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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President’s Message
Jane Glaze, BSN, RN, DNC

Autumn has arrived and DNA is in full gear with committees busy completing projects and new initiatives. Learn more and stay engaged by reading your DNA emails, checking in on our website and following us on social media. We are most appreciative of the many committee and task force members who continued to work and attend meetings throughout summer. It was a productive time.

• The Educational Advisory Council (EAC) has been reviewing and repurposing our convention lectures for our CE Center—check out the new CE offerings.
• NP/RN Scopes and Standards are moving into the final phase for approval. A big shout out to Heather Onoday and Kelley Jimenez on their many hours worked and their persistence in this project.
• NPS has many new initiatives in the past year. Keep abreast with the FOCUS highlights.
• HPAC has alerted us to pending legislation and position statements for the benefit of our patients and profession. In September, two HPAC members joined in the AADA Conference and Hill day to advocate for health care issues related to dermatology care and patients.
• Research Task Force is generating new ideas for engaging dermatology nurses in research.
• Program Planning Committee (PPC) met in late June and was delighted to have a large response in our call for speaker abstracts. The 2020 PPC feels that you as our members will be offered a variety of topics that are relevant to your practice and educational needs. Save the date: March 18-21, 2020 in Denver.

I have been privileged to represent DNA at two recent conferences: ANA Member Assembly in June and the AADA (AAD Advocacy) in September.

Each conference had one thing in common for me— inspiration and pride for being a professional nurse and part of our dynamic health care professional organizations. We have intelligent, progressive and caring nurses in our profession. We should always be proud of our contributions in the health care system.

DNA is a member of the ANA specialty organization; and hence has voting privileges at their annual ANA Membership meeting where bylaws, position statements and new initiatives/policy are approved. The ANA Assembly and Affiliates meetings were thought provoking and inspirational for members of nurse organizations like DNA. I was honored to be a part of this assembly conference.
Leading, learning and engaging in dermatology nursing

Most recently I was privileged to represent the DNA at the AADA (advocacy wing of AAD) Conference September 7-10. As part of the Coalition of Skin Diseases (CSD), the DNA is granted representation as we join partners with dermatologists and patients advocating health care issues relevant to our dermatology patients and to our dermatology practice. This is an exceptional experience to have physicians, residents, nurses and patients all approaching our legislators as a unified front.

Many compelling patient stories arose, such as I had with representatives from the International Vitiligo Support Foundation. I spent time with two women in their mid-sixties with vitiligo. Their facial appearances were shocking to those not familiar with advanced vitiligo. But that has been their life story—children shying away and others staring as they pass by.

In practicing our story to relate to legislators, I worked with one of these gracious women and listened to her story. She was nervous, not knowing what to say to her legislator and her AADA partners. In full nurse mode, I went into the patient history taking mode with many personal questions that initially took her by surprise. Slowly she gained trust and expressed her emotions as we talked about the impact of her disease.

She ruminates emotionally telling me that she was divorced and feels her appearance of white scalp and hair by age 30 had much to do with her husband “wanting out” as he progressed up the ladder in his career. Her public service counseling job with disabled persons was a source of comfort as her clients were non-discriminating. On the other hand, she does feel she missed job promotions and opportunities afforded other “normal” employees. As a mother of grown children, she admits to no pictorial record of her life. She continues to avoid any pictures and had to be convinced to be in one picture at her daughter’s wedding only a few years ago. Her children will have minimal pictures to remember her by in the future.

She expressed how grateful she is to be a part of the International Vitiligo Support Foundation in the past 5 years. She feels she has found a home - free to express her life trials, her emotions and to advocate with other persons suffering from vitiligo. She now has hope that the younger generation of vitiligo patients will have support and hope for new treatments and cure during their journey with vitiligo.

