

Hinshaw honored for contributions to nursing research and policy

A portrait of Ada Sue Hinshaw, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean of the Graduate School of Nursing at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, was unveiled by the National Institute for Nursing Research (NINR) to mark the silver anniversary of her joining the organization as its first permanent leader. Dr. Hinshaw's official portrait recognizing her role with the organization was unveiled during the "Bringing Science to Life" conference. The portrait will hang in the halls of the Institute as a tribute.



Dr. Hinshaw was the first director of the National Institute of Nursing Research at the National Institutes of Health, leading the institute in its support of disease prevention, health promotion, acute and chronic illness and the environments that enhance nursing patient care outcomes.

“Thanks to the tireless work of Dr. Hinshaw and her team during the formative years of the National Center and then National Institute for Nursing Research, today we are able to build not only on the breadth of support for nursing research, but also the depth of knowledge and understanding for evidence-based nursing research practices,” said Patricia A. Grady, PhD, RN, FAAN, director of the NINR. “Her focus on planning and leveraging limited resources allowed for the creation of new programs and conferred a sense of stability that helped us to get where we are today.”

Additionally in November, Dr. Hinshaw was recognized by the New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) with the Academy Medal for Distinguished Contributions in Health Policy. The Academy addresses the health challenges facing the world's urban populations through interdisciplinary approaches to policy leadership, education, community engagement and innovative research.

When presenting the award, Dr. Terry Fulmer, NYAM Trustee and Dean of the New York University College of Nursing cited Hinshaw's role in “transforming the understanding of factors facing nurses in their work environments that have an effect on patient safety and nursing quality,” as key to this recognition.