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**Dr. Patricia Morton, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, FAAN is the 2026 Recipient of  
the Margaret Comerford Freda Award  
for Editorial Leadership in Nursing Publication  
The Highest Honor Bestowed by the  
International Academy of Nursing Editors**



(Houston, TX, May 1, 2026). The International Academy of Nursing Editors (INANE) is pleased to announce that Patricia “Trish” Morton is the 14th recipient of the Margaret Comerford Freda Award for Editorial Leadership in Nursing Publication. The award will be presented to Dr. Morton on Thursday August 6, 2026, at 10 am (EDT) at the annual meeting of INANE, which will be held virtually. Immediately following the award presentation, Dr. Morton will present the Margaret Comerford Freda Leadership Address to all conference attendees.

Dr. Morton is Dean Emeritus, the University of Utah College of Nursing and Editor Emerita of the *Journal of Professional Nursing* (JPN), published by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. In addition to her 13-year tenure as Editor of *JPN* (2013-2026), she served as Editor of *AACN Clinical Issues: Advanced Practice in Acute and Critical Care* (1999–2005) and has maintained long-standing membership on the editorial boards of the *American Journal of Nursing* (1995-2001), *Nursing and Health Sciences* (an international journal published in Japan, 1998–present), *AACN Advanced Critical Care* (2008–present), and the *Journal of the Medical Library Association* (2022–present). Her textbook, *Critical Care Nursing: A Holistic Approach*, now in its 12th edition (2023) and published by Wolters Kluwer, received the *American Journal of Nursing* Book of the Year Award in its inaugural year

“Dr. Morton’s leadership in the broader publishing world is extensive, and we are very pleased to present her with this boundary spanning distinction,” commented Jayne Jennings Dunlap, PhD, DNP, FAANP, Chair of the Award Selection Committee. “She has invested consistently in educating authors and reviewers.” Dr. Morton has delivered over 100 national and regional presentations on writing and publishing. For AACN she developed webinars and in-person presentations, including the 7- part Demystifying the Publishing Process.

Upon learning of the award, Dr. Morton commented, “I am so honored to be given this award by my peer editors. Over my 20 years of serving as an editor, mentoring new authors to achieve a successful publication has been one of the greatest joys of my career.” Established in 2012, the Margaret Comerford Freda Award for Editorial Leadership in Nursing Publication is INANE’s highest honor designed to recognize editors with outstanding achievements and contributions. Past award winners are listed at the INANE website. Since its inception, the award has been supported by Wolters Kluwer, in recognition and memory of Dr. Freda’s many achievements and contributions as Editor-in-Chief of *MCN: The American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing*.

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