Her story was powerful for both of us. We vowed to stay connected. For more information on skin disease support foundations: skincoalition.org

The DNA 2020 Convention will have two featured vitiligo lectures on research and new treatments by DNA and Dermatologist speakers affiliated with the Vitiligo Support International. Two other CSD patient advocacy speakers from rare diseases will be at the 2020 Convention. Will you?

Board of Directors Summary of Meeting Minutes for May, June and July 2019

The May Board of Directors meeting was held May 14, 2019. All Board members were in attendance with the exception of Jane Glaze, President. The meeting was conducted by Kathy Gross, President-Elect. The President’s report from Jane Glaze was included in the meeting documents for review. Action items were reviewed. Executive Director Linda Markham provided a Director’s report and financial update.

Kelley Jimenez, Secretary, presented updates on all 3.0 series policies. Recommendations were given for updates to the policies as appropriate. The Board voted to approve these policy updates.

The Board approved increasing the price of DNA membership pins to $7.50 to cover the costs associated with shipping and supplies.

The Board discussed and voted to approve moving forward with the 4th edition of the Core Curriculum textbook and approved having the 4th edition available in an electronic version.

The Strategic Plan for 2019 was reviewed and action items were determined.

There was no Board of Directors meeting held in June due to the World Congress of Dermatology meeting in Milan, Italy. Board members Theresa Coyner (Immediate Past President), Robin Inabinet (Treasurer) and Linda Markham (Executive Director) were present at the meeting.

The July Board of Directors meeting was held July 9, 2019. All Board members were in attendance with the exception of Kelley Jimenez, Secretary.

The Board voted and approved a new member to the EAC, Estera Han, recommended by Director of Education, Dorothy Caputo and EAC Co-Chair Kristen Miller.
What is the biggest benefit you get from your DNA membership? The biggest benefit of my DNA membership is the access to valuable educational programs and a network of dynamic dermatology nurses.

What advice can you give people to get more involved with DNA? My advice to nurses who want to get more involved with the DNA is to join a committee! There is a committee that's right for everyone - even the busiest nurse! I encourage all DNA members to review the list and descriptions of DNA committees and then jump right into whatever committee interests you. I have been inspired by some of the brightest nurses through participating in DNA committees.

Describe your first experience with the DNA. My first experience with the DNA was attending the 2013 Annual Convention in New Orleans. I connected with nurses from all over the country. I was impressed with their wide range of knowledge and experience. I knew then that DNA was a quality organization that I wanted to support.

What is the most satisfying aspect of your job? I am passionate about the nursing profession and caring for patients. In my positions as family nurse practitioner, clinical director and business owner, I have the liberty to advocate for nurses and patients at a high level. This is very gratifying.

What is your proudest career accomplishment? Opening my own practice in 2011 is my greatest professional accomplishment. It was extremely challenging, but well worth it. I am pleased to meet the needs of patients by improving access to treatment and offering care in a personalized way.

What do you do when you're not working? When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and traveling. My favorite vacation destinations are coastal. I love the beach and water sports. The most beautiful beach I have ever been to is in Bora Bora. The soft white sand, clear blue water and colorful sea life were absolutely amazing!

"Words to live by" or favorite quote? “It will not be easy, but it will be worth it”

These words remind me to persevere in all areas of my life.

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

I change my clothes and head to Pilates class. Pilates helps me relax and release tension after a long workweek.
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.

We are happy to announce seven new educational activities are available in the DNA CE Center. Check out the DNA CE Center routinely for great opportunities to stay up to date with dermatology nursing knowledge and earn continuing education credit.

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.

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In his research, Dr. Nahar used MTM to examine our understanding of indoor tanning cessation behavior change. His research questions included:

- How valid and reliable are scales measuring MTM model domains within the sample of college students?
- What are the direct effects of participatory dialogue, behavioral confidence, and changes in physical environment on initiation of indoor tanning cessation among college students?
- What are the direct effects of emotional transformation, practice for change, and changes in social environment on sustenance of indoor tanning cessation among college students?

