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Complimentary DVDs of ***Wearing Masks: The Series*** (also referred to as *Wearing Masks IV*) are available through the AANA Bookstore. Released in August 2006 this is a compilation of the previous DVD offerings related to the wearing masks project and provides resource materials on substance abuse prevention, recognition, intervention, and recovery. This series of films is meant to further educate anesthesia providers, their colleagues, and their families about the perils of addiction and how to prevent it from happening to them. Further, to help those with substance use disorders to seek safe and confidential treatment. The urgent, continuing message is for more education and information about the signs and symptoms of addiction, as well as how to identify patterns of behavior which indicate substance misuse and workplace impairment.

The AANA strongly endorses *Wearing Masks* as essential viewing at nurse anesthetist state association meetings; in nurse anesthesia educational program classrooms; during in-services for anesthesia departments of hospitals and other healthcare facilities; and by all individuals who provide anesthesia to patients and assistance to healthcare practitioners. The DVD series includes over three hours of material which is broken into segments that can be used for short viewing sessions.

The series is a component of the AANA Wellness Program. The Wellness Program focuses on wellness concerns affecting nurse anesthetists and is now a function of the Council for Public Interest in Anesthesia. The overall well-being of anesthesia providers everywhere is of paramount importance – to the individual providers, their families and patients.

For complimentary copies of *Wearing Masks: The Series*, contact the AANA Bookstore at 847/655-1116 or by emailing [bookstore@aana.com](mailto:bookstore@aana.com)

Information on AANA Peer Advisors and peer assistance resources are available on the website at [www.aana.com/peerassist.aspx](http://www.aana.com/peerassist.aspx)

Thank you for everything you do in supporting this important endeavor.

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