

## INFORMATION SHEET FOR GROUP PARTICIPANTS

You are invited to participate in group discussion that will be part of the study titled "Nurses Perceptions of Practicing Nursing: International Perspectives." This study is part of the Nurse Manifest Project that you can learn more about on the web at [www.nursemanifest.com](http://www.nursemanifest.com).

The purposes of this study are to 1) explore nurses' perceptions of the circumstances of their work life from many different national and international regions, and 2) describe changes that nurses envision that would nurture their ability to practice nursing as they wish to practice.

The group discussion in which you will participate will address the questions: What is it like to practice nursing today? What changes do you envision that would nurture your ability to practice nursing as you wish to practice? The group leader will provide guidelines for the groups. Your group will meet up to 3 times, and will decide on a mutually convenient time and place for your meetings. The group meetings will last about 2 hours each.

Each group will send their conclusions, a consensus summary to the researcher. An international gathering of Nurse Manifest participants will be held on June 5, 2003 in Boulder, Colorado to compose a global analysis the results that have been submitted for the project. While the results of this study are not intended to be generalizable to all nurses, the insights that will emerge from the study will provide additional evidence of nurses' perceptions of the conditions of their work, and the changes that are needed to make possible the best of nursing care.

Your group leader has contacted the primary investigator Peggy L. Chinn, and has indicated formal consent to participate in this project as a group leader. As a participant in this group, you will be known only to your group leader, and will remain anonymous to me or anyone else associated with this project. No identifying information will be recorded, and no taping recordings will be made of your discussions. The only identifying information that will be retained with the consensus summary will be the country in which the group was located. The University of Connecticut Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the Office of Research Compliance may inspect study records.

There is no compensation for participating in this project, and the risks are minimal. You or other in the group may experience uncomfortable feelings and emotions. You may also find a source of support and strength in the group. You do not have to be in this study if you do not want to. If you do agree, but later change your mind, you may drop out at any time.

Take as long as you like before you make a decision. We will be happy to answer any question you have about this study. If you have further questions or if you have a study-related problem, you may contact Peggy Chinn at [peggy.chinn@uconn.edu](mailto:peggy.chinn@uconn.edu), or by phone at 860-486-4612 (Storrs, Connecticut, USA). If you have any questions concerning your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University of Connecticut Institutional Review Board (IRB) at [irb@gris.grad.uconn.edu](mailto:irb@gris.grad.uconn.edu) or 860-486-8802.