

Serving our Nation's Caregivers

Dear Nursing Assistant:

You have been selected to be part of the first national survey asking nursing assistants about their jobs. The study, the National Nursing Assistant Survey (NNAS), is part of the National Nursing Home Survey being conducted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics.

We have been asking for this kind of study because it is important for nursing assistants like you to give your views of what being a nursing assistant is like. By participating in the survey you will be helping others understand the experiences you, and others like you, have as a nursing assistant. Your part in this study is very important.

Nursing assistants are the frontline people giving that all important care to the elderly and disabled in nursing homes. And many more nursing assistants are needed to care for the aging citizens of our nation. By 2030, just the population 85 years old and over—those most likely to need care in nursing homes—will more than double.

Only by hearing from you and other nursing assistants can we know about the demands of the work you do, about the things you like as a nursing assistant and, as important, about the things that can be improved to make your experience as a nursing assistant better.

The nation needs to hear from you if we are to keep today's nursing assistants in the field and to encourage others to become the additional nursing assistants needed in the future.

Please participate. We urge you to be part of this crucial survey.

Sincerely,

Lori J Porter Co-founder & CEO