With this issue, the AANA Journal’s 21st course has been completed.

The course consisted of a 6-part series, beginning with the April 2001 issue and concluding in the February 2002 issue. The series was published as follows:

- Part 1 (April 2001) – The hazards of surgical smoke
- Part 2 (June 2001) – Preemptive analgesia applied to postoperative pain management
- Part 3 (August 2001) – Asthma: An anesthetic update
- Part 4 (October 2001) – Latex allergy: Are you at risk?
- Part 5 (December 2001) – Thermoregulation: Anesthetic and perioperative concerns
- Part 6 (February 2002) – A pathway toward safer anesthesia: Stereochemical advances

Each article included objectives for the reader and sources for reference and study.

The examination printed in this issue incorporates material from all 6 articles. The examination consists of 60 multiple choice questions, 10 questions from each article. The examination is clearly marked as to which questions refer to which article. Remember, as you are taking the examination, you are free to refer to the original articles. Note also that there is but 1 correct answer to be marked for each question.

**About your Continuing Education Credit**

To ensure that a certain level of knowledge has been attained, a minimum of 80% correct answers (48 out of 60) must be achieved. A total of 6 hours of continuing education (CE) credit will be awarded for the successful completion of the examination; partial CE credit will not be awarded.

Only those passing the examination will be notified by mail of the successful completion of the course. (The time of this mailing will be dependent on the volume of response; however, notification will be effected prior to the close of the CE year—July 31, 2002.) AANA members will automatically have their 6 CE credits recorded for them. Individuals with record-keeping contracts through the AANA also will have the credits recorded for them.

The correct answers to the examination will appear in the August 2002 issue of the AANA Journal. By keeping a copy of your answers, you will automatically be able to see how you scored.

**How to fill out the answer sheet and evaluation form**

It is recommended that you first mark your answers on the examination itself (so that you have your own record). Then, transfer your answers in pencil to the answer sheet, which appears on the adjacent page. Be sure to include your name, address, and AANA identification number. You are required to fill out an evaluation of the course, which includes the time required for reading and comprehension of each part. The evaluation is printed on the reverse side of the answer sheet. (Non-AANA members should include a $30 processing fee—payable to the AANA Journal Course—along with their examination answer sheet and evaluation form.)

**Important deadline**

The examination answers must be postmarked by July 31, 2002. Adequate time must be allowed for the examination to be processed to ensure that all CE credits are recorded prior to the end of the CE year. Mail your answer sheet to:

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
222 S. Prospect Ave.
Park Ridge, IL 60068-4001
Attn: AANA Journal Course

**Much success**

We hope that you have found this 21st AANA Journal course to be of value. We wish you well in its successful completion.