning a National Nursing Quality and Safety Alliance

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Information Gathering

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- Assess nursing's assets and opportunities to strengthen nursing's policy voice
- Inventory selected national nursing organizations' current and future quality and safety activities
- Review of public information (e.g., web sites)
- Discussions with each convener organization to 'download' pertinent information
- Preliminary 'snapshot' of organizations' activities
 - 'Call' to augment draft with refinements, additions, corrections

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Key Points

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- Organizational missions, investments, and emphases vary
- Existing efforts in multiple areas of emphasis including:

Practice	Scholarship
Research	Standards development
- Focus on partnerships with key organizations in the quality arena (e.g., NQF, HOA, SOS Rx)
- History of collaborative efforts including development of the APRN consensus model
- No single organization devoted to nurses' influence on and contribution to policy directions that relate to transparency and accountability

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Example #1

On What are We Focused?	
AAN	advances health policy and practice through nursing knowledge
AANP	promotes excellence in NP practice, education, and research
AACN	serves as the national voice for baccalaureate and graduate-degree nursing education
ANA	advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards for nursing practice
AONE	represents nurse leaders who improve health care
NCSBN	provides leadership to advance regulatory excellence for public protection
NLN	promotes excellence in nursing education to build a strong and diverse nursing workforce
NONPF	provides leadership in promoting quality nurse practitioner education at the national and international levels

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- Example #2*
- How Do We Serve?**
- AQA
 - American Medical Association Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement (AMA-PCPI)
 - Hospital Quality Alliance (HQA)
 - National Priorities Partnership Committee
 - National Quality Forum (NQF)
 - National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF)
 - SOS Rx Coalition
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Wise Words

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"Though this is a time of great opportunity and change, there is also great risk with the economic crisis."

"What are the questions we must answer to make [an alliance] meaningful and optimally successful for all in our profession and the people we serve?"

"Doesn't nursing's many faces and diversity in approaches and perspectives make us richer?"

"What are our questions.....where should we be.....where can we lead?"

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Key Questions

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- What existing initiatives/activities might be bolstered?
- What obvious gaps deserve attention?
- What 2-3 key priorities must be addressed by nursing?

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