Dr. Nahar used a descriptive cross-sectional study of over 150 frequent users of indoor tanning beds at a large southern university. He presented his findings, along with a discussion about the multi-theory model of health behavior change, March 1 at the 2019 DNA Annual Convention.

Conclusions and Recommendations

- MTM appears to be a robust theoretical model in predicting indoor tanning cessation behaviors among college students.
- Initiation of indoor tanning cessation: advantages, behavioral confidence, and changes in physical environment.
- Sustenance of indoor tanning cessation: emotional transformation.
- More studies with MTM need to be directed at population groups engaging in indoor tanning behaviors.

Implications for Practice

- Advantages: one-on-one interview
- Behavior Confidence: demonstration in small steps, video about the behavior change with a credible role model
- Changes in Physical Environment: collective effort, network, coalition building
- Emotional Transformation: small and large group discussions

Dr. Nahar recommended MTM as a robust theoretical model that can be utilized to help guide future interventions of indoor tanning cessation. At Lincoln Memorial University, Dr. Nahar teaches research designs and statistical analysis graduate level courses, conducts public health related research, and provides consulting to graduate students and faculty that address statistical research design and analysis.
Tell us a little background information about yourself including where you live and what school(s) you attended.
I grew up in Brookfield, Illinois, next to a large zoo and woke up to hear lions roaring each morning.
Bachelor's in Physical Education, Northern Illinois University (same school as Jane Glaze-go figure!); Associate Degree in Nursing, Triton College, Chicago; Master's Degree in Nursing, Georgia Southern University as CNS; post-Masters Certificate as Family Nurse Practitioner, Graceland University, Missouri.
I started working in dermatology as an RN in a VA Hospital in Chicago affiliated with University of Illinois Department of Dermatology, and replaced Pat Heringa, the first FOCUS editor, in that position after her promotion.
I then moved to Savannah, GA, and continued to work in dermatology after receiving my FNP, and took the first DNC exam ever offered as well as the DCNP pilot test.
Hobbies: Currently captain of 2 USTA tennis teams, traveling the world looking for unpopulated beaches, preparing my garden for a photo shoot in Southern Living, watching pro hockey and football.

How will this award/scholarship help you in accomplishing your career goals?
Will cap off years of volunteering to advance dermatology nursing.
What are your short term and long term career goals?
Attain accreditation for the DCNP exam/leave DNPCB in competent hands when I leave presidency/retirement.
Where do you see yourself in ten years from now?
Probably deceased. Or reading the occasional dermatology journal for fun instead of trying to learn/playing tennis/traveling to places I've only read about.
Who is a role model for you and Why?
I have been lucky to have two great role models in the DNA. One was Barb Bielan, who for years had the best session at the DNA conventions. She was a veritable encyclopedia of clinical knowledge and her “What’s your diagnosis?” lectures were the best. Barb was also a valuable member of the DNA CEAU.

The other role model is a DNA Past President, Sue McCann, who has given and continues to give countless hours to DNA and the DNCB. She inspires DNA members to give back to the organization that has given much to them and their careers.

What is your favorite part about being a DNA member?
Working together with so many inspirational dermatology nurses and nurse practitioners over the years all with the same goals: to help our patients achieve better outcomes, to promote the highest standards of practice, and to foster continued educational growth.

What have you contributed to our Dermatology Nurses’ Association and how do you plan to contribute in the future?
- Served as member then chairperson of the Continuing Education Approver Unit
- Provided several lectures at DNA conventions
- Represented DNA in Washington as the first NIWI award winner
- Recipient of DNA Nursing Research Award

Presented many posters at convention poster sessions
- Authored many Focus articles
- Encouraged many new members of DNA to become active in this, their professional organization
- Attended every DNA convention since 1985 except one
- Future: one last convention in 2020 and then disappear

What is your favorite quote and why?
“What makes something special is not just what you have to gain, but what you feel there is to lose.” Andre Agassi

This quote makes it clear that you must consider not only what’s ahead, but also what you may have left behind.

