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Mission Statement
The Dermatology Nurses’ Association is a professional nursing organization comprised of a diverse group of individuals committed to quality care through sharing knowledge and expertise. The core purpose of the DNA is to promote excellence in dermatologic care.

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Numerous services are available to members as a perk with their Dermatology Nurses’ Association membership. Some of these member services will be focused in this message.

DNA e-news are sent to member’s email addresses each Tuesday. These messages contain announcements about new medications, research findings, and other pertinent information related to dermatology practice, as well as DNA news. If you are a member and not receiving this weekly e-news, it could be due to having opted out of receiving emails. If you would like to receive this weekly e-news, please contact DNA National Office at 800.454.4362 or email dna@dnanurse.org.

The DNA Career Center provides a mechanism for members seeking employment to post their resumes and lists potential employment opportunities. There are links to sites that will help the member check their references, career coaching, and resume writing. Please note – the sites providing these services do charge the member. However, checking potential employment opportunities and posting resumes are offered to members with no fee.

How many times during your work day do patients ask your advice about allergens in skin products, what should they use, what should they avoid? Do you ever find yourself wanting a quick reference guide to answer those questions quickly and accurately? The answer to those questions is SkinSAFE, a website reference which is partnered with the DNA. This is a Skin Allergy Avoidance Platform which DNA members can utilize for free. SkinSAFE has a large database of beauty, skin care, and personal care products which members can search for allergen information, which can be shared with your dermatology patients. The site assists patients to find hypoallergenic beauty and skin care products. Members can search by category, brand name, and allergen free products. Patient allergies can be entered in the database and cross reactors will be identified. Members do need to register on the site and the link can be found on the DNA website. An email, user name and password are required in the quick registration process. A smart phone app is available so SkinSAFE can easily be utilized during dermatology patient visits. An additional incentive to use SkinSAFE is the DNA receives some financial incentives which help to boost the organization’s non-dues revenue. Take some time to register and try out this member service!

Community Forum – The Community Forum is an online area of website for DNA members to view the latest updates and news for DNA. It also provides for group discussion of dermatology topics and allows our members to interact with one another as a community. The two categories are Announcements and Community Forum. General DNA announcements and event information are listed under Announcements, which is managed by DNA Staff. Community Forum sections include certification, education, membership, and resources. The Community Forum provides an opportunity for members to pose questions, gather input from other members, and gather information about upcoming events and programs. This will become a much more valuable service as members start to increase use. Members must register with a user name and password then allow 24 to 48 hours, Monday-Friday for account to be verified and activated (by DNA Staff). A volunteer moderator (one of your peers) will review posts and determine if they should be approved to be placed on the Forum, within 24 to 48 hours. This seems like extra steps and may reduce the spontaneity of posting, but it is necessary as non-DNA members may view the Forum when visiting the DNA website. Hope to see members post and start networking with one another.

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Annual Convention

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February 27 – March 2, 2019
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Washington, DC
The conference will focus on knowledge, collaboration, and advocacy with emphasis on six categories.

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The following information is a summary of the meeting minutes from the March, April, and May Board of Directors meetings.

The March board meeting was held on March 13, 2018. Those in attendance were David Schlichting, Immediate Past President, Robin Inabinet, Treasurer, Kelley Jimenez, Secretary, Kathy Gross, Director, Angie Hamilton, Director, Kristen Miller, Director, Linda Markham, Executive Director, and Elaine Van Vliet, Administrative Assistant. Unable to attend were Theresa Coyner, President, and Jane Glaze, President-Elect, as they were attending the NIWI Conference in Washington, DC.

This board meeting was focused on Board orientation, especially for new members. Roles and responsibilities of individual board members along with duty of care, loyalty and obedience were discussed. The 2017-2019 Strategic plan was reviewed. The seven goals of the strategic plan were discussed. These goals include Education, Membership, Public Awareness and Advocacy, Financial Sustainability, Governance and Structure, Volunteerism, and Community.

The April board meeting was held on April 10, 2018. Those in attendance were Theresa Coyner, Jane Glaze, David Schlichting, Robin Inabinet, Kathy Gross, Angie Hamilton, Kristen Miller, Linda Markham, and Elaine Van Vliet. Unable to attend was Kelley Jimenez.

President, Theresa Coyner informed the board that she has contacted all 2018 Annual Convention gamification winners, attendees that expressed committee interest at the Convention, and some potential speakers for the 2019 Annual Convention.

