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'DNA 35th Annual Convention
March 1-4, 2017
Caribe Royale All Suite Hotel
Orlando, Florida

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Convention
Registration and more!

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Hello from Minnesota!!

Autumn has arrived, and most of the trees are bare here in Minnesota. The Board recently met in North Carolina for our fall face to face meeting. I enjoyed the warmer weather and seeing some green leaves on the trees. Unfortunately, there was little time to spend outdoors as the Board grappled with the strategic plan of how to move DNA forward in the next few years. I want to thank the many committees that reviewed goals of the strategic plan and offered suggestions for tactics to meet these goals. This was so helpful. The Board also spent much time reviewing the budget and determining what things needed done now versus what would need to wait for a year or so.

Our website is now up and running. At this time, there are still pages that need to be updated, but progress is being made. Hopefully, the work on the website will soon be completed. While I am talking about the website, I do want to remind everyone that if you change your email address or phone number, you are able to go into the website and update this information. It certainly makes it easier for our staff or other members to contact you, if you keep your information updated.

Plans are well in place for the 2017 annual convention in Orlando. Speakers and topics have been identified and the committee is now working on ensuring that all the paperwork gets done in a timely manner. By the time you read this, the convention brochure will be out, and I hope you are making plans to attend the convention. It looks to be a great convention with opportunities for learning, networking and collaboration. I am looking forward to seeing all of you again.

The Nurse Practitioner Certification Review Course continues to move forward with most of the content completed, much of it vetted and pilot tested. Now that our new website is up, I would anticipate that we will soon have the education portal updated as well and will be offering the NP Review course and RN review course on line. It is so wonderful to be able to offer the flexibility of learning to our members and others and help nurses prepare for certification exams.

Speaking of certification, the Dermatology Nurses Certification Board, the DNA Nurse Practitioner Society and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners continue to move forward in their efforts to obtain recognition of dermatology as a specialty by the American Nurses Association. I want to thank all the individuals who have given their time for this endeavor.

It is time for many of us to renew our membership in DNA. This year we have collaborated with HotelStorm to provide members with discounts on hotel rooms, with Visual DX to help with diagnoses, and with SkinSAFE to help members assist their patients with avoidance of allergens. These programs add value to membership in DNA. If you have not already renewed, please take a moment to renew your membership. And invite your co-workers or dermatology nurse friends to join or rejoin DNA. We value every member and appreciate your efforts to recruit new members.

Hope you all have great winter holidays and a healthy winter season.

Take care and see you next year!! "$
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/louges/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.
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Executive Director's Message

It is hard to believe that another year has come to an end! The DNA 35th Annual Convention is just around the corner. The DNA has had a very productive and eventful year. There have been a lot of new projects and transitions occurring. It is wonderful to see how the volunteers of this organization, as well as collaborative efforts with other organizations, have been moving the DNA forward. My prediction is that 2017 will be another great year for the DNA with a lot of new and exciting things occurring.

The Board of Directors held their face-to-face meeting in November. During this meeting, the Strategic Plan was once again reviewed and finalized, as well as the 2017 budget. The Board has been very forward thinking in strategizing the efforts and finances of the DNA over the course of the next 3-5 years. The Strategic Plan incorporated input from not only the Board of Directors, but also committees and the general membership. Thank you all who helped with this effort. Your voices were heard and many of your ideas were incorporated into the DNA plan. The Strategic goals include: Educational Resources, Membership, Public Awareness and Advocacy, Financial Sustainability, Governance and Structure, Volunteerism, and Community. Now the Board will be charging our committees with specific projects to move toward the DNA goals.

In addition, it is important that all of the DNA committees are recognized for their efforts over this past year. Without these volunteers, the work behind the scenes would not be accomplished. Many volunteers have spent many tireless hours completing specific goals for their committees to make the DNA what our members and our communities need. It really does take a village to keep the organization running and on track. Thank you again to our many volunteers and leaders in this organization. And, of course, we couldn’t make it all happen without the assistance of our Director of Education, Meetings Manager, Corporate Relations Manager, and the DNA Administrative Staff. It really is a team effort.

