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## **National Survey of the Work and Health of Nurses Bulletin # 4**

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) has completed a national survey in partnership with Statistics Canada and Health Canada on the relationship between health, the work environment and work-life experiences of nurses.

The data collection phase of the 30-minute telephone survey, administered by Statistics Canada, was completed in January 2006. Approximately 24,000 Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses from across the country were randomly selected to participate based on province/territory of employment. Among the nurses who were eligible, 80 percent participated in this voluntary survey.

The first report, based on the results of this survey, is scheduled for release in **December 2006**. Upon release of this report, both CIHI and Statistics Canada will be considering data requests for access to this data. Researchers interested in accessing data from this survey are encouraged to visit the CIHI website to learn more about the data request process. Researchers can also phone Statistics Canada, Special Surveys Division Client Services at (613) 951-3321 or call toll-free 1-800-461-9050.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and organizations that helped to make the survey a success. Specifically, we would like to thank the Canadian Nurses Association and provincial/territorial registrars for all 3 regulated nursing groups for promoting the survey within the nursing community. Thanks to our advisory committee who were responsible for guiding the design and implementation of the survey. Finally, a special thank you to all the nurses who took the time to participate in this survey. Without you, this survey would not have been possible.

If you require further information about this initiative please visit our website <http://www.cihi.ca/nswhn> or contact:

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