The 2018 Strategic Plan was approved by the Board of Directors during the meeting.

Elaine Van Vliet discussed that there have been some changes to the e-news emails, based on feedback from the social media consultant review. Changes to aesthetics were made and there are now more links to direct readers to the DNA website. More info to come based on the consultant review.

The May Board meeting was held on May 8, 2018. The entire Board of Directors was present, as well as Markham and Van Vliet. Invited guest, Kyle McDonnell from Fisher Investments was present for a portion of the call to provide 2018 Q1 portfolio update and financial market update to the Board.

The Arizona Chapter is currently working to re-instate their chapter and become active again. The Board is supportive of the chapter being reinstated.
Transformation, change, and restructuring along with uncertainty, present challenges for the medical community. The Dermatology Nurses’ Association (DNA) strives to keep its members informed about all of the trends, and takes a proactive approach through knowledge and advocacy. The Environmental Scanning Council (ESC) was started over 3 years ago to scan the environment for trends in healthcare that may affect our members. As an association we are taking a proactive approach instead of reactive approach to the new trends in healthcare. The ESC is responsible for taking these trends and ideas to the appropriate committee or Board of Directors who will then get the needed information to our members.

Some of the activities that have emerged from this council include the Grand Rounds and the Community Forum. They are continually scanning articles, websites, members, professional organizations, surveys, reports and more to keep the DNA members up to date.

In the last meeting the members reviewed last year’s goals and the American Hospital Association (AHA) Environment Scanning report for 2018. The 2017 goals included: exploring development of research opportunities, seeking new research information and placing it in the FOCUS, researching and recommending diverse nursing associations that could interface with our current members and add to our resources. Most of these goals are ongoing and the group will be adding new goals in the coming months. The AHA Environmental scan was very useful in adding direction to our council.

The council will continue the 2017 goals and build upon them. ESC will be adding topics to the education offerings based on the current trends such as: new coding issues (specifically the 25 modifier), value based steps for quality practice, telemedicine in dermatology and the new opioid requirements for ANPs. Drug pricing information for our members to assist the patient with financial coverage for their dermatological medication on our website will be evaluated as well.

The Environmental Scanning Council will continue to scan the internal and external environments for the Dermatology Nurses’ Association members to assure that they are abreast of the current trends and information to make the best possible decisions for quality dermatology nursing care. DNA will continue to take the proactive approach. Members may be asked to participate in surveys, advocacy and education to assist in this matter. You may see new education topics or activities on the website, Facebook, Twitter, FOCUS and JDNA. Please feel free to send research, articles, advocacy needs and any information that may be pertinent to the ESC for our review to the DNA at dna@dnanurse.org.

Looking for more information about the Environmental Scanning Council? Visit them online!
## Quarterly Financial Update (as of 3/31/18)

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Looking for more information about the Financial Oversight Committee? [Visit them online!](#)
On behalf of the DNA Nominating Committee, I am very excited to announce nominations and upcoming elections for 2019-2020 elected positions has begun. This year the following positions are in need of volunteers who have vision, dedication, motivation, and the desire to share their experience and ideas further elevating the DNA to another level of greatness.

**President-Elect:** Understand, support and uphold the philosophy, purpose, objectives, bylaws, policies and procedures of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association. ([additional information](#)).

**Treasurer:** To work closely with the National Office and the Executive Director regarding financial issues. ([additional information](#)).

**Director:** Understand, uphold and champion the mission, bylaws, policies, and procedures of the DNA. Promote continuing education of dermatology nurses and allied health care workers. Promote recognition of DNA members as professionals by the entire medical community. Promote and support the DNA as the appropriate vehicle for achieving recognition of and serving as a resource for the education of all who are involved in caring for the dermatology patient. Oversee the sound business and fiscal management of the DNA. ([additional information](#)).

**Nominating Committee:** Provide a slate of officers as directed by the DNA bylaws and present the slate to the Board of Directors at the spring/summer meeting. ([additional information](#)).

It is my hope that this year (and the years to come), we will have a full ballot of nominations and we are able to fulfill our goal of bringing many new members onto the board to share their ideas. “E’imi i kāu mau moe’uha-ne a kama’ilio i kou na’aau. Hana nā mea a pau i loko o keia’ohana!” (Reach for your dreams and speak your heart. Everyone matters in this family!) - I am writing to you from Maui!

