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New Research on Midwives' Role in Interdisciplinary Education Published in the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health* Number of midwives involved in medical education has tripled in the last decade

Silver Spring, MD – A series of articles in the July/August 2009 issue of *The Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health (JMWH)* focuses on midwives' participation in the education of medical students and residents. This issue includes the results of a new national survey by Edie McConaughy, CNM, MS and Elisabeth Howard, CNM, PhD, which found that the number of midwives involved in medical education in the United States has tripled in the past 10 years. More recently, the growth of this model has accelerated secondary to the mandated decrease in resident work hours.

The different models of midwifery practices involved in medical education are described. A variety of innovative interdisciplinary education initiatives are presented, including a multidisciplinary women's health curriculum and interprofessional programs for medical, midwifery, and nursing students. The documentation and billing guidelines for midwives who are teaching residents and medical students are also reviewed.

"Documenting the role of midwifery in medical education is important to understand current implementation and facilitate the continued development of interdisciplinary models," said the issue's guest editor, Diane J. Angelini, CNM, NEA-BC, EdD, FACNM, FAAN. "Additionally, these articles provide a starting point to further investigate outcomes in interdisciplinary education and identify strategies that optimize teaching and learning for all disciplines involved. Interdisciplinary education and practice benefit physicians, midwives—and ultimately—the women we serve."

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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.

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