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Valerie A. Roe Named to ACNM Fellowship

Silver Spring, MD – Valerie A. Roe, CNM, MS, FACNM of Atlantic Beach, NY was inducted into the Fellowship of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) at the ACNM 53rd Annual Meeting in Boston this May.

Ms. Roe received her BA in Dramatic Literature from New York University in 1974, her BS in Nursing in 1979 and Midwifery Certificate in 1984 from State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center, and her MS in Nursing from SUNY Stony Brook in 1995. Ms. Roe joined the faculty of the Midwifery Education Program at SUNY Downstate in 1994 and participated in the development of the curriculum for their direct entry program. She also has an ambulatory clinical practice caring for underserved and uninsured women. Prior to her faculty appointment she worked in one of the first on-call midwifery practices in New York City to embrace the care of HIV positive women.

Ms. Roe's interest in infectious disease has led to numerous publications and presentations on sexually transmitted infections, perinatal infections, and antimicrobials in women's health. Ms. Roe has conducted research and presented on the Cuban health care system, precepted SUNY Downstate students in Cuba, and led a People to People Ambassador delegation of nurse practitioners to Cuba. Ms. Roe is vice chair of the Division of Education and Chairs its Basic Competency Section, which is responsible for the *Core Competencies of Basic Midwifery Practice* document. She has served on the reader panel for the Continuing Education Section for more than eight years.

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.

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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.

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