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Register your expression of interest at www.wccs2018.com so that you can keep up to date with the latest information and program news.

Key Dates
Abstract submission opens: 5 June 2017
Registration opens: 14 August 2017
Abstract submission closes: 3 November 2017
Early bird registration closes: 16 March 2018
Congress dates: 15–18 August 2018
It should come as no surprise in this ever changing and demanding field of nursing that we are challenged to become more knowledgeable by seeking higher degrees and attaining certifications.

I have worked in the field of dermatology for over 5 years and one thing I’ve learned is that there is always more to learn! In my current role as a nurse leader, I find it even more important to gather knowledge and skills so that I can share with the staff I train. The more I am able to teach and share my knowledge, the more others can share with our patients and bring our care to higher levels. Whether you are an RN or an NP, becoming certified in the field you work in every day can do so much.

I found that while embarking on my journey to become certified in the field of dermatology nursing, a great starting point was the Dermatology Nurses’ Association website. There you can find test objectives and a breakdown of content areas found on the exam. The DNA is currently working to launch the DCNP online review course for NP’s, with the RN online review course soon to come, so there will be more!

I already had my copy of “Dermatology Nursing Essentials: A Core Curriculum” but if you don’t, you are able to purchase the book directly from the website. I read each chapter and made notes cards along the way. I also used the breakdown of topics to refocus my studying, concentrating more on my weaknesses and the items that had a greater potential to show up on the exam. The questions at the end of each chapter were great knowledge checks.

Another resource I found was on the Kindle. “Nurse Dermatology (DNC) Board and Certification Practice Test” 2017 Edition featured a series of 200 questions with explanations. I pulled out my phone and had study content at the tips of my fingers. I went through the questions multiple times and it was a great way to test how well I could apply the information I absorbed through studying.

I was also fortunate to be able to attend the DNA Annual Convention which helped solidify much of the information I had been reviewing. I challenged myself to attending various talks in the areas I was not as strong in so that I had opportunities to ask questions from the speakers. Attending this convention or a local state meeting are great ways to network and an opportunity to speak with others who may have taken the exam.

At some point you have to trust you have prepared using all the available resources and trust that this is something you can do! The bottom line is this: every single piece of extra information you possess is an extra piece of information that has the potential to reach a patient. This is my why. I don’t know what I don’t give myself an opportunity to know. Even if I had not passed the DNC exam, I certainly can’t deny that I learned valuable information that can now reach a patient.

Whether you become certified for recognition, for advancement, or for sharing knowledge with colleagues and patients, finding your why will go a long way.
Strategies to Access Medication for Dermatology Patients

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The Environmental Scanning Committee (ESC) has been discussing the issue as it impacts all DNA members. A recent publication brief in Dermatology News (March 22, 2018) discussed a presentation at the AAD convention which described the amount of dermatology acne patients who get their prescriptions filled. This was a study from a Pennsylvania dermatology group who queried patients identified by the electronic health record with an acne diagnosis. Twenty-six patients agreed to be interviewed about their acne prescriptions. Only 50% of those acne patients filled their prescriptions! The stated rationale of not getting prescriptions filled were due to the amount of co-pay and the need for prior authorization. Unfortunately, this brief study results are not an anomaly! The ESC formulated this document of strategies to help our members in assisting our patients’ assistance to access medications.

Electronic health care systems (EHRs)

Thoroughly investigate the capabilities of electronic health systems as you may be surprised at some features that can be extremely helpful when prescribing medications. Modernizing Medicine is the EHR utilized in my practice setting and it offers input regarding the insurance coverage tier of specific medications and provides the alternatives preferred by the insurer.

Compounding Pharmacies

Investigate local compounding pharmacies as dermatology nurses may be able to locate medications at a significant lower consumer price. My practice often utilizes a compounding pharmacy who provides a list of compounds that can be used for actinic keratoses, melasma, and various types of topical steroids. The cost is $50 for 50 grams. This can be much lower than patient co-pays for similar medications and is helpful for those self-pay patients. Take some time to check out your local compounding pharmacies to see if they can offer less expensive compounded medications.

