



**KAREN DALEY**  
**President of the American Nurses Association**

**Karen Daley, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN**, was elected in 2010 as the president of the American Nurses Association, the nation's largest nursing organization representing the interests of the nation's 3.1 million registered nurses. President Daley spent more than 26 years as a staff nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She is a past president of the Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses and the Massachusetts Center for Nursing. In addition, she has served on the boards of ANA, the American Nurses Credentialing Center, and the ANA-PAC.

As a vocal, nationally recognized advocate for legislation mandating the use of safer needle devices in health care practice settings, President Daley has traveled throughout the world raising awareness among nurses, legislators, and health care administrators on the importance of needlestick prevention. She was among those invited to the Oval Office to witness President Clinton sign the "Needlestick Safety Prevention Act" into law on November 6, 2000. President Daley has also been recognized for her outstanding leadership and excellence in practice, including being recognized as a living nursing legend by the Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses. In 2006, she was inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing in recognition of her advocacy work in needlestick prevention.

In addition to her work as a practicing nurse and nurse advocate, President Daley is an experienced nurse researcher and writer. She has authored numerous articles on nursing and health care, and served as a staff writer for the *Bay State Nurse News*. Currently, she is a reviewer for the *Journal of Emergency Nursing*, the *American Journal of Nursing* and the *American Journal of Infection Control*. In addition, President Daley served as a project principal for the Nurses Education Hepatitis C Project funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health as well as a project coordinator for a trauma research study conducted by the Harvard Injury Control Center at the Harvard School of Public Health.

A resident of Boston, Massachusetts, President Daley holds a diploma in nursing from Catherine Laboure School of Nursing, a bachelor's of science in nursing from Curry College, a master's in public health from Boston University School of Public Health, a master's in science and PhD in nursing from Boston College.