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Mission Statement
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The tenets of a professional nursing association begin with its mission statement and is defined by Scope of Practice and Standards of Care. At this time the 3rd Scope of Practice and Standards of Care has been placed on the DNA’s website, the AANP Dermatology Special Interest Group Forum, and various social medias for the public comment period.

**Scope of Practice and Standards of Care**

The 3rd Scope of Practice and Standards of Care represent achievement of two DNA goals. The first goal was to attain specialty status from the American Nurses’ Association. The second goal was to help meet one of the requirements to gain national accreditation of the Dermatology Nurse Practitioner Certification Examination. The document was started in 2015 under the leadership of Heather Onody. Many individuals have contributed to the document including Kelley Jimenez, Ginny Hanchett, Peggy Vernon, Lakshi Aldredge, Margaret Bobonich, Mary Nolen, Katrina Masterson, Paula Bermann, Cathleen Case, Marianne Tawa, and Theresa Coyner. The information of the history portion of the document could not have been completed without the input of Eileen Leech, Noreen Heer Nicol and assistance in locating various documents within the DNA archives by Linda Markham. I hope each member has had the opportunity to thoroughly review the document as it defines who we are, what we do, how, when and where we provide dermatologic nursing care.

**National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)**

The NSNA held their 66th annual convention in April 2018 at Nashville, TN with over 3500 individuals in attendance. Six hundred delegates voted on resolutions brought forth by various student groups. The delegates approved sixty-six resolutions including “In Support of Expanding Nursing Education on Skin Assessment to Better Survey Diverse Skin Tones.” This resolution was presented by Elena Huang, Roopsty Bejaj, Alexandrea Kent, Caitlin Mayheen, and Rachel Viale from the John Hopkins University School of Nursing in Baltimore, MD. I was impressed by the student nurses’ ability to formulate the resolutions and feel hopeful about the future of nursing with these new leaders.

**Journal of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association (JDNA)**

The role of the professional nurse is to provide the betterment of others including patients, organizations, and peers. Activities such as peer review and journal publications are recognized for board recertification. There are many resources provided by the JDNA editor to help the novice learn the process of peer review. I learn something new with each manuscript I have reviewed and as an added plus Wolters Kluwer offers continuing education for thorough quality reviews of manuscripts.

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6. You will help maintain the integrity of JDNA.
7. You will contribute to the professional development of your peers in dermatology nursing.
8. You will be recognized as a valued partner to manuscript authors and journal editor.
9. You will add new expertise to your knowledge and skills.
10. You will contribute to improvements in patient care and health care.

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The JDNA is soliciting review articles that can be used for continuing education credit. Challenging case studies are also welcomed and may be a good starting point for the novice writer. Individuals are available to help mentor new writers. Please consider sharing your talents by either becoming a peer reviewer or submit an article to the journal.
DERMATOLOGY NURSES’ ASSOCIATION
Annual Convention

Monumental Strides in Dermatology Excellence

February 27 – March 2, 2019
Marriott Wardman Park
Washington, DC
The Dermatology Nurses’ Association 37th Annual Convention, “Monumental Strides in Dermatology Excellence,” will be held Feb. 27-March 2, 2019 at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, DC. This conference will have four educational tracts and two post-convention workshops. The educational tracks include: Medical/Pediatrics, Surgical/Cutaneous Oncology, Aesthetics, and Professional Development/Research. Many excellent speakers are already committed to presenting at the conference. A sample of speaker topics include pemphigus, acne, what’s new in the drug cabinet, MOHS surgery, navigating advocacy beyond the bedside, and skin of color, just to name a few. There will also be a session focused on the Dermatology Nurses’ Association’s own journal: Journal of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association. You can learn how to become a published author during this session. Make sure to SAVE the DATE for this conference, you won’t want to miss it!

The NP Forum is two days of dermatology education specifically aimed at nurse practitioners. This will be held on Thursday, Feb 28, 2019 and Friday, March 1, 2019. Session topics include psychodermatology, genodermatoses, cultural dermatology, outbreak dermatoses, Merkel Cell Carcinoma, and the less common Hansen’s disease. This is only a sample of what will be included in the NP forum. Be sure to register for the NP Forum when registering for the 2019 Annual Convention, “Monumental Strides in Dermatology Excellence.”

The Dermatology Nurses’ Association is committed to meeting the educational needs of dermatology nurses in all areas of practice as well as providing workshop opportunities to meet the specific needs of special interest groups. To meet this goal, two workshops will be offered on Saturday, March 2, 2019. This year, the Joan Shelk Fundamentals of Phototherapy Workshop will be offered with a new, updated curriculum. The second workshop option is the Dermatology Nursing Essentials Workshop which focuses on the fundamentals of dermatology nursing.

Networking is also an important part of the Annual Convention. Come to meet new colleagues and connect with old friends! Everyone is invited to sign up for the night time tour of Washington, D.C. Enjoy spending time with your dermatology friends while seeing the monuments illuminated. An evening reception is held for first time conference attendees. This is a great way to get acquainted with your dermatology colleagues.