The 2020 Program Planning Committee has been hard at work creating a dynamic educational conference for the Dermatology Nurses’ Association 38th Annual Convention in Denver, Colorado, March 18-21, 2020. This Annual Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Denver Airport Convention Center. The theme for the 2020 conference is Heightened Inspiration, and will focus on Learning, Leading, and Engaging in Dermatology Nursing.

The 2020 Program Planning Committee met in Denver, CO, over the weekend of June 28th and June 29th. Much was accomplished as the 2020 PPC reviewed and discussed hotel meeting space, 2019 Annual Convention attendee evaluations, 2019 Outcomes Survey, updated the educational track offerings, and reviewed the Convention goals and objectives.

The 2020 PPC also reviewed a record number of oral abstracts submitted to strategically plan the 2020 program and post-convention workshops, then reviewed the process for collection of speaker documentation.

Members of the 2020 Program Planning Committee are: Peggy Vernon - 2020 PPC Chair, Diana Pencheva – 2020 NP Forum Chair, Jane Glaze – DNA President, Mitzi Paulsen, Colleen Powell, Emily Reynolds and Marianne Woody.

The 2020 conference will offer educational opportunities for all dermatology professionals including Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses, LPNs, and Medical Assistants, as well as other dermatology professionals.

Plan to take advantage of this conference, which is packed with clinical, surgical, and cosmetic sessions as well as professional development sessions to enhance your career. Ample opportunities are available to connect and network with colleagues from across the country.

We look forward to seeing you in March, 2020 at the Dermatology Nurses’ Association Annual Convention in Denver.
Dermatology Nurses’ Association members attended the American Academy of Dermatology Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, September 7-10, “helping bring dermatology’s issues to Capitol Hill.”

Representing the Board of Directors were Robin Inabinet and Jane Glaze; from DNA Staff was Linda Markham, and representing HPAC were Nancy Small and Karrie Fairbrother.

According to Karrie Fairbrother, “meeting with the COALITION of Skin Diseases families was humbling. Their passion for research and understanding was contagious. A good reminder that health issues are bipartisan and we all need to focus on being in partnership for our patients to receive best care.”

View more pictures in the DNA Facebook photo album.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
The Nominating Committee has been hard at work. Ballots for DNA 2020 Elections will be forthcoming this fall for President-Elect, Secretary, 2 Board of Directors, and 2 Nominating Committee Members. The Nominating Committee consists of elected members and is chaired by DNA’s Immediate Past President, Theresa Coyner. Members are: Karrie Fairbrother, Heather Onday, Monica Scholl, and Jessica Simmons. Be on the lookout in order to cast your vote. Thanks for your continued support of the DNA!

CERTIFICATION UPDATE
Certification is awarded to those who have successfully completed the certification process by meeting the eligibility criteria and passing a multiple choice written examination. Certification is valid for a period of three (3) years. Recertification may be attained through contact hours of continuing education credit or by examination.

For more information about the certification examination offered by the Dermatology Nursing Certification Board (DNCPB) for RNs and the examination for Dermatology Nurse Practitioners given by the Dermatology Nurse Practitioner Certification Board (DNPCB), please visit the Center for Nursing Education and Testing at http://www.cnethenurse.com/

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT
JESSICA SIMMONS, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, CWON, DNC
How has your volunteer work increased your professional knowledge of dermatology? I first discovered the Dermatology Nurses’ Association when I visited their booth at a WOCN Conference. I remember thinking about how much dermatology, wound, and ostomy care really overlapped. Shortly after, I became a member of the DNA. I have found one of the fastest ways to get to know people and network is by getting involved and volunteering. Being somebody who did not know anyone within the DNA at the beginning, I expressed my desire to get involved at one of their Annual Conventions. I was welcomed right away! Over time, I have had more and more opportunities to grow within the DNA and hope to continue to grow. I have met some really dynamic individuals on each of the committees that I have volunteered with and find there is such a diverse wealth of knowledge between all the committee members. We don’t know it all and there is always information to share.

