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The South Central Region – Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society (SCRWOCN) is pleased to announce the selection of **Myra Varnado RN, BS, CDE, CWOCN** as our Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse of the Year for 2007.

Some of the criteria for this award include being an active member of the professional association for 2 years and the nominee must be Board Certified as a WOC nurse. The WOCN should demonstrate excellence in WOC practice, always be up to date in skills and knowledge and be ready to share knowledge and skills with other professionals and paraprofessionals. The SCRWOCN Nurse of the Year is expected to participate at local, regional and national levels to promote the professional organization in the community and other areas of practice and encourage participation and growth in membership.

Myra Varnado is currently practicing WOC nursing at LSU Health Care Services. She is a graduate of the Emory University WOCNEP. She has the distinction of being nominated by several of her peers for this award. Myra has demonstrated excellence in professional practice and frequently provides educational activities at many levels, precepts new WOC nurses, serves on committees at local, regional and national levels. This year she served on the regional Conference committee and the Scholarship committee. Myra is the WOCN Professional Practice Chair; she sits on the WOCN Guidelines Task Force as the primary author of the guideline: Management of Wounds in Patients with Lower Extremity Neuropathic Disease and has several other publications to her credit. She also works for the LSU Diabetes Foot Program as the Telemedicine and System Coordinator, setting up Diabetic Foot programs in all of the LSU Hospitals throughout the state. Myra shared her knowledge when she was featured on the Discovery Health Channel for LEAP education and the LEAP clinic.

The prestigious award was presented to Myra on October 12th at the SCRWOCN Regional Conference in Baton Rouge, LA. We applaud this busy lady for her commitment to WOC excellence!