Make plans now to attend the Dermatology Nurses’ Association 37th Annual Convention, “Monumental Strides in Dermatology Excellence.” This conference will be filled with many educational and networking opportunities! Hope to see you there!
The 2019 Program Planning Committee met in Raleigh, NC over the weekend of June 22nd and June 23rd. Much was accomplished as the PPC reviewed and discussed hotel meeting space, 2018 Annual Convention attendee evaluations, 2017 Fall Needs Assessment Survey, updated the educational track offerings, and updated the Convention goals and objectives. The PPC also reviewed a record number of oral abstracts submitted to strategically plan the 2019 program and post-convention workshops, then reviewed the process for collection of speaker documentation.

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The June 2018 Board of Directors meeting was held on June 12, 2018. All Board members: Theresa Coyner - President, Jane Glaze – President-Elect, Dave Schlichting – Past President, Robin Inabinet – Treasurer, Kelley Jimenez – Secretary, Kathy Gross, Angie Hamilton and Kristen Miller – Directors, were present. Linda Markham, Executive Director, and Elaine Van Vliet, Administrative Assistant were also present.

Treasurer Robin Inabinet informed the Board that she and Linda Markham spoke with financial advisor Kyle McDonnell regarding a cash reserve account. The Financial Oversight Committee recommends focusing on budgeting money to be placed into the cash reserve yearly. The Board motioned and approved that a minimum of $5000 be included in the 2019 budget.

The Membership Committee proposed a Nine Month Member survey be sent out via SurveyMonkey to obtain feedback from new members which was approved by the Board. The Membership Committee will use this survey as they see fit to obtain information for member retention. The Membership Committee also presented their plan for a membership drive campaign which will be implemented in the Fall of 2018.

There was much discussion regarding the Recognition Committee’s recommendations for scholarships for the 2019 year.

The Board of Directors did not hold a conference call meeting in July but was active on Basecamp. Much discussion regarding the 2019 Annual Convention Program Grid, as well as career, certification, and convention scholarship criteria and applications.

The August board meeting was held on August 14, 2018 with all Board members present, as well as DNA Staff. Secretary Kelley Jimenez submitted two items on behalf of the Membership Committee regarding membership recruitment. Two upcoming membership recruitment campaigns were approved by the Board. One is expected to launch in 2018 and the second campaign will launch in early 2019.

The Phototherapy Workshop updated curriculum is completed. Currently graphic design is underway which is in the final stages of the process.

Discussion is underway regarding where the DNA 2021 Annual Convention will be held. The Board is currently still in the research phase to determine the location.

The Board of Directors will hold their annual fall face-to-face Meeting in Raleigh, NC on October 26, 27, and 28, 2018. Many items will be on the agenda, including the 2019 budget.
The Environmental Scanning Committee (ESC) was tasked by the DNA Strategic Plan to discover research initiatives by DNA members. This column focuses on DNA members that are involved in research activities. The first individual highlighted in this column is Nancy Smail, a registered nurse at Buffalo Medical Group in Buffalo, New York. Nancy is the study coordinator for six clinical trials. Her responsibilities include soliciting appropriate study subjects, ensuring the study protocols are implemented, interviewing patients, reviewing clinical records, and reporting clinical findings to the pharmaceutical companies sponsoring the clinical trials. Current clinical trials involve psoriasis, but other studies Nancy has coordinated include interventions for atopic dermatitis and prurigo nodularis.

Nancy reports she is interested in connecting with other DNA members conducting clinical trials. She also feels that a research task force would be an excellent start for nurses to engage in research initiatives.
The DNA Recognition Program is designed to acknowledge and recognize our many volunteers who have given so generously of their time, talent, and energy on behalf of the DNA and the dermatology nursing field.

The Recognition Program is divided into three categories – Grants, Scholarships, and Awards. The grants support contributions to the nursing field and certification. The scholarships support those wishing to advance their nursing education. The award recognizes someone who is giving back to their community. A DNA member may not win the same award 2 years in a row and may only win one award per year. All winners will be expected to write an article for the Focus Newsletter on what receiving their award meant to them.

The program deadline has been extended and applications must be postmarked by: October 30, 2018.

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By e-mail to: dna@dnanurse.org, or by fax: to 910-246-2361

Before submitting your application, don’t forget to review the DNA Recognition Program Application Tips for Awards, Grants, and Scholarships.

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Quarterly Financial Update  (as of 6/30/18)

Gross Revenue        $ 333,844
Gross Expenses        $ 501,851

Net Operating Income (loss)  $ (168,007)
Balance on hand        $ 74,636
Robin Weber Memorial Fund $ 9,696
DNA Membership          1,514
The Nominating Committee has been hard at work seeking out qualified and motivated volunteers to run for elected office this year. The positions up for election this year are President-Elect, Treasurer, Director and two individuals for the Nominating Committee. As part of the process all candidates must submit a copy of their nursing license, curriculum vitae or resume, a professional looking photograph and their goal statement. The members of the committee will review and score all the candidates based off their professional employment, education, certification, years active as a DNA member, professional associations and volunteer activities within the DNA, professional volunteer activities outside of the DNA, community volunteer activities, professional presentations, publications and nursing awards/honors/grants.