How has volunteering with the DNA enriched you as a person? I feel very strongly about volunteering as a means to promote the nursing profession. As a member of the DNA, I have had access to education that has enhanced my expertise in my specialty of skin, wound, and ostomy care. I believe this has helped me provide better quality care for my patients.

Volunteering is a way for me to pay forward all of the benefits I have gained. However, I believe I have gained more from my volunteering with professional growth, knowledge, new skills, and new friends than perhaps the small amount of time I have given. It has really been an enjoyable experience!

What motivates you to want to volunteer with the DNA? I have been a member of the DNA since 2014 and have always valued the DNA as an incredible resource. The DNA has provided me with opportunities to become more knowledgeable in dermatological conditions. I think one of the best things about dermatology is that it is such a broad area and there is always something to learn! The willingness for everyone in this organization to all levels of nursing to share their knowledge and expertise is striking and I believe this really reflects the DNA’s mission. I wanted to have the opportunity to give back to the organization and help ensure they remain a foremost authority for knowledge in dermatology care.

How has your committee worked to further the goals and vision of the DNA? I serve on multiple committees and each committee works hard to further the goals and vision of the DNA. As a member of the Nominating Committee, we seek out members of DNA who possess leadership potential and encourage them to run for an elected position. We keep in close contact with those that are interested to ensure they understand the process for nominations and how to complete the forms. Once all intent to serve forms are completed, we evaluate all potential candidates and present those that meet all criteria for each position to the board to be slated for election. Our DNA members make the final choice of who is elected for each position by casting their votes.

I also serve on the HPAC committee and upon joining, was really surprised at how active this committee is! There are many changes happening with our healthcare system that directly affect our patients as well as nurses within the dermatology specialty. The DNA is part of a Nursing Community Coalition, which is comprised of multiple nursing organizations. This helps our organization have a more powerful voice. I am also thrilled to have joined the Financial Oversight Committee. I am very new to this committee and still learning. We meet monthly and work hard to ensure the DNA continues to be fiscally sound.

Jessica Simmons is a nurse practitioner at Swedish American Hospital Wound Care Hyperbaric Clinics in Rockford, IL. She specializes in skin, wound, and ostomy conditions for both acute and outpatient settings as well as hyperbaric medicine. In addition to direct patient care, she is an adjunct faculty instructor for the graduate nursing program at Purdue University Global.
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 solely 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.nurselounge.com/coungee/profile/16381/dermatology-nurse](http://www.nurselounge.com/coungee/profile/16381/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.

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Your NP Society is continuously working to be valuable in your professional lives. One way we assess the needs of our members is through periodic surveys. The NPS committee then discusses the results of these surveys to come up with new and better ways to benefit our profession.

Many thanks to those that took time out of their busy lives to participate!

One question from the 2019 DNA member survey: What are the top three goals the Nurse Practitioner Society should strive to accomplish within the next few years?

We received many well-thought-out answers. To provide a visual of the main themes, we made a “word cloud”. It illustrates the main concepts from these survey responses very well.

Three words were used most often, and I think they stand out in this graphic for a reason:

1. Increase
2. Dermatology
3. Education

They make a pretty obvious sentence that we can use to guide planning.

*Increase Dermatology Education.*

It is no coincidence that education is our 1st goal.
Goal 1 - Education
The Nurse Practitioner Society of the DNA will develop, provide and support educational offerings to increase the competency of NPs caring for the dermatologic patient.

Objectives:
1. Provide CE activities at the annual convention and other venues.
2. Develop and maintain a Dermatology Nursing Certification review course with online capabilities.
3. To continuously support and evaluate the professional development needs of dermatology nurse practitioners and seek to meet those needs as they evolve.

Many hands make light work — a phrase “used to say that people can do things more quickly and easily when they work together” Merriam-Webster 2019.