GenRx

This is a generic pharmacy located in Scottsdale, Arizona who offers a significant reduction or a zero co-pay for patients with commercial insurance. Patients will need to contact the pharmacy either by phone call or register via the web site as this pharmacy needs a mailing address as well as insurance information. Prescriptions are then mailed to the patient so there is a delay of approximately 48 hours to 1 week in obtaining the medication. Self-pay patients may obtain a prescription at a lower cost than is available at most local pharmacies. Patients with government insurance such as state-managed care, Medicare, and Tricare patients are NOT eligible to obtain prescriptions from this pharmacy. Ineligible patients also include those patients who have a commercial insurance with Medicaid as a secondary insurance. Patient who are Medicare eligible and are still working and have a commercial insurance as primary insurance with Medicare as a secondary insurance ARE eligible to use this pharmacy. The medication classes currently offered by this pharmacy include acne, topical steroids, and some prescription emollients and skin protective agents.

CoverMyMeds

This is a program that assists providers and healthcare organizations/clinics in a web-based service that assists a timelier approval in the prior authorization process. Registration is required to access this program, but the service is free.

Pharmacies with Liaisons with Pharmaceuticals

Many pharmaceutical companies have formulated relationships with specific pharmacies that guarantee they will honor the co-pay card reductions. I personally find this overwhelming to remember which pharmacy is aligned with a specific pharmaceutical. However, it would be prudent to keep a “running list” that is routinely updated by a dedicated staff member or yourself that can be easily accessed so this information is readily available.

Documentation

It is imperative that dermatology nurses adequately document in patient records what medications/treatments patient have trialed and failed including over the counter medications. Visit notes are often reviewed if a prior authorization process.

Useful Websites

www.rxassist.org is a web site for patients/providers to contact pharmaceutical companies for patient assistance programs.

www.mydrugcosts.com is a web site assisting organization which provides employee insurance for a cost comparison of medication coverage.

www.goodrx.com is a web site that provides patient coupons and cost comparisons of medication from various pharmacies.

www.blinkhealth.com is a web site that provides cost comparisons of medications for the patient and provider.

AAD

The AAD has a Prior Authorization Assistance Learning Center for AAD members. It consists of prior authorization appeal letter templates along with a current listing of the most common dermatological medications requiring a prior authorization. They also offer a troubleshooting care that can be given to patients during their office visit that explains the prior authorization process and the need to contact the provider if co-pay costs are not affordable.

If members feel they would like the DNA to formulate a Prior Authorization Assistance center this is certainly a project that could be formulated, but we need to hear from you if this is a member feature you would like to see implemented. Please post a message on the DNA Community Forum if you feel the DNA should pursue this project.
After careful consideration, the NPS has set several goals for 2018-2019 that we hope will help us benefit the public, dermatology nursing, and our organization.

Goal 1 – develop some preliminary qualitative research based upon participant evaluations of Dermatology Grand Rounds and Dermatology Certified Nurse Practitioner Review Course. The Committee hopes to present an informational poster about these new educational programs at one of the future Annual Conventions.

Goal 2 – increase public awareness of the dermatology nurse practitioner’s roles and expertise. Currently the Committee is revising statements to place on the NPS section of the DNA website.

Goal 3 – assist to enhance dermatology educational preparation for new nurse practitioner graduates. The Committee hopes to help meet this goal by offering dermatology content to university programs in their surrounding locale.

Dermatology Certified Nurse Practitioner Review Course (DCNP Review Course)

Unfortunately, we missed our deadline for the April launch, but the DCNP online review course is now available. The course consists of 11 modules and has been awarded 39.27 continuing education credit hours, including 7 AANP pharmacology credits. Purchase price of the entire course is $500 for DNA members and $800 for non-DNA members. The course content will be accessed by the purchaser from the DNA CE center platform for one full year after purchase. We hope the course will be helpful for the individual preparing to take the DCNP certification examination. Successful completion of the course does not guarantee the individual will attain a passing score on the actual certification examination.

Dermatology Nursing Grand Rounds

The inaugural Dermatology Nursing Grand Rounds was launched on April 23rd from 12 PM to 1PM EST. Twenty dermatology nurses participated with 16 individuals completing evaluation forms. Preliminary evaluations were extremely positive. Katrina Masterson acted as host and Theresa Coyner presented the first patient case. Admittedly, both were very apprehensive about presenting online and answering colleague questions but were pleased overall with how the program worked out. James Sek, from Digitell was very supportive and helpful in getting the basic information content taped about 1 week prior to going “live.” The actual “live” program allowed participants to interact with one another about differential diagnoses and treatment options through typed questions and responses.

