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Welcome/Overview of Current Research

Annette Dickinson is President of the Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN), one of the dietary supplement industry's leading trade associations. A recognized nutrition expert and author, Dr. Dickinson has over 30 years experience on behalf of the dietary supplement industry. Her most recent publication is CRN's 2002 edition of *The Benefits of Nutritional Supplements*, a comprehensive review of the evidence demonstrating the health benefits of core nutritional supplements including multivitamins. She is also the author of *DSHEA: Before and After*, a guide to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) regulation of the dietary supplement industry.

In 2002 she was appointed to serve a three-year term on the FDA's Food Advisory Committee. President Clinton appointed Dr. Dickinson to the Commission on Dietary Supplement Labels (1995-1997), and she is a frequent witness before the U.S. Congress and at other public forums. Her expertise includes the legal and technical aspects of marketing dietary supplements, including provisions relating to labeling, advertising, and good manufacturing practices. She is responsible for analyzing and responding to new regulatory or legislative proposals as well as evaluating new scientific research relating to the safety and benefits of dietary supplements. Dr. Dickinson is a recognized leader in the development of industry and government policies based upon current science.

A frequent contributor to national and international meetings and technical symposia, Dr. Dickinson is often called upon by the print and electronic media to represent the industry view on issues affecting dietary supplements. She earned her Ph.D. in nutritional sciences and her M.S. in food sciences from the University of Maryland.

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Note to Editor: The Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN), founded in 1973, is a Washington, D.C.-based trade association representing dietary supplement industry ingredient suppliers and manufacturers. CRN members adhere to a strong code of ethics, comply with dosage limits and manufacture dietary supplements to high quality standards under good manufacturing practices. For more information on CRN, visit <http://www.crnusa.org>.