The Nominating Committee takes all of this information into account when presenting to the DNA Board of Directors the recommendations for who will be on the ballot for the upcoming DNA election. I am very pleased to announce that we will have a great race this year for the position of Director, in addition to excellent candidates for the positions of President-Elect, Treasurer and Nominating Committee. If you are interested in learning more about these elected positions roles and responsibilities I encourage you to visit the DNA website https://www.dnanurse.org/aboutdna/election-of-officers/.

I would like to thank all the members of the Nominating Committee this year for their hard work with contacting potential candidates and working alongside me during the process. I would also like to thank all those that considered running this year and are considering running next year. I hope when election time comes everyone will take a few minutes to vote and thank those that volunteered to run and support the organization. I hope everyone at some point can experience the secret power of volunteering.

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Looking for more information about the Nominating Committee?
Visit them online!
The Education Advisory Council (EAC) of the DNA is focused on promoting the quality of educational programs available to our members. Our goal is to increase competency and enhance the practice of all nurses caring for dermatology patients. The EAC oversees all educational endeavors within the DNA to ensure compliance with ANCC educational guidelines.

The EAC is currently working on repurposing popular recorded sessions from the 2018 Annual Convention on interesting topics such as psoriasis, acne, melanoma, cutaneous lymphomas, amyloidosis, pediatric dermatology, and aesthetics. The committee is also working on repurposing the newly launched Grand Rounds Cases detailing challenging cases in dermatology. These activities will soon be available online through the DNA CE Center. The DNA CE Center offers a great opportunity to review missed sessions and earn continuing education credit.

We are pleased to announce that the NP online review course is now available through the DNA CE Center. The RN online review course is expected to be available soon.

The EAC is currently accepting new members. Volunteering on the EAC provides the opportunity to collaborate with a network of outstanding registered nurses and contribute to the educational enrichment and future of our dermatology nursing community. If you are interested in participating, please contact one of our co-chairs for further information.

Looking for more information about the Education Advisory Council? Visit them online!

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Co-Chairs of the Education Advisory Council

DNA’s Continuing Education (CE) Center

DNA’s Continuing Education (CE) Center, an online education portal for continuing education needs, house programs that have been repurposed from the DNA Annual Convention. Didn’t get to attend the convention or missed a session? Now you have the opportunity to earn contact hours from the comfort of your home or office. The process is simple:

1. View a program
2. Take the exam
3. Fill out the evaluation
4. Print your certificate

Here is a list of the current activities housed in our DNA’s CE Center:

- A Practical Approach to Hair Loss and Its Therapy
- Cutaneous Paraneoplastic Disorders
- Dermatologic Emergencies
- Funky Feet and Nails
- Hair Loss in Children
- How To’s of a Skin Cancer Assessment
- Lower Extremity Arterial and Venous Ulcers
- Melanoma Treatment Options
- Periocular Lesions
- Psoriasis Variants
- Regional Therapy for Metastatic Melanoma
- Skin of Color: Presentation and Management
- Skin Toxicities From Anti-Neoplastic Therapy
- Utilization of Skin Cancer Prevention Educational Products in Your Practice Setting
- DCNP On-line Review Course - Modules 1-10
- DCNP On-line Review Course - Module 11

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October 22, 2018  3 PM – 4 PM Eastern
Theresa Coyner, RN, MSN, ANP-BC, DCNP
Katrina Masterson, RN, DNP, FNP-BC, DCNP

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Like many other organizations, DNA has experienced a decline in membership over the past few years. The Membership Committee was formed a couple of years ago to address issues related to recruitment and retention with a goal of increasing both new members joining DNA and renewals of memberships.

The Membership Committee has been working hard to develop plans to recruit new members into DNA. Since there is a feeling that many dermatologists are not aware of DNA the thought was that we needed to market more to dermatology offices to increase dermatologist's awareness of DNA, and what DNA can offer to their staff. Thus, a campaign is planned for fall/early winter to market to dermatology offices offering incentives when the office MA's, LPN's, RN's, NP's etc, join DNA as a group. Please encourage your physicians to consider this offer to enable their staff to become active members of DNA. For more information about this campaign, please check the DNA website, www.dnanurse.org, or contact the national office.

The committee also has developed an exit interview survey to help determine reasons why members discontinue their membership. Results from the survey should help the committee determine whether members leave DNA because of job changes, retirements or other reasons. If other reasons, we are hopeful that we will be able to develop programs that encourage continuation of membership.

In an effort to make new members feel welcomed into DNA, the membership committee has started an outreach program. A few months after joining DNA, the new member is contacted by a committee member welcoming them to DNA, providing information about DNA and its programs, and offering to answer any questions the new member might have.

In addition, the Membership Committee has been working on plans for other membership recruitment efforts as well as incentives for volunteering within DNA. If you have any ideas or suggestions on ways to increase recruitment, increase retention or ways to increase volunteerism, please feel free to contact a member. Current members of the Membership Committee are: Angie Hamilton, Jane Glaze, Sarah Neider, Bessie Baclig, Jenny Kevric, Nancy Tschoeke, and Donna Beyer.

