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**RHEUMATOLOGY NURSES SOCIETY (RNS) RELEASES FIRST EDITION OF THE
CORE CURRICULUM FOR RHEUMATOLOGY NURSING**

Greenville, SC (PRWEB) February 25, 2015 -- The Rheumatology Nurses Society (RNS) announces the release of the first edition of the *Core Curriculum for Rheumatology Nursing*, a 484-page hardcover textbook. A team of 26 rheumatology nurse authors, five section editors, and other experts in education, research, and publishing were led by the Editorial Board of four recognized rheumatology nurse leaders: Sheree C. Carter, PhD, RN, Victoria Ruffing, RN, CCRP, Cathy Patty-Resk, MSN, RN, CPNP, and Deborah Hicks, RN.

The *Core Curriculum for Rheumatology Nursing* was developed by nurses, for nurses, to help bridge the gap between knowledge and patient care. It helps guide rheumatology nurses in their approach to care across many of the over 100 rheumatologic diseases throughout the lifespan of patients. It is designed to increase educational equity by providing a resource for important content, concepts, and rheumatology nursing skills.

“The publishing of the *Core Curriculum for Rheumatology Nursing* is a foundational layer for the development of needed educational activities, research programs, and clinical tools for rheumatology nursing. It serves as a collective resource of knowledge, as well as a demonstration of the competency and commitment to excellence in care found within each rheumatology nurse,” stated RNS President Sheree C. Carter, PhD, RN.

About the RNS:

The Rheumatology Nursing Society (RNS) is a nonprofit professional nursing organization formed in 2007, representing nurses who are engaged in clinical practice, education, and research for the care of patients with rheumatic diseases. Rheumatology nursing was recognized as a nursing specialty by the American Nurses Association (ANA) Board of Directors in 2012. The mission of RNS is to lead nurses to excellence in the care of patients with rheumatologic diseases. The society is committed to the development and education of nurses to benefit its members, patients, family, and community. For more information about rheumatology nursing, educational opportunities, and the *Core Curriculum for Rheumatology Nursing*, please visit <http://RNSnurse.org/Core>.

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