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#### **NurseRadio.org Welcomes Holistic Nursing Expert Barbara Dossey, PhD, RN, HNC, FAAN To Board of Directors**

**April 4, 2005, Wellesley, MA** – NurseRadio.org, a division of the National Institute of Whole Health ([www.niwh.org](http://www.niwh.org)) and the first and only nurse-focused radio in the country, today announced that Barbara Dossey, PhD, RN, HNC, FAAN has joined their seven member board of directors.

Dossey is internationally recognized as a pioneer in the holistic nursing movement. She is Director of Holistic Nursing Consultants in Santa Fe, New Mexico and has authored or co-authored 23 books. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and is certified in holistic nursing. She has received numerous national awards including the Pioneer of Integrative Medicine Award in 2004. A major focus of her work currently is holistic nursing, compassionate care for the dying, and virtual education. She is also exploring the impact of Florence Nightingale's life and work on contemporary nursing and humankind.

"Nurseradio.org shares how nurses blend both science and art and how they are engaged in heart-centered presence and caring that extends to patients, families, and all others," said Dossey. "It is a joy to hear many of contemporary nursing's great voices whose lives and work embody the spiritual, sacred side of existence. Their individual and collective work also empowers not only nurses but all of the healing professions. These voices will resonate for a long time to come."

Developed by the National Institute of Whole Health and supported by the American Holistic Nurses Association, Nurseradio.org was created with the support and sponsorship of local and national healthcare causes, organizations and media including the Florence Nightingale 2010 Initiative for Global Public Health, Partners Home Care, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Thomson Delmar Learning and Nursing Spectrum. It features inspiring, insightful and moving interviews with prominent nurse leaders and healers.

The National Institute of Whole Health is the distance learning and public education division of the New England School of Education, which was established in 1977 and is the pioneer of Whole Health Education, a model of evidence-based patient health education, delivered in a relationship-centered, supportive learning environment. This approach integrates the most current medical research with the wisdom of spiritual teachings and a natural outlook on healing, centered on integrity and compassion. It combines one-to-one peer counseling with respectful listening, unconditional presence, the big picture of health and current evidence-based medical and integrative health information.

"We are so excited to have Barbara on board with us, not only for her contributions, which will be invaluable to the further development of NurseRadio.org, but for her passion and deep personal commitment to bring nursing into the forefront of medicine and healing" said Georgianna Donadio, DC, MSc, PhD, Founder & Director of NurseRadio.org and the National Institute of Whole Health.

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#### About the National Institute of Whole Health

The distance learning and public education division of the New England School of Education, which was founded in 1977, is the National Institute of Whole Health, established in 2004. NIWH is headquartered in Wellesley, MA. For more information, visit [www.niwh.org](http://www.niwh.org) or call (888) 354-4325.



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