Like most committees, we can always use additional committee members. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Membership Committee, (or any other committee) please contact one of the current members of the committee or the national office. We would love to have you join us! dna@dnanurse.org

Looking for more information about the Membership Committee?
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The November 3, 2018 San Francisco Northern California DNA Conference will be held at the beautiful Art Deco building of:

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Building 7, 1st floor
San Francisco Campus
4150 Clement Street
San Francisco, CA 94121

Agenda

7:30-7:55am  Registration/Continental Breakfast/vendor and Networking Time
7:55-8:00 Welcome/Overview - Melissa Cooper, RN, CWOCN, DNC
8:00 - 9:00 Updates in Psoriasis and Eczema - Kristen Beck, MD
9:00—10:00 Pediatric Dermatology - Lucy Kohn, MD
10:00 - 10:30 Break/Vendor Displays
10:30 - 11:30 Photo Therapy Update - Margareth V. Jose, RN
11:30– 12:15 Lunch
12:15-1:00 SF NORCAL DNA Business meeting
1:00 – 2:00 Dermatology Emergencies - Jason Meyer, MD, PhD
2:00 – 3:00 Hair Disorders - Michelle Galant, MD, PhD;
3:00-4:00 Skin Care “Thru the Ages” - Anne Carlisle, DNP
4:00 – 4:30 Vendor time/networking

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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, veters, 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

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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.
Dermatology Certification: Why does it matter?

Lakshi Aldredge
MSN, ANP-BC, DCNP

For the past 15 years, I have successfully managed to avoid taking the dermatology nurse practitioner exam. I remember being at the DNA annual convention one year when a group of smart and savvy dermatology NPs took the initial pilot test. I remember thinking how brave they were (granted, it was the pilot test, but I was still terrified on their behalf). That was 1998, I still start to have heart palpitations every time I would walk by the Dermatology Nurse Certification Board (DCNB) booth in the exhibit halls, trying to avoid making eye contact with the DCNB representatives and quickly moving to the next exhibitor.

So why all the angst? Well, part of the issue is test anxiety. I hate taking tests (although I love playing trivia games). I had to have counseling in college because of my test anxiety, and found that I would read too much into the questions. If the question simply asked, “What is liquid nitrogen?” I would consider, “do they mean its use in the medical field or in welding or on the periodic chart...” You get the drift. I practically required sedation prior to taking the certification exam to become an adult nurse practitioner (I’m fairly sure I barely passed).

It’s not that I don’t recognize the value of certification. I firmly support the DCNB’s attestation that “certification provides an added credential beyond licensure and demonstrates by examination that the Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner has acquired a core body of specialized knowledge and adheres to specialized nursing standards. It assures consumer protection and confers peer and public recognition to those individuals who prove proficient in their practice” (DCNB, https://www.dnanurse.org/dnaeducation/certification/). Furthermore, the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation, published in 2008, identifies certification (along with licensure, accreditation and education) as an essential element in APRN regulation. They define certification as “the formal recognition of the knowledge, skills, and experience demonstrated by the achievement of standards identified by the profession” (Consensus Model for APRN Regulation (LACE), 2008). Finally, certification is becoming more of an issue when it comes to reimbursement. The 1997 Medicare legislation requires that NPs must be certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or comparable certifying agency (Medicare Coverage of Non-Physician Practitioner Services, 2001). Some insurance companies will only provide reimbursement if the provider is board-certified in their specialty area. Clearly, both the public, and the profession recognize that certification is important.

But it’s not just the profession and the public. We, as nurses and nurse practitioners, acknowledge the value of certification for personal and professional recognition. The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) in 2006 published a landmark study titled, “Nurses’ Perceptions, Values, and Behaviors Research Study”. The purpose of the ABNS is to promote the value of specialty nursing certification by serving as the authoritative voice and resource, by supporting accreditation of quality nursing certification programs, and promoting research to advance knowledge regarding specialty nursing certification (ABNS, 2006). The pivotal study, which involved a research sample of over 11,000 nurse respondents, evaluated nurses’ perceptions, values, and behaviors related to nursing specialty certification. Among other findings, the study demonstrated that “among the top perceived values, certification is perceived to enhance feelings of personal accomplishment, provide personal satisfaction and a professional challenge, enhance professional credibility, and provide evidence of professional commitment” (ABNS, 2006). Obtaining specialty certification is a feather in one’s professional cap.

Clearly there are both personal and professional benefits to achieving nursing certification. And it’s not just a handful of dermatology nurses and NPs that have obtained certification. In an article in The Dermatologist in April 2017, Paula Bermann, MSN, FNP-BC, DCNP, President of the DCNB Board, noted that approximately 560 RNs have taken the DNC examination and nearly 250 NPs have successfully taken the DCNP exam. (Bermann, P, 2017). I remember the pang of jealousy (and guilt) every time I heard of another NP that had passed the derm NP exam. I would console myself by telling myself that as a VA nurse practitioner in the Dermatology Service, I didn’t require dermatology certification. Furthermore, it wasn’t going to provide me an increase in pay, so why bother? So, I continued to avoid the DCNB booth at every convention and slyly ducked out of any conversations with other derm NPs who mentioned the certification exam. I figured I could dodge certification until my eventual retirement.

