The latest news and updates including Virtual Convention, new CE classes, and Awards / Scholarship winners!
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**Mission Statement**

The Dermatology Nurses' Association is a professional 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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Let us start the DNA year by *Focusing on the Future*. I know I am personally done with 2020, Covid19, and the Pandemic. It is time to learn from the past and put all of our energy into the future. First of all, I want to thank all of you for electing me as your DNA President for 2021-2022. I am honored to serve the DNA and our members. I appreciate your confidence in me and your support of the DNA. I believe 2021-2022 will be a much brighter time, so let us all *FOCUS on the FUTURE*.

The 2022 DNA Conference will be in Las Vegas, LIVE! I am excited to get back to the very reason the DNA was started, education and networking. The networking and sharing are so much better for our members at the live conference. I always feel revived and renewed after attending the DNA conference, although I have enjoyed different aspects of the last 2 virtual meetings. The 2022 conference will be the 40th DNA conference. This is a reason to celebrate our past and look to the future.

Education has always been the DNA's priority. This next year will not be any different. The availability of CE's in our CE center will be increased. DNA volunteers are working hard to have the Joan Shelk Fundamentals of Phototherapy, the Dermatology Nursing Essentials, and Dermatology Surgery, & Aesthetics workshops put in the CE Center over the next year. The RN Certification Review Course is being pilot tested now. The NP Certification Review Course is currently being updated and will be finished soon. Members that attended the conference this year will be able to view the lectures for up to 3 months. It is not too late to purchase the conference and have the lectures on-demand for 3 months.

It is essential to offer quality education to our members and as your leadership, the Board is striving to do just that for the DNA members. This could not be done without the many volunteers who step up and spend countless hours producing and reviewing the DNA educational materials. The DNA volunteers are very much appreciated for their dedication, time, and hard work.

Position statement topics are being prioritized and developed over the next few years. Experts in the topics will be needed to develop the position statements. We have started a Nurse Advisory Council. The council will have its third meeting in May, if you are interested, please fill out the volunteer form (see below for instructions). We are looking for a few more members. This council will be for RNs and LPNs. We would like to have an Associate Advisory Council too, again if you are interested see below. JDNA is growing and a great resource for our members. The JDNA is always looking for writers! Consider writing an article for the JDNA this year.
Over the last year or two, many organizations like the DNA have taken a huge hit financially. The majority of our finances for operation and reserve come from the annual conference and the membership dues. The leadership has strived to keep the DNA financially solvent and will continue to do so over the next year. Having a live conference will make a big difference financially for the DNA. We do need to encourage all members to bring in new members (check out the Member-Get-A-Member campaign), attend the conferences, and look to the DNA for your educational needs. I will encourage all members to talk to their colleagues about becoming involved in the DNA through membership and volunteering. For example, if you are an NP, get your staff involved in the DNA. Membership to the DNA is a great gift! We have started a DNA Fee Task Force to look at our fee structure for membership and conferences.

The Nurse Practitioner Society has launched a Facebook group for our NPS membership. If you have not liked this page, please do. This is a place NPs can post questions, interesting cases, new treatments, and more. Please feel free to engage on this platform. Check out the case studies in the CE center, free to our NPS members. The NP membership now is almost half of our membership and leadership is striving to meet their needs.

Become certified to show your dermatology knowledge and expertise! I was certified last year after years of procrastinating. Now I am not sure why I waited so long. I did study for 6 to 9 months and I took both review courses. Certification provided me with the confidence that I am providing quality evidence-based care to the best of my ability. I feel it increased the respect my collaborating physician, administration, colleges, and community had for me as a dermatology provider. I believe certification will do the same for you and dermatology nursing overall. I encourage all of you to become certified.

Focusing on DNA’s future, the next year will provide increased education offered in the CE center, provide a LIVE conference, maintain financial stability, meet the NPS educational and networking needs, developing position statements and the advisory councils. Increasing the number of RNs and NPs that are certified will gain the respect we deserve in dermatology. I encourage all of our members to get involved, get someone else involved, engage in the DNA, renew their membership, write an article in the JDNA, get certified, and volunteer. **Focus on the Future** for the DNA and yourself.

