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## **Barbara Fildes Named to ACNM Fellowship**

**Silver Spring, MD – Barbara Fildes, CNM, MS, FACNM of Hanover, NH** was inducted into the Fellowship of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) at the ACNM 53rd Annual Meeting in Boston this May.

Ms. Fildes graduated with her midwifery education from Columbia University in 1981 and has practiced and managed clinical services ever since. She specializes in collaborative practice and education models, risk management, credentialing and clinical privileges, and the growth and development of her colleagues. Early in her career Ms. Fildes was on the cutting edge of practice development by opening her own CNM private practice in 1983.

Currently Ms. Fildes is an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Dartmouth Medical School. Again on the cutting edge, she was the first non-physician Division Director in a clinical department at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and the first non-physician to serve as a full member of the Credentials Committee. Now she is Project Specialist, Obstetric Safety Initiative for the same institution and leading a three-year initiative to improve care for childbearing women in northern New England. Ms. Fildes has served on numerous ACNM workgroups and represented the membership in activities with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Institute of Architects, Childbirth Connection, and Our Bodies, Ourselves. She has served on the ACNM Division of Standards and Practice, first on the Business Section and now on the Professional Liability Section. She is completing her term as the Region I Representative to the ACNM Board of Directors.

### **About ACNM Fellowship**

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.

**NOTE TO PHOTO EDITORS:** Photos are available. Please contact Rebecca Jacob, ACNM Communications Manager, at (240) 485-1822, or via e-mail at [rjacob@acnm.org](mailto:rjacob@acnm.org).

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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](http://www.midwife.org).

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