National Academies of Practice Inducts Cheryl M. Stroud

The National Academies of Practice is pleased to announce the election of Cheryl M. Stroud from Apex, NC as a Distinguished Scholar and Fellow member of the NAP. Ms. Stroud was inducted at a Gala Membership Banquet on April 5, 2014 in Alexandria, VA.

Founded in 1981, NAP is an interdisciplinary, non-profit organization, with membership representing fourteen health care professions willing to serve as distinguished advisors to health care policy makers in Congress and elsewhere. The ten original academies of practice within the NAP include: Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Optometry, Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, Podiatric Medicine, Psychology, Social Work, and Veterinary Medicine. Beginning with the Class of 2014, NAP is adding four new academies: Audiology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech & Language Pathology.

Membership in the NAP is an honor extended to those who have excelled in their profession and are dedicated to furthering practice, scholarship and policy in support of interprofessional care. The central purpose of NAP is to advise public policy makers on health care issues using NAP's unique perspective -- that of expert practitioners and scholars joined in interdisciplinary dialogue.

New members were inducted following a forum on "One Team – One Health." For more information on nominating potential members to the NAP, call the NAP office at 859-514-9184 or visit www.NAPractice.org.

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The National Academies of Practice was founded in 1981 to advise governmental bodies on our health care system. It is the only interdisciplinary group of health care practitioners dedicated to these issues. Distinguished practitioners and scholars are elected by their peers from 10 different health professions. This allows public policy makers a unique option: health care policy advice from an interdisciplinary perspective - a strong collective voice.