The DNA needs members for the following committees:

- Awards and Scholarship
- Environmental Scanning Committee
- Health Policy Advocacy Committee
- Membership Committee
- Nurse Advisory Council

And reviewers for:

- RN Online Certification Review Course pilots
- NP Online Certification Review Course reviewers

Please complete a volunteer form and send your resume to dna@dnanurse.org

Use this link to print the form.

Or click on Thinking about Volunteering? At the bottom of the DNA home page.
The Board of Directors (BOD) met January 12, 2021, via video conference. DNA staff and all Board members were in attendance. The Board reviewed and approved the Education Advisory Council’s (EAC) strategic plan. DNA is finalizing a partnership agreement with the Florida Atlantic University (FAU) NP Dermatology Certificate program and approved an FAU student membership fee. The BOD discussed the 2021 convention and agreed to provide a three-day live event with three months of on-demand access to promote attendance. In addition, the Board will repurpose several AANP pharma credit presentations to the CE center for NP’s credentials/certifications. L. Markham discussed the proposal for partnership with HMP Global, LLC. The Board unanimously approved the agreement. The many benefits to the DNA organization include being named an official partner of HMP’s Fall 2021 *The Dermatologist “Dermatology Week”* virtual meeting and additional exposure via HMP’s publication and website venues and marketing.

The Board of Directors (BOD) met February 9, 2021, via video conference. DNA staff and all Board members were in attendance. The Board reviewed the Q4 2020 Financial Report and 2021 Predictions with Kyle McDonnell of Fisher Investments. The overall portfolio growth was 17.45% ahead of margin. Fisher does not foresee any significant changes for 2021. N. Smail discussed, and the BOD approved HPAC’s unanimous agreement to join the Melanoma Action Committee (MAC). This is in line with strategic goals #1, public awareness and advocacy, and strategy #2, advocates for patient dermatological care. The BOD reviewed and approved revisions and clarifications made to the Nominating Committee Scoring Tool’s wording and weight distribution. L. Markham led a discussion on whether Committee/Council Liaisons should be permitted to vote. After reviewing Board Liaison Responsibilities, the BOD voted unanimously against it; Board Liaisons will continue to perform in an advisory capacity. L. Markham reviewed the 2021 Strategic Plan with the BOD, and no updates or changes were necessary.

The Board of Directors (BOD) met March 9, 2021, via video conference. DNA staff and all Board members were in attendance. The BOD approved the dissolution of the Connecticut Chapter after prolonged inactivity and a 2/3 vote of chapter membership to dissolve. R. Inabinet shared the Financial Oversight Committee’s responsibility to continually search for opportunities to decrease cost and overhead without reducing DNA’s value. One option considered is to switch from paper to electronic membership renewal and possible automatic renewals. After careful review of the financial impact to DNA, the BOD approved the Membership Committee’s proposal to run the Member-Get-A-New-Member campaign from 4/1/21 to 10/1/21 to support DNA Strategic Plan goal #7 Engagement, NPS Strategic Plan goals #1 Education, and #3 Membership. A. Hamilton reviewed, and the BOD approved the proposal to post a multiple-choice Clinical Question on the NPS Facebook page to generate discussion. This supports DNA Strategic Plan goal #7 Engagement, NPS Strategic Plan goal #1 Education, and #3 Membership. L. Markham led a review of DNA’s 2021 budget. The Board discussed and verified changes and figures to consider for final approval.
Financial Oversight Committee
Robin Inabinet, RN-BC

Quarterly Financial Update (as of 03.31.2021)
Gross Revenue $122,053
Gross Expenses $119,084

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Net Operating Income (loss) $2,969
Balance on hand $55,578
Robin Weber Memorial Fund $3,259
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The Environmental Scanning Committee is a group comprised of DNA members nationwide. Together we scan our perspective environments to identify current and upcoming healthcare trends. The developments we identify include, but are not limited to, those within the dermatology specialty.

Our efforts provide opportunities for enhanced learning, understanding, and improvement in our communities. Together we review reports such as the yearly American Hospital Association Environmental Scan. We additionally examine professional journals, legislative updates, social media outlets, and other resources for updates regarding medications, procedures, and technological advancements.