The goals of Dermatology Nursing Grand Rounds were to provide a learning opportunity through presentation of challenging/interesting patient cases and to engage members through networking. The NPS felt this first presentation facilitated these goals and helped to promote value of NPS membership. Grand Rounds is free to NPS members as an inclusion of membership, $5 for other DNA members, and $25 for non-DNA members.

There are three other Dermatology Nursing Grand Rounds planned on the following dates; June 25, August 27, and October 22. The times will vary so each time zone can attend during their lunch break. Content will eventually become archived after being evaluated for “enduring status” by the Educational Advisory Council.

The NPS is seeking individuals to participate as presenters, so please step forward with interesting/challenging patients and help your colleagues learn by your experience with those patients! There is a template to guide you in the submission process. Each case will need to have American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Forms submitted to enable continuing education credit. NPS members can assist individuals with completing those forms. Additionally, patients need to sign a DNA photo release form to allow their non-identifiable photo to be utilized in the presentation. We strongly recommend individuals download the photo release form and have it available in their practice setting so they can capture signature from those interesting dermatology cases. Forms are located on the NPS section of the DNA website – or contact DNA headquarters for other questions as those queries will eventually arrive with the NPS. We look forward to having more members participate as attendees and presenters!
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Tell us a little background information about yourself in one to two paragraphs. Include where you live and what school(s) you attended.

After living in Southern Maryland for the past 17 years I recently moved home to Gettysburg, PA where I grew up. The transition has been easier since members of my immediate and extended family all live close by. My undergraduate degree is in Psychology and Women’s Studies from Albright College in Reading, PA. I went to nursing school at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH where I received both my MSN and DNP degrees. I am certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner and in addition to having experience in dermatology, I have also worked in an otolaryngology practice, as well as a short time in a clinic devoted to breast health and breast cancer.

What is your favorite part about being a DNA member?

I love being a DNA member. Membership in the DNA has exposed me to dynamic, engaged, and motivated members who have become friends. Our DNA conventions are also a highlight of membership – nothing can beat spending time with people who are passionate about dermatology nursing. Being a DNA member has allowed me to further explore what I am passionate about, and for that I am thankful and appreciative.

What have you contributed to our Dermatology Nurses’ Association and how do you plan to contribute in the future?

I have been an active member of the DNA for several years. I started as a volunteer on the Awards Committee, which was a good introduction to the work volunteers do to help the organization. For several years I have also served as the DNA representative to the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention (NCSCP). Representation by dermatology nurses in this organization is important to the work many of us do, and I am extremely honored to serve the DNA in this capacity. Additionally, I have been involved with the Journal of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association (JDNA) for several years. I have served as a peer reviewer, as a member of the Editorial Board, and am now serving as the Editor-in-Chief for the JDNA. It is my intention to continue my volunteer work with the DNA and look forward to continued participation in the JDNA.

Who is a role model for you and Why?

I am thankful to the numerous role models I have had throughout my life, both on a personal and professional level. I have been extremely fortunate to have the guidance and direction of dedicated men and women; their influence on my life cannot be underestimated. When I think about the Dermatology Nurses’ Association (DNA), I am pleased our organization is abundant with members who are inspirational and have served as dermatology role models for me. DNA members have a wealth of knowledge and have been generous in sharing that knowledge, which is a hallmark of a role model. Please join me in celebrating the role models of our organization.
On the Job

What is the biggest benefit you get from your DNA membership?

Gosh, there are so many benefits that come from being a DNA member. I would say the biggest benefits for me have been expanding my knowledge through convention attendance, the CE center and volunteering on various committees.

What advice can you give people to get more involved with DNA?

Don't be afraid to volunteer. Everyone, the committee chairs, committee members, and staff are so helpful. Volunteering is so rewarding as it has allowed me to give back, learn new skills, make new friends, and establish professional connections.

What is the most satisfying aspect of your job?

I love every aspect of being a Dermatology Surgery Nurse! You can't beat providing care and education to patients, but I think the most satisfying part of my job is being a mentor to aspiring Dermatology Nurses.

What is your proudest career accomplishment?

Through the years I have accomplished many goals but serving as a Director on the DNA Board of Directors has been the most gratifying thus far.

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On the Side

What do you do when you're not working?

I am a huge Arizona State University fan. My husband and I have season tickets to football, softball and hockey, so most of our time is spent attending games. Go Devils!

“Words to live by” or favorite quote?

If you don’t ask then the answer is always no.

What’s the first thing you do when you get home from work on a Friday evening?

