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Suzanne Schechter, CNM, MS, Named to ACNM Fellowship

Silver Spring, MD – Suzanne Schechter, CNM, MS, of Brooklyn, New York was inducted into the Fellowship of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) at the ACNM's 54th Annual Meeting in Seattle this past spring.

Schechter is the education director for State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center, where she has been a member of the faculty since 1985. She also serves as a grant reviewer for the US Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Recognized by her students for the ACNM Excellence in Teaching award, Schechter also played an instrumental role in the development and implementation of a graduate level midwifery program. Her recent research has focused on the comparison of direct-entry midwives with registered nurse graduates of the SUNY Downstate program.

In addition to academic efforts, Schechter has made several, lasting contributions to the ACNM New York City chapter as well as at the national level; she was a member of the ACNM Division of Accreditation Board of Review for three years. Today, she continues to serve as a site visitor for midwifery education programs across the United States. On the state level, Schechter has been an active member of several committees, and helped spearhead the development of a Student Scholarship Committee. She was selected to receive an ACNM Regional Award of Excellence and has provided women's health care for more than 30 years.

Schechter received her master's in nursing from Pace University and her nurse-midwifery certification from the SUNY Downstate. She also earned certification as a family nurse practitioner from Pace.

Fellowship in the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) is an honor bestowed upon those midwives whose demonstrated leadership, clinical excellence, outstanding scholarship, and professional achievement have merited special recognition both within and outside the midwifery profession. In light of the vast wealth of expertise and collective wisdom represented within the body of Fellows, its mission is to serve the ACNM in a consultative and advisory capacity.

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With roots dating to 1929, the American College of Nurse-Midwives is the oldest women's health care association in the U.S. ACNM's mission is to promote the health and well-being of women and newborns within their families and communities through the development and support of the profession of midwifery as practiced by certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives. Midwives believe every individual has the right to safe, satisfying health care with respect for human dignity and cultural variations. More information about ACNM can be found at www.midwife.org.