



**Society of Otorhinolaryngology
and Head-Neck Nurses, Inc.**

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Dr. David Nielsen
Chief Executive Officer/
Executive Vice President
AAO-HNS

Dear Dr. Nielsen,

I am writing you on behalf of the Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, Inc. (SOHN). We are excited to inform you that SOHN has endorsed the AAO-HNS clinical practice guidelines/consensus statement entitled:

Clinical practice guideline: Sudden Hearing Loss-September 2011

Clinical practice guideline: Polysomnography for Sleep
Disordered Breathing Prior to Tonsillectomy in Children - July 2011

Clinical practice guideline: Tonsillectomy in Children - January 2011

Clinical consensus statement: Diagnosis and Management of Nasal Valve
Compromise - July 2010

Clinical practice guideline: Hoarseness (Dysphonia) - September 2009

Clinical practice guideline: Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV) -
November 2008

Clinical practice guideline: Cerumen Impaction - September 2008

Clinical practice guideline: Adult Sinusitis - September 2007

Clinical practice guideline: Acute Otitis Externa - April 2006

We are pleased that SOHN has had the opportunity to fully participate in the drafting and completion of these guidelines and practice parameters. Each guideline has relevant

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nursing implications to improve patient outcomes. The SOHN Board of Directors gave approval to endorse the above stated guidelines in August 2011.

As part of the process, a media campaign has been planned to inform SOHN members about the endorsement through various media venues including our quarterly *Update*, *ORL-Head and Neck Nursing Journal* and on-line publications, which contain a link to your website.

With this endorsement, SOHN will be able to provide our members with high-level clinical practice guidelines that nurses can use in daily practice. The SOHN Board appreciates the work involved in developing these rigorous guidelines and hope to participate and review more guidelines for your organization in the future.

If you have any questions about our process, please feel free to contact Cindy J. Dawson MSN, RN, CORLN at cindy-dawson@uiowa.edu.

Sincerely,

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