We know you belong to NPS because you love being a dermatology NP and always want to provide quality cost effective care. Your NPS committee currently has 10 dedicated volunteers that meet monthly by phone to plan new offerings that we hope will be a valuable part of your professional growth.

We’ve been proud to be a part of many enduring programs in DNAs CE center including our DCNP review course, Virtual Grand Rounds (last year’s NPS educational offering) and recorded presentations from past conventions that you might have missed.

We have several projects in various stages of planning and other projects that will need updating shortly.

If you are in a place in your life where you are ready to give back to our profession and maybe inspire new derm NPs - contact us and we can find something that fits you and your passions. You don't have to sign up for a long-term commitment if life is too busy just now. We have many smaller projects that should only cost you a few hours of your time. Please contact jprice@dnanurse.org with any questions.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article. Please let us know your thoughts.

Your NPS Committee,

Theresa Coyner, Co-Chair
Katie Brodt
Meghan Doran
Beth Haney
Heather Onoday

NURSE PRACTITIONER SPOTLIGHT
MEGHAN DORAN, FNP-C, DCNP

What setting do you work in? Private practice general dermatology
How long have you been a nurse practitioner? Seven years
How long have you been working in dermatology or a dermatology related discipline as an NP? Seven years
Can you describe your role as an NP in your practice and the healthcare team? Currently, I practice medical general dermatology only. I reside in New York State where I have the opportunity to practice independently. This is a change I have made recently. On July 22 I joined a large family practice group that have expressed a desire to better serve their patients with dermatologic needs. My role is to diagnose and treat a wide variety of skin conditions (acne, psoriasis, hidradenitis, skin cancer screening, warts, dermatitis, etc.) as well as perform various dermatologic procedures/surgeries. It has been a great experience so far being able to work closely with primary care providers.

What kind of procedures do you do on a daily basis? I perform shave biopsies, punch biopsies/excisions, wide excisions, intralesional corticosteroids, cryotherapy, ED&C, I&D, extractions. I am contemplating adding aesthetics to my practice, but this is still in infancy stages.

What is your favorite part of your job as a (dermatology) NP? My favorite part of this job is the interaction with my patients. I enjoy establishing a relationship and teaching them to navigate and treat their disease successfully.

What would be your advice to give to aspiring dermatology nurse practitioners? My advice to aspiring dermatology nurse practitioners is to never stop reading. Purchase textbooks, subscribe to journals, and continue to read and stay up to date on current trends in dermatology. I also believe it is important to become active in professional organizations and contribute to the Nurse Practitioner profession as a whole. This is something I am working on myself.

Meghan Doran is a dermatology certified nurse practitioner residing in Central New York with her husband and two small children. When not seeing patients, she enjoys being outdoors with her family skiing, hiking, and swimming.
The Dermatology NP Coalition is comprised of leadership from the American Association of Nurse Practitioners Specialty Practice Group, the Dermatology Nursing Certification Board and the Nurse Practitioner Society of the DNA. Our goal is to combine efforts and establish consensus statements regarding dermatology NP’s scope of practice, standards of care and competencies nationwide. Together, our group reaches a broad audience of dermatology experts.

As you may recall from a previous article, the AANP, DNBC and DNA NPS are collaborating on a project to accredit the DCNP exam. This is a 3-year project focused on developing competencies and revising the scope of practice, standards of care, practice analysis and NP standard competencies. I admire this entire group of more than two dozen dedicated professional volunteers. There are many to thank as we come down the home stretch, but especially the leadership of the DNA NPS, the DNBC and the AANP Specialty Practice Group.

A list of highlighted committee projects we are working on and the Chairs:
1. AANP Specialty Practice Group: Lakshi Aldredge and Peggy Vernon
2. ANA Special Interest Group application: Heather Onoday
3. DNBC Accreditation with the American Board of Nursing Specialties: Paula Berman
4. NP Competencies: Margaret Bobonich and Mary Nolen
5. NPS DCNP Review Course: Theresa Coyner and Katrina Masterson

Also, a special thanks to Linda Markham and Elaine Van Vliet for their supportive contributions to this committee.