ESC meetings are held the second Thursday evening every two months. Total member time commitment is approximately 1-2 hours every two months. If you would like to connect with other members, and become more involved in the DNA, this committee may be a great fit for you. The ESC is actively seeking new members. Please contact the DNA National Office for more information.
What is the biggest benefit you get from your DNA membership?

Working with like-minded individuals who are giving back to our community in order to benefit the profession of dermatology nursing. In addition, I continue to grow and learn in the various aspects of both dermatology knowledge and leadership skills.

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

Start small, baby steps. If you are worried about the time commitment, take on something that fits your schedule. There is plenty to help out with and you will find it rewarding as you get more involved with this community.

Describe your first experience with DNA.

My first experience was attending a DNA conference in Denver, Colorado by means of a poster that I had co-authored as a Medical Assistant. It was such a positive experience! I met so many people, and learned so much. I still enjoy attending conference and have been involved with the planning committee for 2 years now.

What is the most satisfying aspect of your job?

Building relationships with my co-workers and patients make my job more meaningful. I am fortunate to work with a great team! I am a strong believer in collaboration, leading by example, and keeping a sense of humor. Laughter brings joy to my day and helps me to maintain a good attitude.

What is your proudest career accomplishment?

When I decided to pursue my RN. I had worked as a Medical Assistant for 8 years prior in Urgent Care and Dermatology. Balancing school, work, and family was very challenging. I learned how to prioritize and time manage all kinds of things as I continued to work while going to nursing school. I recall being at my graduation and realizing that I had pulled off quite the feat as tears of joy ran down my face. I then went on to pursue my BSN. One of my favorite aspects of being a nurse is the constant growth process and how much there is to learn!

"Words to live by" or favorite quote?

When I worked for the Airlines as a Flight Attendant, we had a very inspiring and charismatic leader. He told the employees that “they were in the service business, and it’s incidental that we fly airplanes.” I believe this to be true with any business. As a nurse, we are first and foremost in the people business that includes both our patients and each other.

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

Knowing how to decompress after a day’s work is important. As nurses, we give so much throughout the week. When I get home, I take my shoes off, put my feet up on the coffee table and have a glass of delicious red wine! On occasion, I also book a massage directly after work in order to relax and re-charge a bit.
THE DERMATOLOGY NURSES’ ASSOCIATION MEMBER BENEFITS

When you join the DNA, you become a part of a growing nationwide network of dermatology nurse leaders who promote the highest standards of dermatologic nursing care

For further information, visit our website www.dnanurse.org

Events:
DNA Annual Convention: meet educational needs, network with colleagues in the field and industry vendors and enhance professional growth!

Education:
- National and local programs
- Online Continuing Education Center: CE classes and RN & NP certification review courses
- Continuing Education Provider Accreditation through ANCC

Publications:
- Weekly Newsletter delivered to your inbox, DNA eNews
- Quarterly Newsletter, DNA FOCUS
- Bi-monthly Journal, the Journal of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association (JDNA)
- Scope and Standards of Practice

Professional Development:
- The Awards/Scholarship Program offers awards, grants, and scholarships for education advancement
- Dermatology Nursing Certification: Certification is awarded to those who have successfully completed the certification process by meeting the eligibility criteria and passing a multiple-choice written examination
- Career Center network to connect members with more jobs in less time
- Leadership development through volunteer opportunities

Networking:
- Interactive website www.dnanurse.org
- @DNAurses social media: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn
- Local DNA Chapters

Discounted Services:
- SkinSAFE- The Skin Allergy Avoidance Platform free to DNA members
- Hotel Storm
- Visual DX

Specialties:
- Nurse Practitioner Society, a sector of the DNA dedicated to meeting the needs of the NP
- Committees to focus on member needs: Education Advisory Council, Environmental Scanning Council, Financial Oversight Committee, Health Policy and Advocacy Committee, Membership Committee, Nominating Committee, Program Planning, Awards/Scholarships Program
- DNA online store: pins, SunAWARE bookmarks, t-shirts, publications