That is, until one fateful day in January when I received a phone call from a dear NP friend and colleague, Ginny Hanchett. She and I, along with several other NP leaders, were working together to move the dermatology NP agenda forward on a national level: supporting powerful derm NPs that were creating the scope and standards of dermatology nursing practice, creating entry-level competencies for dermatology NPs, pushing forward an agenda to get the dermatology RN and NP certifications accredited, and to obtain recognition by the American Nurses’ Association for dermatology nursing as a recognized specialty. Ginny very sweetly told me that it was time that I obtained my dermatology NP certification. She pointed out that I couldn’t be serving as a leader, pushing forward agendas to promote the professionalism of dermatology NPs, if I, myself had not obtained certification: something we were promoting that all dermatology NPs strive to obtain. I started having palpitations while we were on the phone. I knew she was right. And I knew there was no getting out of it. I had been called out.

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Once I was signed up for the exam I went to the DNA website and downloaded the blueprint for the exam and gathered all the reference books that were recommended. I went to the store and bought 3 packs of index cards, 3 different colored highlighting pens and sat at my kitchen table every night and studied straight from the blueprint. I had never been so nervous or so anxious. But I was also determined.

I told everyone I knew that I was taking the exam. I even told several of my dermatology NP colleagues. I knew that if I didn’t pass, I would be embarrassed, but I also wanted to be an example. If an old codger like me was taking the exam at this point in my career, maybe I could get others to join the bandwagon.

I sat through the DNA convention this past February, feverishly taking notes during all the sessions, with the hope that any little tidbit would stick and help me pass the exam. The morning of the exam, I said a prayer, and along with 5 other NPs, sat for the dermatology NP certification exam. I remember being nervous, but figured that the worse that could happen was that I wouldn’t pass and I could take it again. After the exam, I felt relieved but anxious to know the results, which wouldn’t come for another 4 weeks.

And the weeks dragged by. My parents called practically every day asking if I had news. My husband lovingly tried not to bring up the subject for fear that I would run to the wine cupboard for consolation. Our daughter, who was reveling in the joy of becoming a new nurse and successfully passing her NCLEX exam two months earlier, assured me daily that, “Of course you’ve passed. You’ve been doing derm for a million years!” This was in no way reassuring, but only added to my angst.

And then one morning, there it was. A business size envelope from the DCNB. I was just getting ready to leave for work and no one else was home. I opened the letter with shaking hands.

I PASSED. It didn’t give me an actual score (or maybe it did and I didn’t care) but I had passed! The emotions I was feeling were overwhelming. Relief, yes. But I immediately felt a sense of great accomplishment and more so, I felt legitimate. I now had the credentials to hold up next to my dermatology physician colleagues. I was board-certified.

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When I received my certificate a few days later, I took it into my department. We were all dermatology certified now. I also realized something else: I had done “right” by my patients. I am very passionate about the care I deliver to my veteran patients. It only seemed right that they receive care by the best: practitioners that had taken the extra step to achieve certification. Without knowing it, I had passed the certification exam for my patients as well as for myself. I also realized that I had done it for our profession. The more dermatology NPs that become certified, the more powerful we become as members of the dermatology team collectively.

My journey to certification was a long and painful one. But only because I had put up the barriers myself. There is now an on-line dermatology NP certification review course offered by the DNA NP Society that will be an excellent resource for all dermatology NPs sitting for the exam. I’ll always be grateful to Ginny Hanchett for challenging me to finally do what I’ve always known I had to do. I hope that by sharing this journey, that I have conveyed a message of hope to all my fellow NP colleagues: if I can pass the dermatology NP certification exam with less than a month of studying, despite a significant history of test anxiety, anyone can. At least, everyone should try. Do it for your practices, do it for your patients, and do it for your profession. But most of all, do it for yourself. You deserve it.

References
• Nurses’ Perceptions, Values, and Behaviors Research Study. (2006). The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS).
There is power in numbers, so the saying goes. The Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) is comprised of 60 national nursing organizations that collectively include at least 981,616 (realistically over one million) members. Those are mighty numbers. See the list of current member organizations here:
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“The Nursing Community Coalition is dedicated to building consensus and advocating on a wide spectrum of healthcare issues, including practice, education, research, and regulation. The Nursing Community Coalition is committed to improving the health and health care of our nation by collaborating to support the education and practice of registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs).”

This year the Nursing Community Coalition will be celebrating its 10th Year Anniversary. Over those ten years the coalition has made substantial progress in advocating for nursing legislation and policy related to healthcare outcomes. Based in Washington DC, key members have immediate access to Capitol Hill. Representatives from many of the organizations are government affairs professionals who use their expertise to monitor both Congress and government agencies. They analyze proposed legislation and policy, draft letters, and make recommendations for the coalition to vote on.

Examples of top advocacy priorities of the NCC are appropriations for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR).

“The Nursing Workforce Development programs (authorized under Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.]) have supported the supply and distribution of qualified nurses to meet our nation’s healthcare needs since 1964. Over the last 50 years, these programs have addressed all aspects of nursing shortages – education, practice, retention, and recruitment. The Title VIII programs bolster nursing education at all levels, from entry-level preparation through graduate study, and provide support for institutions that educate nurses for practice in rural and medically underserved communities.”

NINR is one of the 27 Institutes and Centers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that funds nursing research and trains nurse-researchers. These research programs lay the groundwork for evidence-based nursing practice that helps to ensure safe, high quality, and cost-effective health care. Many nurse-researchers serve as faculty in nursing schools; a critical need to ensure the future of nursing.

