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**Healthcare Professionals Invited to
Nominate Their Specialist Colitis
and Crohn's Nurses for
NACC Nursing Award**

Download an Award Nomination Form from www.NACC.org.uk

25 April 2007, St Alban's, Herts.UK. As part of NACC's ongoing campaign to raise awareness of the important role played by Specialist Nurses in the quality and continuity of care for Colitis and Crohn's patients, NACC is inviting Gastroenterologists, General Physicians, Surgeons and Nursing Staff to nominate their Specialist Colitis and Crohn's Nurse for the 2007 NACC Nursing Award.

Previously, this Award was nominated by the NACC membership who responded enthusiastically by explaining how and why their Specialist Nurse had gone beyond the normal call of duty to provide and in many cases set-up new nursing-led patient initiatives. With over 140 excellent nominations, the judges had an extremely difficult task in deciding upon a winner but after careful deliberation they all agreed that Belle Gregg, IBD Nurse Specialist and Nurse Endoscopist of the Royal Liverpool University Hospital was the 2005 Award winner.

This year NACC is inviting all healthcare professionals involved in the care of patients with Colitis and Crohn's Disease to download a nomination form from the NACC website and tell us why the Colitis and Crohn's Nurse in your hospital deserves this Award.

The specialist nurse(s) in your hospital may be Colitis and Crohn's Nurses, IBD Nurses, Gastroenterology, Colorectal or Stoma Care Nurses – their titles are

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unimportant. As long as they play a specialist nursing role in the care of people with Colitis and Crohn's Disease, they are eligible for nomination.

The entries will be judged by NACC and a small expert panel with an award of £1,000 for further education being presented to the winning Nurse in the Autumn of 2007. Richard Driscoll, Director of NACC explains, "We are delighted to be offering this award in recognition of the essential role played by specialist nurses within the IBD team. We look forward to receiving a high level of nominations from healthcare professionals in hospitals throughout the country, and raising awareness of the importance of the Specialist Nurse in the care and management of Colitis and Crohn's disease."

To nominate your Specialist Nurse simply log on to www.nacc.org.uk and download the nomination form. **ENDS**

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