Advocacy:
- DNA leaders attend the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) legislative conference each year to better advocate for their members and the patients they treat
- DNA collaborates with affiliate organizations, combining advocacy efforts
Power to the Nurses: The Importance of Nurse Involvement in Professional Organizations

Nurses are one of the most abundant and important players in the healthcare landscape, which is in a state of constant flux. If healthcare is going to change to benefit patients, nurses need to have a major voice affecting the changes. However, nurses do not learn to be leaders in nursing school; rather leadership is developed through professional and personal growth. Although nurses are not directly taught how to be leaders in nursing school, the Code of Ethics for Nurses (ANA, 2015) states in provision 4 and 5, that part of nursing practice is promoting health and safety, preserving wholeness of character and integrity, maintaining competence, and continuing personal and professional growth. Nurses, through individual and collective effort, establish, maintain, and improve the ethical environment of work settings to keep them conducive to safe quality health care.

As a nurse, it is part of the responsibilities of the career to participate in and contribute to professional organizations. How are we supposed to create positive changes in healthcare if our voices are divided? By uniting within professional organizations, we can combine our forces, ideas and physical capacity to show up to the community and to legislators and make our voices heard.

Aside from being able to make a greater impact on our profession and the healthcare landscape in general, there are plenty of benefits for us if we join these organizations. Some of which include:

- **Mentorship:** You will meet individuals who have done or are doing what you dream to do. The best part is, they have a growth mindset and are usually happy to help others grow as well.
- **Networking:** You meet people that are hardworking and passionate about your field. They will inspire you to be a better version of yourself and can also present opportunities that you otherwise would not know about such as employment or speaking opportunities.
- **Practice Improvement:** Depending on the goals of the organization, by joining you will be directly impacting nursing practice and the healthcare environment for workers and patients. You will also learn and get inspired from colleagues and modify your own practice methods and environment to improve patient outcomes.
- **Opportunities for leadership:** Joining a board of directors or becoming an officer is a great way to heighten your experience in the organization. Make sure it is something you really want to do though and that you are not spreading yourself thin.
- **Advocacy and advancing the profession:** Some organizations have certification and education opportunities. They also help to educate their members on current events impacting the field. Organizations help nurses to impact legislation and practice standards with one strong voice.

I have to be real with you though. There are definitely a few drawbacks if it is not something you are extremely passionate about. Make sure that when you decide to join an organization, it shares your mission and vision. Otherwise, you will experience significantly more downsides to participating in these organizations, such as:

- Less time spent with family or participating in hobbies
- Expenses such as gas money to go to meetings, membership dues and donations
- Working with certain individuals that do not contribute to the organization

I really had to stretch my mind to come up with the downsides! I guess it helps that my hobbies include talking about nursing. If you are considering joining a professional organization, I encourage you to do so. Not only will you be upholding our code and doing what is best for patients, but you will be pleasantly surprised with how many more opportunities for growth that will present themselves to you when you join a professional organization and strive to make a difference.
The Awards/Scholarships Program recognizes DNA members who exhibit excellence in their profession. The Awards/Scholarships Program awards three monetary scholarships and grants and two recognition awards annually, supporting the DNA goals of education and professionalism.

**Awards:**
The Hall of Fame Award recognizes DNA members who have made significant contributions to their profession and to the Dermatology Nurses’ Association. Hall of Fame awardees may be nominated by a colleague. If you know of someone deserving of the Hall of Fame Award, we encourage you to nominate them using the Hall of Fame Nomination Form found on the DNA Awards page.

The People’s Choice Award for Posters recognizes DNA convention poster excellence. The voting for this award is conducted by the attendees of the DNA Annual Convention.

**Scholarships & Grants:**
The DNA Convention Registration Scholarship provides a $350 stipend to be used towards DNA convention registration. Three awardees are selected annually. The 2022 DNA Convention will be held live February 23-25, 2022 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Once announced, conference dates and sessions and speakers can be found on the DNA website www.dnanurse.org.

The DNC and DCNP Certification Exam Grant supports pursuit of certification in the specialty of dermatology. This grant reimburses the amount of the 2022 Dermatology Nurse Certification Exam ($260) for three RNs and the 2022 Dermatology Nurse Practitioner Certification Exam ($400) for one NP.