More information on these programs can be found in this info flyer that has been distributed to all federal legislators:
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Other advocacy issues addressed by the NCC are health reform and legislation that improves and advances nursing practice, education, and research.

Why is membership in the Nursing Community Coalition important to DNA? One of the goals of DNA’s strategic plan is Public Awareness and Advocacy. Through our membership in the NCC we achieve objectives 1 and 3:
• Increase DNA’s visibility nationally
• Support advocacy efforts for health policy and public health awareness.

A member of the Health Policy and Advocacy Committee (HPAC) attends the monthly meetings of the NCC via teleconference. During these calls our organization is announced during roll call and we can interact with leaders from other specialty nursing organizations. Much of the business centers around legislation and policy but also focuses on the membership and governance of the coalition. DNA can vote on initiatives and proposals.

The NCC drafts and sends numerous letters to key individuals, committees, and agencies. These range from congratulatory letters on appointments and elections, to requests for support of legislation or appropriations, as well as thank you letters for supporting our initiatives. When these letters are sent, all the organizations that have opted-in are listed as signatories. For that reason, DNA signs on to as many as possible unless it is an issue that conflicts with DNA’s mission and goals.

Occasionally, individual organizations will request members to sign on to their specialized requests. Again, unless it is oppositional to DNA’s mission and goals, and it supports a beneficial cause or outcome, we try to accommodate by signing. This tactic is strategic. By collaborating with these influential nursing organizations DNA can expect support for an issue or legislation in reciprocation.

Throughout the year the NCC holds events such as briefings and receptions to which all members are invited. As a contributing member, our name and logo are included on signage and flyers. I have attended some of these events and it provides an opportunity to meet and interact with other coalition members along with Congressional members and staff.

We are Nurses First
As we think about our membership in this coalition we must remember that first and foremost, we are nurses. Although we specialize in dermatology, we would not be where we are if not for our training as nurses. It is imperative that we support initiatives and programs that support and elevate the nursing profession. Strong nursing policy and advocacy yields healthier populations and can assure the sustainability of Dermatology Nursing.
Virtual Grand Rounds 3 was offered on Monday, August 27 from 12-1PM, Mountain time. Sandra Oehlke, from Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, presented an infant with an erythematous, vesicular rash. The presentation was subtle but demonstrated the importance of identifying early signs of a potential malignant condition. Sandra discussed the importance of reviewing the infant’s maternal history, the neonate history, and formulating a list of differential diagnoses. Unfortunately, attendance was sparse at the live presentation but evaluations by the attendees were overwhelmingly positive. This presentation has been sent to the Education Advisory Council for review as an enduring program so interested individuals still have a chance to review the enduring program on the DNA’s continuing education website platform.

Virtual Grand Rounds 4 is scheduled for Monday, October 22 from 12 to 1PM, Pacific coast time. Theresa Coyner (RN, MSN, ANP-BC, DCNP) and Katrina Masterson (RN, DNP, FNP-BC, DCNP) will be presenting: “Two Patients with Dermatological Conditions Creating Psychosocial Issues”.

Promotion of the Dermatology Nurse Practitioner to the Public
One of the NPS goals was to enhance and promote the dermatology nurse practitioner role to the public. An informational flyer is in the process of being developed with the verbiage completed. At this time photos are being evaluated to accompany the flyer. Additionally, the NPS members are evaluating a short list of questions that members will answer to “Spotlight” the various practice settings where nurse practitioners are actively employed.

Retention of NPS Members
Strategies to retain expiring NPS members have been discussed. Members feel either a personal note or a text message reminding expired members they are important to the DNA/NPS may help to promote membership retainment. Assignment lists will be posted on the NPS basecamp.

NPS Committee Membership
The NPS welcomes some new members within the past few months including: Margaret Mayer, Beth Haney, Grace Chung, Bradley Jellerichs, Susan Bordonaro, and Andrea Frantz.
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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.

I began my Dermatology Nursing career in 1984 as a temporary nurse for the Mohs Surgery Unit. Little did I know that this “temporary” position would shape my nursing career and begin my passion for the specialty of Dermatology. My role in the Mohs Surgery Unit was to provide nursing support during the 3 month maternity leave of the Mohs Surgery nurse. I had the opportunity to work in this area for six years. Yes, the nurse returned from maternity leave, and I remained and became a full-time member of this team. My Dermatology career has totaled 35 years (and counting). I am extremely fortunate to have had the support of the leaders of the Department of Dermatology and Duke Medicine. They have always supported my desire to learn and become involved with this specialty.

Who is a role model for you and Why?

My parents have been my strongest role models and shaped my future. They instilled a strong sense of integrity, grounded in honesty, which I hold in high esteem. Both of my parents, very uniquely different individuals, worked tirelessly to become personally and professionally successful. Their devotion to their family was so evident in all that they accomplished. This strong family unit provided me with the support, encouragement and confidence that are so important for success.