The DCNP Review course is now online, and within the next year, the DCNP exam will be online as well. We would like to thank you, the membership, for your patience in awaiting these updates. It takes a village of volunteers to make our goals come true. Remember, it’s always the busiest volunteers that sign up for these activities and their time is limited, but generous and very much appreciated!

Please if you have any questions, I can be reached at Ginny.Hanchett@urmc.rochester.edu.

Sincerely,

Virginia (Ginny) Hanchett
Chair of The Dermatology NP Coalition

The North Carolina DNA Chapter will hold their annual convention on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at the Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center in Winston-Salem, NC. This year’s theme is Enhancing and Developing Best Practices in Dermatology. We are excited to be offering up to 6 CEUs.

The Northern California/San Francisco Chapter of the Dermatology Nurses' Association will hold their annual education conference on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at the Mills Peninsula Medical Center in Burlingame, CA. The educational conference offers 6 CEUs to attendees and will feature 6 physician speakers from local dermatology practices.

Topics featured at the 2019 conference include: skin of color, dermatoses in nursing mothers, androgenetic alopecia in women, patch testing in the setting of contact dermatitis, dermatologic emergencies, telehealth, and vaccines in dermatology.

Interactive presentations will include “The Ingredient Game” with Dr. Yiannias, in which attendees are encouraged to bring a hypoallergenic/fragrance-free product to play along, and “Impressionism to Clinical Impressions” with Dr. Bailey, in which attendees will learn new strategies for approaching clinical decision making through the observation of classic art.

Registration for the event is $65 for DNA members ($75 for non-members, and $85 at the door) and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

For additional information about the event or to request a brochure, please contact Melissa Cooper, Chapter President, melissa.cooper695@icloud.com or Sierra Kane, sierrakane@gmail.com.
CHAPTER UPDATE
LORI BALDWIN
CANADIAN EAST/CENTRAL CHAPTER CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The Canadian East/Central Chapter of the DNA is busy planning their annual conference. It will be held October 26, 2019, at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto. Last year we had over 50 attendees including dermatology nurses from hospitals and the community. We also had a large number of family practice nurses in attendance.

This year we will have a Friday evening annual meeting and educational dinner for members. Saturday the conference will feature speakers on Blistering Diseases, Rosacea, Hidradenitis Suppurativa, Vitiligo as well as “What’s new in dermatology, pediatric dermatology and wound care.”

We will also have many booths by our sponsors as well as some patient networks/associations.

For more information please go to our website: www.dnanurse.ca

CHAPTER UPDATE
CONNIE HACKER, RN
WISCONSIN CHAPTER SECRETARY

WISCONSIN CHAPTER SPRING CONFERENCE:
Dermatology Updates 2019

- Dr Mark Albertini, UW Health, Carbone Cancer Center, highlighted current advancements in therapy that have dramatically changed the landscape of melanoma care and life expectancy.
- Dr Margo Reeder specializes in allergic contact dermatitis and patch testing at UW Health. She presented multiple case studies demonstrating the detective work required to reveal irritants and allergens.
- Dr Stefan Schieke, UW Health, Dermatology, presented an introduction to cutaneous lymphoma diagnosis, staple therapies, and promising new treatment options.
- Dr Juliet Aylward, Mohs Surgeon, UW Health, utilized illustrations from her own practice to discuss PDT and its role in the treatment of skin disease.

CHAPTER UPDATE
CHRISTINE STRAND, RN
MINNESOTA REGION CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The Minnesota region of the DNA is excited to host an all-day educational conference October 5, 2019, at the DoubleTreeHotel, 1500 Park Place Blvd., Minneapolis, MN. This is geared towards PAs, NPs, RNs, LPNs, MAs, nursing students and others interested in dermatology.