The Career Mobility Scholarship seeks to financially support DNA members pursuing higher education in nursing, awarding $1000 annually to a DNA member seeking to advance their education in support of the dermatologic profession.

Awardees are selected by blind review by the Awards/Scholarships Committee and sent to the Board of Directors for approval. We would like to take a moment to thank the 2021/2022 Awards/Scholarships Committee Members: Jane Glaze (Committee Chair), Kelley Jimenez, Board Liaison, Sheena Fortuna, Sierra Kane, Michelle Lee & Christine Strand. We would also like to thank our DNA Members who have generously donated to the scholarship and awards fund in support of your dermatology nurse colleagues.

More information on the criteria and application for these awards, grants, and scholarships can be found on the DNA website, under the Awards section.

Applications for 2022 Awardees are open through October 1, 2021.

The DNA Awards, Grants and Scholarship Program is designed to acknowledge and recognize our DNA members and volunteers. The application process is open all year; deadline for applications to be received and reviewed is October 1 of the year prior to receiving the awards or funds. Don’t miss out on these valuable opportunities and apply today!
Tell us a little background information about yourself. Include where you live and what school(s) you attended.

I am so honored to be inducted into the DNA Hall of Fame. This award is especially significant to me since I was nominated and selected by my peers.

I am a Massachusetts native. While I grew up in Lowell, I now live in Maynard, a very small town west of Boston. My nursing career began in 1972 as a Licensed Practical Nurse, when I graduated from Tewksbury (MA) Hospital. After holding many positions in several institutions and specialties I began working in Dermatology at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1989 and, while there, was introduced to the Dermatology Nurses’ Association.

Through DNA I have been inspired to advance my education and become a Registered Nurse with the help of the Career Mobility Scholarship. I was then eligible to obtain my Dermatology Certification. I am proud to display DNC after my name. Another award I received from DNA was the Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI). That piqued my interest in policy, and I joined the Health Policy and Advocacy Committee (HPAC). Eventually I earned a master’s degree in public policy at New England College. I continue to serve as the chair of the HPAC.

How will this award/scholarship help you in accomplishing your career goals?

This award is really the culmination of my years of service to DNA. As I am in the very twilight of my career this is really the icing on the cake. I consider it the highest honor I could receive.

What are your short term and long term career goals?

Since I have achieved most of my short-term goals, my long-term goals are to continue to contribute to the dermatology community for as long as I can, in whichever way I can.

Where do you see yourself in ten years from now?

I hope that in ten years I will be happily retired, traveling and skiing.

Who is a role model for you and Why?

I have had several role models over the years, but most recently I have been inspired by Maryellen Maguire Eisen. She is an oncology and dermatology nurse who has served on the board of directors of DNA. She is the founder of the Children's Melanoma Prevention Foundation. I have had the pleasure of working for her for over five years and it has been most rewarding. Her knowledge and teaching skills are hard to match. Despite all the work she does as teacher and executive director of the foundation, she takes no salary and all her work is done in-kind.

What is your favorite part about being a DNA member?

There are many things I value about being a DNA member, but my favorite is meeting colleagues from across the country and around the globe. The annual meetings and special events have allowed me the opportunity to not only travel to great destinations, but to learn from some of the most brilliant nurses in dermatology.
What have you contributed to our Dermatology Nurses’ Association and how do you plan to contribute in the future?

I have served on several committees and task forces over the years. I currently chair HPAC and plan to continue serving on that committee. Elected offices include Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, and President. I have been a convention speaker, chaired the 2001 Convention and chaired the LPN Workshop. Currently I am also a peer reviewer for the JDNA and have contributed an editorial. I plan to continue to review for the journal.

What is your favorite quote and why?

“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.”
—Edward Everett Hale

Everyone has a responsibility to do what they can, especially when problems seem insurmountable. If everyone contributes, no matter how little, goals can be achieved.

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DNA members join to stay **informed**...

> “DNA has kept me informed about new policies and legislation around skin care, as well as FDA approved treatments for my practice.”

DNA members join for **professional** and **personal** development...

