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**INTEGRA FOUNDATION MAKES GRANT TO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS (AANS)**

The Integra Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Integra LifeSciences Corporation, has made a \$25,000 grant in support of nurse registration fees, to the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) to enable neuroscience nurses to attend the upcoming AANS Annual Meeting, April 16-21, 2005 in New Orleans.

“Two years ago, the AANS offered practical clinics for nurses at the annual meeting for the first time. Nurses who attended learned advanced skills in addressing the needs of hospitalized patients undergoing neurosurgical procedures. The grant from the Integra Foundation will build on the relationship that we have established with Associate nurse members,” said Michele S. Gregory, AANS Director of Development.

“We are delighted to be able to help neuroscience nurses attend this very valuable conference and further their educational goals,” said Gianna Sabella, Executive Director of the Integra Foundation.

Founded in 1931 as the Harvey Cushing Society, the AANS is a scientific and educational association with more than 6,500 members worldwide. The AANS is dedicated to advancing the specialty of neurological surgery in order to provide the highest quality of neurosurgical care to patients. All active members of the AANS are certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Neurosurgery) of Canada or the Mexican Council of Neurological Surgery, AC. Neurological surgery is the medical specialty concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders that affect the entire nervous system including the spinal column, spinal cord, brain and peripheral nerves.

The *Integra Foundation* is dedicated to advancing innovative medical and healthcare research and education, primarily in the areas of neurosurgery, reconstructive and general surgery, that lead to improved outcome and quality of life for patients and their communities. It is funded by Integra LifeSciences Corporation, a world leader in developing and marketing high quality surgical instruments, as well as innovative devices and bio-products, for use in neurosurgery, reconstructive and general surgery and soft tissue repair.

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