Take my support stockings off and put my feet up.
You’re wanted in the DNA Nurses Lounge

We are very pleased to announce that the DNA has joined the Nurses Lounge – a professional online network for nurses. This network will allow us to more easily communicate news, meetings, courses, continuing education opportunities and other valuable information direct to our members.

The Nurses Lounge offers a great way to maintain separation between your social and professional life that is growing more and more important in an online world. Additionally, the Nurses Lounge has a lot of nursing news that you will not receive from other social networks. That’s why we would like to encourage you all to join DNA’s Nurses Lounge.

As a member, you will be connected not only to DNA, but can connect to your local nursing profession, nursing schools as well as other nursing organizations and nursing employers.

Connecting a site dedicated to the nursing profession will benefit you individually as well as those institutions that support the profession. In addition to receiving local/state industry news, this free service also provides a way for you to stay connected professionally with fellow DNA members and other colleagues as well.

To join, click the following link: http://www.nurseslounge.com/lounges/profile/16384/dermatology-nurse

We encourage you to join now. The process only takes a few minutes and will benefit us all. While you are at it, be sure to include your picture!

We thank you for participating and look forward to seeing you in the DNA Nurses Lounge.
What do you get out of being a volunteer for the DNA?

I get the satisfaction of knowing that I am contributing to the nursing profession. I have a strong belief in the DNA, its mission, and vision. What better way to be an agent of change than to be knee deep in the trenches serving as an ambassador of the organization. The things I have learned while serving all directly translate into my own professional development and practice. Volunteering for the DNA affords me the opportunity to offer my time, talent, and energy with my dermatologic nursing community. I am able to make a difference, contribute to my profession, serve as a leader, and stay current all while contributing to the growth and future of the DNA organization.

What is your favorite part about the committee that you're serving on?

Serving on the Nurse Practitioner Society has offered me incredible networking opportunities. I have met some amazing nurses and mentors who are changing and molding the face of dermatology. I count myself humbled and blessed to be considered a member of such an amazing group. The work this committee does is meaningful and interesting work that is impacting care for not only today but future generations. What a way to leave a legacy.

What are some projects you are currently working on within your committee?

The Nurse Practitioner Society has been working on several projects. The group held their first Nurse Practitioner Virtual Grand Rounds on April 23rd, 2018 with much success. The virtual educational offering is held live, but recorded, and is open to all DNA members and non-members. The next Grand Round offering will be June 25, 2018 at 1pm EST. The group has also been working very hard on a Dermatology Nurse Practitioner Online Review Course that is now available. The online review course will serve as a wonderful resource for those studying for the DCNP certification exam, as well as new and established nurse practitioners working in dermatology.

How has your committee worked to further the goals and vision of the DNA?

The Nurse Practitioner Committee has and continues to work towards enhancing evidenced based dermatologic healthcare, research, and educating the public about the role of the nurse practitioner working in dermatology. This committee continues to provide public dermatology education and resources, networks with other organizations and community events to promote DNA membership, volunteers at all levels, and helps enhance our dermatology nursing community at large. As the DNA is such an inclusive organization of interdisciplinary professionals all committed to advancing dermatology care, I find I can’t wait to see us continue to grow and serve its mission and values.
Interested in writing, but don’t know where to start? JDNA is seeking manuscripts on the following topics:

- Acne vulgaris
- Actinic keratosis
- Antifungals
- Allergic contact dermatitis
- Alopecia areata & variants
- Atopic dermatitis
- Autoimmune diseases
- Basal cell carcinoma
- Best practices
- Biologic agents
- Biopsies/excisions
- Botox & cosmetic agents
- Bullous diseases
- Burns & skin injury
- Carcinomas
- Certification
- Children/Pediatrics
- Chronic disease
- Connective tissue disorders
- Contact dermatitis
- Corticosteroids
- Dermatitis
- Dermatomyositis
- Dermoscopy
- Discoid lupus erythematosus
- Drugs in dermatology
- Drug reactions
- Dysplastic nevi
- Eczema
- Erythema
- Ethics
- Evidence-based practice
- Exanthems
- 5-FU
- Folliculitis
- Genodermatoses
- Granuloma annulare
- Hair disorders
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- Pigmented lesions
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- Sarcoid
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- Seborrheic dermatitis
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   ☐ Clinical Specialist
   ☐ Supervisor / Coordinator
   ☐ Nursing Faculty
   ☐ Administrator
   ☐ Research Nurse
   ☐ Medical Assistant