> “DNA has helped improve my self esteem by holding office in a local chapter. I am more confident in addressing colleagues and audiences related to healthcare, and I am returning to college now to further my career goals since I see the success of my mentors in DNA who have gone before me. I know that I can accomplish similar goals and hope to be able to offer the dermatology community some good in the future as well.”

**Become a DNA member for professional and personal development. Members receive...**

- Discounts on DNA Meetings, Professional Certification and Publications
- National and Local Educational Programs with Continuing Education Opportunities
- Scholarships, Grants, and Awards
- *Journal of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association (JDNA)*
- Membership for NPs in the Nurse Practitioner Society of DNA
- And Much More...

**Discover What a DNA Membership Can Do for You.**
What do you get out of being a volunteer for the DNA?
I started volunteering as Secretary of the Wisconsin State Chapter about 13 years ago. My reason for volunteering was to help a professional organization in a time of need. Too often people take professional organizations for granted and don't get involved because they believe there are more capable people out there. Well, this is not exactly the case and sometimes we are simply called to action.

A former colleague asked me to help when our local chapter was looking for new leadership. By then I had worked in Dermatology for several years and accepted the invitation. I know the value of professional organizations and wanted to ensure local dermatological educational offerings.

How has your volunteer work increased your professional knowledge of dermatology?
I've worked in Mohs Surgery for much of my career. A couple of years ago our organization restructured and I was asked to take on a much broader role in the department with general dermatology. All I could think of was "Thank God for all the years I volunteered for the DNA!" With very little orientation in my new role, I immediately drew upon the educational resources available from the DNA website, Dermatological Nursing Essentials, JONA, and notes from past local conferences. It's truly been a lifeline.

How has volunteering with the DNA enriched you as a person?
Volunteering with the DNA has given me the opportunity to network with dermatology professionals throughout the country. I also met some nurses from Canada who were willing to share firsthand experiences of how care is managed in their country. We all work together toward common goals to advance the practice of dermatological nursing within our communities. The national and local DNA conferences have been so inspirational and enriching. I always walk away feeling empowered by the educational content and contacts that were made. Over the years, I have developed meaningful lasting friendships that would not have otherwise developed.

What motivates you to want to volunteer with the DNA?
I've always believed that staff education is the foundation to providing quality care in our communities. Many organizations have limited resources and funds available to meet the demand. Local educational opportunities can be far more accessible in these challenging times. The care team model has also shifted over the years. We see far more medical assistants than RNs. We also see more APNPs and PAs. It is important that we continue to provide education for all levels of practice. The DNA is one of the only professional organizations that maintains this vision.

The Wisconsin DNA Chapter was founded in 1990 and has provided educational opportunities on a local level for many years. People are always so grateful for the work that goes into conference planning. Providing educational opportunities for our current and next generation has been my driving force when volunteering for the DNA.

This legacy was recently challenged as several of our leaders approached retirement. We needed to explore options that would ensure long term survival of the Chapter. Over the years, many Illinois DNA members attended our conferences. After much thought and discussion, members voted unanimously to expand the Wisconsin DNA Chapter to include Illinois. This was approved by the DNA National BOD. A name change is in process.

These are exciting times! I feel very encouraged and satisfied with the expansion. It offers a much larger network and combines resources needed for success. With technology today, communication and virtual meetings have never been easier. Virtual educational opportunities are also an option for the new Chapter.

We are currently looking for members from Wisconsin and Illinois to join our efforts. I encourage anyone who is willing to get involved to do so. I found it to be an enriching and rewarding experience.
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- **Nurse Advisory Council** needs RN or LPN members
- **Environmental Scanning Committee**
- **Membership Committee**
- **Awards/Scholarships Committee**
- **Health, Policy, & Advocacy Committee**

Contact Janet Price at jprice@dnanurse.org if interested or for more information:

Interested in Leadership Opportunities?

DNA is always looking for volunteers to help us succeed in our goals! Are you interested in volunteering with the Dermatology Nurses’ Association?