On a professional level, Dr. Noreen H. Nicol has had a significant impact upon my career. Her endless passion for learning has been inspiring. The DNA brought the two of us together many years ago. We were dramatically different professionally, however we learned to respect each other for those differences. Her passion for this organization, much like mine, has been endless. One of the greatest gifts I have received from DNA is our lifelong friendship.

What is your favorite part about being a DNA member?

My favorite part about being a DNA member has been the opportunities to develop lasting relationships with professionals that have a passion for the specialty of Dermatology. DNA has historically provided education to the wide range of individuals that care for patients with skin disease. The opportunity to learn from this diverse group, and the opportunity to lead this group, has provided me with a valuable perspective that has been a significant influencing factor for my career development.

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

I began my involvement with DNA in the early 80’s (yes, I was a toddler then!). My first official duty with the DNA was to serve as Chairperson for the 1989 Surgical Core Curriculum. I had the honor of serving as the 1991 President. I have served this organization in numerous other capacities over the course of the past 30 years. I am honored to have been chosen twice to receive the prestigious DNA President’s Award.

I am hopeful that my significant knowledge about the success of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association will be utilized by the current and future leaders of this organization. I believe we have a significant responsibility to enhance the care of patients by providing resources to those that interface with these patients on a daily basis. Our biggest organizational challenge continues to be meeting the needs of a diverse membership. Our current leaders have the passion to successfully address this challenge as they have the expertise and the support of many dedicated past and future leaders of this association.

What is your favorite quote and why?

“Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results” by Albert Einstein is one of my favorite quotes. It challenges us to look outside our comfort zone and think, “what if I...” I also appreciate the quote, “When you think you know everything, you have quit learning”. I have found myself using this quote often with experienced healthcare staff to remind them to consider different thoughts/approaches.
Networking, leadership, education and a dermatology family that I can count on! That is what the DNA is to me. I have been a member of the DNA since 2006 and have grown professionally and personally every year. My name is Angela (Angie) Hamilton; I am an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) per the state of Illinois. Illinois recently made us all change to the APRN instead of the well-known Nurse Practitioner. I have the pleasure of taking care of many rural Illinoisans’ and a few Hoosiers’ every day at Horizon Health in Paris, IL. I love dermatology, which I get to do every day and on occasion I take care of some orthopedic patients. Being in a rural area I have mostly medical dermatology patients although I have been doing more cosmetics.

Dermatology Nurses’ Association has allowed me to grow and get involved in projects that have helped change laws, prevented cancers, and educated people about health issues that affect us all. I have been given the opportunity to write articles in the Journal of Dermatology Nurses’ Association (JDNA) and Focus newsletter, which I know I would not have done on my own. Thanks to the DNA and all my DNA friends for helping me have the courage, strength and opportunity to grow. My advice to you is, GET INVOLVED! If not you, then who? It will take you great places!

I was asked to share my favorite quote, if you have heard me speak lately you know what I am going to say. I was fortunate to work in Indiana for most of my career with dermatology and they have a great network of dermatologists. Scott Fretzin M.D. with Dawes Fretzin Dermatology group is one of them. He was giving a talk on dermatology and sexually transmitted diseases when he said, there are 2 things I want you to remember and take home from my message. 1. Get them naked. 2. Everyone lies. I giggled at first but then realized this is great! Too many providers try to assess the skin with patients fully clothed or never looking between the toes, etc… and you must look between the lines and outside the box in life and dermatology because everyone does lie, whether they mean to or not. Great words of wisdom for dermatology, so GET THEM NAKED and EVERYONE LIES!

On the side… what do I do? Hogs and dogs!!!

Family is of utmost importance to me. We work together and play together on our farm in Paris, IL. We have grain, show-pigs and Berkshire for butcher. We also breed Labrador Retrievers and Bloodhounds. Jim, my husband and I have 3 grown kids (as well as a few extras here and there) and 3 grand-dogs. David is our oldest and he is an Attorney at Law, Kacey is “the middle child” and she is a MD in residency in Philly for OB/GYN, and Nick, the youngest is in college for agriculture, specifically, business and agronomy. We enjoy working on the farm, cooking together and just being with our family and friends.

Thanks for allowing me to be a director of the DNA board. I am learning so much. I hope you get involved too and I get to enjoy your company at the convention in Washington DC in 2019! I’ll be there so look me up if just to say, HI
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.
Being a volunteer helps me to be connected with the community. Working in an individual private office it is difficult to gain insight on issues of practice outside of the comforts of my office. It allows me to be more aware of what we can do to improve our practice as well as being able to do something about it. Also, by volunteering, you are surrounded by amazing, giving, caring and genuinely positive people who want to make an impact.

Initially what motivated me to volunteer was the DCNP examination that I was scheduled to take. This was before the NP Online Review Course came out to assist in guiding NPs on how to study for this exam. I was able to meet exceptional colleagues that believed in my growth and contributed to my success in receiving this new certification. Now my motivation is to give back, improve education, improve resources and create a network to share and improve in all aspects of practice. I have gained so much knowledge and insight that it has made a positive impact in the way I practice.

There will always be a need for growth and as a profession within a specialty, we will need to ensure that we are giving our patients the best quality of care. What motivates me to volunteer is to improve our presence, to improve how we practice, continue to learn, and by elevating this society allows us to work in numbers to show how supportive the community and our patients are to us.