4. PRACTICE SETTING:
   ☐ Inpatient Unit
   ☐ Ambulatory Clinic
   ☐ Rehabilitation/Home Care
   ☐ Private Practice
   ☐ Day Care Unit
   ☐ Phototherapy Unit
   ☐ Dermatology
   ☐ Surgery Unit
   ☐ Other________

5. CLINICAL SPECIALTY:
   ☐ General Practice
   ☐ Acne
   ☐ Cosmetic Dermatology
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   ☐ Dermatologic Surgery
   ☐ Geriatrics
   ☐ Pediatrics
   ☐ Psoriasis
   ☐ Reconstructive Surgery
   ☐ Wound Healing

6. HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETED:
   ☐ High School
   ☐ Diploma-Nursing
   ☐ Associate Nursing
   ☐ Associate Other
   ☐ Bachelor’s Nursing
   ☐ Bachelor’s Other
   ☐ Master’s Nursing
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7. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION?
   (Circle one)
   ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. YEARS IN DERMATOLOGY PRACTICE:
   (Circle one)
   0-2 3-5
   6-9 10-14
   15-19 20+

9. CLINICAL FOCUS GROUPS:
   ☐ Cosmetic Dermatology
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   ☐ Office Management

10. HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT DNA?
    ☐ DNA member
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    ☐ DNA Chapter Meeting
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    ☐ DNA Education Program
    (Other than convention)
    ☐ Journal of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association
    ☐ Industry Representative
    ☐ DNA website
    ☐ Other________

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☐ Current Class schedule
☐ Registration Confirmation
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4. **Practice Setting:**  
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6. **Highest Level of Education Completed:**  
☐ High School  ☐ Diploma-Nursing  ☐ Associate Nursing  ☐ Bachelor’s Nursing  ☐ Bachelor’s Other  ☐ Master’s Nursing  ☐ Master’s Other  ☐ Doctorate  ☐ Associate Other  ☐ Other

7. **Are you a member of the American Nurses Associations? (Circle one)**  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

8. **YEARS IN DERMATOLOGY PRACTICE:**  
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9. **Clinical Focus Groups:**  
☐ Cosmetic Dermatology  ☐ CTCL/Photophoresis  ☐ Office Management  ☐ Lasers  ☐ Medical Dermatology  ☐ Pediatrics  ☐ Phototherapy  ☐ Psoriasis  ☐ Skin Cancer/Surgery  ☐ Clinical or Nursing Research  ☐ Wound Care  ☐ Other

10. **How did you learn about the DNA?**  
☐ Dermatologist  ☐ DNA Chapter Meeting  ☐ DNA Chapter Email  ☐ DNA Chapter Ad/Press Release  ☐ DNA Chapter Social Media Network  ☐ DNA Convention  ☐ DNA Member Referral  ☐ DNA Website  ☐ Facebook  ☐ Industry Representative  ☐ LinkedIn  ☐ Other

**Additional questions for Nurse Practitioner Members:**

A. **Area of NP Specialty Certification:**  
☐ Adult  ☐ Family  ☐ Pediatrics  ☐ Women’s Health  ☐ Geriatrics

B. **Area of Current Practice:**  
☐ General Dermatology  ☐ Dermatologic Surgery  ☐ Cosmetic Surgery  ☐ Moh’s Surgery  ☐ Pathology  ☐ Family Medicine  ☐ Pediatric Dermatology  ☐ Plastic Surgery  ☐ Cutaneous Oncology  ☐ Research

C. **Does Your State:**  
☐ Require you to practice with a supervising physician?  ☐ Require you to practice with a collaborating physician?  ☐ Allow you to practice as a licensed independent practitioner (LIP)?

D. **What is the specialty of your supervising physician, if applicable:**  
☐ Dermatology  ☐ Pediatrics  ☐ Cosmetic Surgery  ☐ Moh’s Surgery  ☐ Pathology  ☐ Family Medicine  ☐ Pediatric Dermatology  ☐ Plastic Surgery  ☐ Cutaneous Oncology  ☐ Research

E. **Do you have prescriptive authority? (Circle one)**  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

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https://www.dnanurse.org/

Community Forums - Sign up for Community and get started in the discussions with your fellow members:
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Continuing Education Center - Ready for to take your courses online? Find everything you need in the CE Center:
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