Contact Us today or visit our Volunteer Section for more information!
As this article is being written, we have just wrapped up our second virtual convention. As is fairly typical in life, a virtual convention has its plusses and minuses. One the one hand, it is pleasant to wander from your kitchen with a cup of coffee in hand and sit down at your own computer. No crowds, no hassle of travel, hopefully just peace and quiet. On the flip side, in person meetings have the energy and excitement of a vibrant space. The gathering will often provide unexpected new opportunities and new ideas will surface in open discussion sessions. There are old friends and new colleagues to meet. Networking is tricky in a virtual space. Looking forward to Las Vegas in 2022, where DNA President Angie Hamilton will be “Focusing on the Future”.

On the horizon #3 The accreditation of our certification exam:

“Through a peer-review mechanism, nursing certification organizations obtain accreditation by demonstrating compliance with the most rigorous industry standards.”

As NPS works to help build the future of our profession, we also want to help you build your future in our profession. Recently, the NPS committee’s work has included;

- An update to the NPS webpage
- Bringing the DCNP review course up to date, which is still in progress.
- Free CE offering to NPS Members
  - Case Study Series #1, #2 and #3 in the CE Center

Your NPS committee welcomes your suggestions for potential new projects. We want to know what you need. Please join us in helping shape our future.

The professional practice of dermatology NPs is very close to a meeting major milestone that will clearly identify us the unique specialty we are. Years long work has been the result of remarkable cooperation amongst a broad representation of our colleagues. In straightforward terms, we have defined;

#1 Who we are; in our Scopes and Standards:

“This document serves as the foundation by which dermatology nurses provide evidence-based, quality care, to improve outcomes for their patients, communities, and profession.”

and #2 What we do; in our competencies.

“The competencies described within this document represent those entry-level knowledge, skills, and abilities, which are essential attributes for all dermatology NPs.”

Members of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association (DNA) formed the Nurse Practitioner Society (NPS) of the DNA in 2005.

The initial goals of the NPS were to provide a venue for educational resources, networking and leadership opportunities, and to initiate/begin to identify standards of practice for the NP in dermatology.

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What setting are you currently employed?
I am a nurse practitioner in an outpatient dermatology clinic at an academic medical center and an Assistant Professor in a School of Nursing Master's program.

How long have you been a NP? 13 years
How long have you worked in dermatology? 22 years

Describe your role as a NP in your practice and healthcare team?
I work with residents and faculty in a collaborative academic medical center setting. I have an independent panel of new and established patients. For complex cases or for patients requiring advanced surgical excision I work closely with faculty physicians.

What constitutes your average day in your employment?
I see a variety of medical dermatologic conditions from infantile hemangiomas to acne and warts to skin cancer patients. My skills include dermoscopy, cryotherapy, biopsy, minor surgical excision, advanced suturing, skin cancer treatment and microscopy (KOH, Tzanck).

What is your favorite part of your job as a NP?
I enjoy forming interactive and therapeutic relationships with my patients and believe that patient empowerment, self-efficacy, and self-management are key elements to improved health outcomes. My approach to clinical practice also closely aligns with the theoretical underpinnings of the Health Belief Model (HBM), the constructs of which guide understanding the promotion and adoption of preventative health behaviors. Skin cancer awareness and primary prevention are two of my clinical passions and were the focus area of my doctoral scholarly project.

What is your advice to give to a NP aspiring to become a dermatology NP?
For those new to dermatology, I would recommend seeking employment in a dermatology practice with a healthcare team that will assist in providing opportunities for knowledge and skill acquisition in a safe and supportive environment. I recommend that you consider a fellowship or post master's certification in dermatology if available in your area and familiarize yourself with the published Dermatology Nursing Practice Scopes and Standards for advanced practice nurses.

You should also join, network and volunteer within professional dermatology NP organizations and attend educational meetings such as those offered through the Dermatology Nurses’ Association and AANP Dermatology Specialty conferences. Once eligible I highly recommend you seek to obtain your certification as a Dermatology Certified Nurse Practitioner, which demonstrates your desire to achieve the highest level of training and excellence available as an NP in your area of specialty practice. I continue to attend professional meetings to increase my knowledge and skills and maintain my specialty NP certification to ensure my competency as an APRN practicing in dermatology.
NP Online Certification Review Course

DCNP Course Description

This course was designed to provide the nurse practitioner with a concise study guide to help prepare for the certification examination. It represents the countless volunteer hours of power point authors, vetters, and pilot testers. The course consists of 11 modules. The subject matter for each module was derived from content mapping of the DCNP examination. There is no audio associated with the course to allow the learner to proceed at their desired pace and facilitate timely updates. Each module has accompanying review questions. Continuing education credit is obtained by successfully completing the review questions and attaining a score of at least 70%. Completion of the evaluation for each course is required to attain the continuing education certificate. Eligible for up to 39.27 continuing education credits.