The conference will provide up to 7 contact hours.

If you are interested in connecting with other professionals and attending DNA events held locally, please contact christinesrn@gmail.com for more information.
Pharmacology Article Template

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 our template for a Pharmacology Article.

History or Background of the Drug

Please include:

- Any interesting development/business angles
- Patent interests, date of FDA approval (and approval in other countries, if this is relevant or interesting)
- Any details on FDA approval that would be of interest to our readers and their patients.
  - Was there a delay in approval, about which our patients might ask?
  - If so, does the author think the delay or concerns are warranted?

Why Was This Drug Developed?

- What was available previously to address the dermatology problem?
- Is it a combination of two longstanding meds, in one tube, or does it address a dermatology problem in a new way?
- Might it address a dermatology problem from a new angle, but make no difference to the patient, clinically?
- Does it make a significant contribution to the care of dermatology patients, or just fulfill the FDA criteria for approval? Looking ahead 20 years, will this drug be viewed as a major advance for dermatology? Fifty years?

- What did the clinical trials show that we should know about, which were presented to the FDA to demonstrate that there was a reason to approve the drug?

About This Drug

Please include:

- Indications
- Products available, including form and strength
- Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, including onset, duration, half-life
- Contraindications
- Use in pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Warnings
- Interactions
- Adverse effects
- Monitoring guidelines

Nursing Considerations

What does the NP prescriber need to know? What does the nurse administering the drug need to know to give the drug or to teach the patient about giving the drug?

References

- Please use APA format.
- Strive at all time to use scholarly journals and references (also referred to as academic, peer-reviewed, or referred journals) to support your manuscript.

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!
Call for Nursing Poster Abstracts
Deadline to submit: December 31, 2019

Heightened Inspiration: Learning, Leading, Engaging in Dermatology Nursing

Who can submit?
DNA encourages poster abstracts to be submitted from all contexts of nursing practice. All forms of scholarly inquiry by NURSING and INTERDISCIPLINARY team players are welcomed: DNA encourages inter-sectoral sharing of knowledge! There are no requirements for specific credential levels of submitters. You do not need to be a DNA member to submit. All approved posters (with the exception of commercial category posters) are eligible for poster award judging, regardless of membership status.

COMMERCIAL POSTERS:
If you (or any of your co-authors) are affiliated with/employed by a commercial entity, or if you have received commercial support for your poster, there is a separate submission process. Please do not complete this form.

What can my poster focus on / what type of posters are you looking for?
- Safety & Ethics: methods to enhance patient safety or handle ethical issues
- Research: reporting new technology; medications or treatment methods; evidence-informed practice
- Education: patient and health care providers’ education, health promotion strategies; prevention; advocacy; holistic care; mental health/psychological aspects
- Community Initiatives: innovative delivery of care models, interdisciplinary clinics, team building in the community, environment; impact on population; capacity building
- International Collaboration and Processes: practice initiatives and partnerships; knowledge exchange; building networks
- Culture and Diversity: approaches to health; attitudes/beliefs/values on skin care; awareness and safety
- Health Policy and Advocacy: development (local and national levels); health promotion; political action

What happens after I submit my abstract?
DNA’s Program Planning Committee will review all of the submissions after the December 31, 2019 deadline. After the Committee has completed their review, an email notification will be sent to the PRIMARY AUTHOR of the poster, advising whether or not the poster has been accepted. If not accepted, feedback will be provided and you may be asked to make changes and resubmit the abstract.

If your abstract is accepted, it is a requirement that the primary author attend convention (purchase a full convention registration) and that an author listed on the abstract, preferably the primary author, must be present during the designated poster presentation times, on Wednesday, March 18th and Thursday, March 19th, 2020 to answer questions about your poster.

Please click here to view the submission form.
Congratulations to DNA Board Member Angie Hamilton, APRN, FNP, who was awarded the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses.

Angie was nominated for going above and beyond to provide exceptional care to her patients and her community.

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