I am part of the Education Advisory Council and my favorite part is being able to provide educational opportunities through CME. Currently we are repurposing and reviewing the current CME courses and identifying the relevance to current practice and developing new questions for them. I will also be a moderator for the Community Forum and look forward to hearing about everyone's thoughts and concerns.

Visit the DNA Community Forums Online!
Do you have an interesting case to share? As dermatology clinicians, it's important to share our knowledge and experiences. Why not submit an article for publication to JDNA and reach a vast network of our colleagues in dermatology? One of the easiest ways to get started is to explore JDNA's templates and use them to guide your writing. Here's the Photo Quiz column template:

PHOTO QUIZ

About This Column
The photo quiz submission includes a quality photo with significant education value regarding the diagnosis or next course of action.

The Photo
The photo should highlight a common problem with an interesting presentation, or a key clinical finding specific to a disease that is not to be missed by the clinician. Classic presentations that highlight a diagnostic clue are also welcome.

Patient History
The photo should be followed by the patient’s relevant clinical history, which should be limited to 150 words.

Multiple Choice Question
The clinical history and photo is followed by a multiple-choice question with a clear answer. This can be regarding diagnosis or treatment plan. Please do not include negative answers, such as “which is not associated.”

Discussion
The case is followed by a discussion regarding the diagnosis as well as the correct answer and why other options are incorrect. The discussion is to be limited to 600 words.

References
Include a maximum of 8 references.

To download this template and others, visit www.JDNAonline.com and click the ‘For Authors’ tab in the top menu bar. We look forward to your submission – thank you!

For more information about JDNA, visit us online:
www.jdnaonline.com
DNA members join because they have **passion**…

“I love the profession and patients and I joined DNA because I want to be current on new dermatology practices.”

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
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## DNA Membership

Join or renew today and register at the membership rates!

- **Student Membership** • Free for the 1st year
  - Note: A subscription to the Journal of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association (JDNA) can be purchased for $12.00; to purchase complete payment information located to the right.

- **Student Membership Renewal** • $25.00
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- **DNA posts our new member’s name, city, state and credentials in a “Welcome Section” on our media sites. If you prefer we not post your information, please check the box provided.**

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Please provide the following demographic information, if applicable. Check all that apply.

1. Professional Status:
   - [ ] RN
   - [ ] NP
   - [ ] LPN/LVN
   - [ ] Medical Assistant
   - [ ] Physicians Assistant

2. Employment:
   - [ ] Full Time
   - [ ] Part Time
   - [ ] Not Employed
   - [ ] Retired
   - [ ] Student

3. Position:
   - [ ] Staff Nurse
   - [ ] Head Nurse
   - [ ] Clinical Specialist
   - [ ] Supervisor / Coordinator
   - [ ] Instructor
   - [ ] Administrator
   - [ ] Research Nurse
   - [ ] Nurse Practitioner
   - [ ] Medical Assistant

4. Practice Setting:
   - [ ] Inpatient Unit
   - [ ] Outpatient Clinic

   - [ ] Extended Care Facility
   - [ ] Critical Care Unit
   - [ ] Physician’s Practice
   - [ ] Day Care Unit
   - [ ] Phototherapy Unit
   - [ ] Dermatology Surgery
   - [ ] Other

5. Clinical Specialty:
   - [ ] General Practice
   - [ ] Acne
   - [ ] Cosmetic Dermatology
   - [ ] Cutaneous Oncology
   - [ ] Dermatologic Surgery
   - [ ] Geriatrics
   - [ ] Pediatrics
   - [ ] Phototherapy
   - [ ] Psoriasis
   - [ ] Reconstructive Surgery
   - [ ] Wound Healing

6. Highest Level of Education Completed:
   - [ ] High School
   - [ ] Associate Nursing
   - [ ] Associate Other
   - [ ] Bachelor’s Nursing
   - [ ] Bachelor’s Other
   - [ ] Master’s Nursing
   - [ ] Master’s Other
   - [ ] Doctorate

7. Are you a member of the American Nurses Associations? (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
   - [ ] CTCL/Photopheresis
   - [ ] Office Management
   - [ ] Lasers
   - [ ] Medical Dermatology
   - [ ] Pediatrics
   - [ ] Phototherapy
   - [ ] Psoriasis
   - [ ] Skin Cancer/Surgery
   - [ ] Clinical or Nursing Research
   - [ ] Wound Care

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
   - [ ] DNA
   - [ ] LinkedIn
   - [ ] Nursing School Event
   - [ ] Other DNA Education
   - [ ] Twitter
   - [ ] 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?
     - [ ] Yes
     - [ ] No

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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Looking for DNA information online? Here are some helpful links!

DNA Home - Main landing page for the Dermatology Nurses’ Association:
https://www.dnanurse.org/

Community Forums - Sign up for Community and get started in the discussions with your fellow members:
https://www.dnanurse.org/community

Membership - Questions about membership? Look no further:
https://www.dnanurse.org/membership

Career Center - Connecting you to job resources to help elevate your career:
https://www.dnanurse.org/resources/jobs-and-career/

Continuing Education Center - Ready for to take your courses online? Find everything you need in the CE Center:
https://dna.digitellinc.com/dna/