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Mission Statement/Core Purpose

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 dermatological care.

Membership
3,000+ RNs, NPs, LPN/LVNs, Medical Assistants, Other Associate Members
Breakdown – 50% Nurses, 22% Nurse Practitioners, 20% Medical Assistants, 8% Other
Categories – NP Society Member, Nurse Member, Associate Member, Student Member, Senior Member, Honorary, Lifetime, Corporate

Disclaimer
The review questions at the end of each module may or may not be reflective of the certification examination questions. Completion of this course DOES NOT insure the participant will attain a passing score on the certification examination.
This package is only available for one year after purchase.
Continuing education is a vital component of maintaining competency as a professional. The terminology used for claiming credit in educational offerings can be perplexing. Continuing education or CE refers to a broad range of educational offerings and are often required to maintain professional licensure. The educational activities can be live, online or self-study. Contact hours are often defined at the “seat time” for an educational activity.

2021 NURSE PRACTITIONER STATE PRACTICE ENVIRONMENT

- **Full Practice:** State practice and licensure laws permit all NPs to evaluate patients; diagnose, order and interpret diagnostic tests; and initiate and manage treatments, including prescribing medications and controlled substances, under the exclusive licensure authority of the state board of nursing. This is the model recommended by the National Academy of Medicine, formerly called the Institute of Medicine, and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

- **Reduced Practice:** State practice and licensure laws reduce the ability of NPs to engage in at least one element of NP practice. State law requires a career-long regulated collaborative agreement with another health provider in order for the NP to provide patient care, or it limits the setting of one or more elements of NP practice.

- **Restricted Practice:** State practice and licensure laws restrict the ability of NPs to engage in at least one element of NP practice. State law requires career-long supervision, delegation or team management by another health provider in order for the NP to provide patient care.

When an organization offers an educational program, they can apply for accreditation for the activity. While all learning is important, program attendees will value being able to claim the hours they spend learning towards recertification or licensure renewal. The DNPCB feels strongly that obtaining NP specific dermatology contact hours is an important requirement for continuing education for our recertification.

DCNP's are not physician extenders. We are unique. The practice of a dermatology Nurse Practitioner is distinctive and individual to our field. As a profession, we are the only ones entitled to dictate how we practice to the fullest extent of our education, knowledge and training. We strive for this goal in all settings that we take care of patients. We are, in most states, licensed independent practitioners. As we have for decades, we will likely fight this battle again and again. The good news is that we are winning this battle. More and more states are granting full practice authority to NP's. The reason is simple- health care needs us.

Part of strengthening the individuality of our profession is supporting unique nursing education. We feel that contact hours that are obtained from continuing education that has been accredited through a nursing organization (AANP, ANCC), supports NP specific educational needs. There are numerous wonderful educational programs in dermatology. We are committed to doing what we can to try and safeguard the uniqueness of our profession. Many of the groups that offer continuing education in dermatology recognize this distinction and are accredited by multiple accrediting bodies. This provides greater appeal for their educational product. Here are some examples:

**Acne Journal Club: What’s New in Disease Pathophysiology**

Authors: Julie C. Harper, MD; Diane S. Berson, MD; Emmy M. Graber, MD

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**Simple CE tracking**

Coming soon for DCNP's ready to recertify- we will be transitioning to CE broker for smoother tracking and submission of your continuing education credits.

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We’re pleased to introduce a new Facebook Group for the DNA NPS! This is a closed group, so content will only be visible to DNA NPS members. It is a place to ask questions and share ideas with your DNA NPS colleagues.

To join, find us through the main DNA Facebook page and click on Groups in the left menu. Select the group Dermatology Nurses NP Society then click + Join Group below the cover photo.

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