DNA members will need to be on the lookout for new items and opportunities that are on the horizon. In 2017 there will be further updates to the website. Along with this will be a new look and feel for DNA online educational opportunities. We will house our educational offerings on a new platform that will not only allow you easy access, but will also keep track of the offerings in which you participate. If CE credits are offered, you will also be able to download your certificates right off of the site. In addition, in early 2017, DNA will be offering through our educational portal both the RN and NP Online Certification Review Courses. These two programs are a very exciting addition to the DNA Educational activities available and will be great resources to prepare in becoming a certified dermatology nurse. The DNA also continues to work in a joint effort with Sanova Works to continue to provide the “Discussions In Dermatology” series to our NPs. Other member opportunities still include Hotel Storm (which provides member discounts to hotels), and Visual DX (a helpful diagnostic tool for practices). Also soon to be available is the benefit of SkinSAFE, a program developed to help Practitioners and their patients with safe products for their skin.

DNA also continues to work collaboratively with other like nursing and interest groups as well as industry to bring purposeful opportunities to our members. Such items includes the DNA’s involvement and interactions with the Dermatology Nursing Certification Board, the Journal of the Dermatology Nurses Association, the Nursing Community, the American Nurses Association, the Children’s Melanoma Prevention Foundation, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention, the Coalition of Skin Diseases, and the American Academy of Dermatology. There are also many industry partners that continue to present opportunities including new educational endeavors as well as support of some of our ongoing efforts. DNA continues to explore and discuss new opportunities that coincide with our strategic plans and initiatives.

It really has been a pleasure and life-changing experience to serve this organization in my role. There are some challenges along the way, but it is an absolute pleasure to help see this organization succeed. The journey of the DNA will continue with the help from everyone. From our members, volunteers, staff, other groups, and industry, the DNA will continue to improve and forge itself ahead to bigger and better opportunities in 2017. I look forward to this next year’s journey with you! Let’s make great things happen!

We hope to see you at the 35th Annual Convention in Orlando!

Enjoy your Holiday Season and Happy New Year! §
Announcing the establishment of the Kansas City Metropolitan Dermatology Nurses’ Association.

As the colorful season of autumn settles into the Kansas City Metropolitan area while the media focuses on the nail biting drama of this year’s presidential election, a new Dermatology Chapter has been charted: The Kansas City Metropolitan Dermatology Nurses’ Association (KCMDNA) has been established.

The Board of Directors of this Chapter is excited to finally have an association here in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area (KCMA). The large amount of Dermatology Practices available in the KCMA requires the support of a professional association to help assure the networking, the highest standard of dermatology care, and to offer appropriate continuing education to the personnel of these practices.

By establishing the KCMDNA the dedicated members of the Board of Directors is committed to developing an association that will meet these needs. Please be sure to watch for the growth within this Chapter in the near future.

Respectfully,
Joan Brandsgaard RN, DNC
President of the KCMDNA

Wisconsin Chapter - Save the Date!

The Wisconsin DNA Chapter will be hosting a Spring Conference on March 11, 2017 at the Pyle Center on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison. Topics of interest include Tele-dermatology and how to apply it. Cutaneous manifestations in cancer, HIV and immune diseases. Alternative medicine in Dermatology, rashes and treatments, and the examination of skin issues particular to the sexual minority and transgender patients. For more information regarding this event please contact Sue Hopkins at shopkins@uwhealth.org.

We have scheduled a variety of speakers and topics from the UW Dermatology department. We will apply for up to 6 CEAU credits.

For more information or to add your name to our email list or brochure mail out, contact Jane Glaze at: jfglaze@uhs.wisc.edu
DNA Chapter Updates

Central Canadian Chapter Fall Meeting 2016

The Central Canadian Chapter held their fall meeting on October 15, 2016, at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto ON. The fall workshop was preceded by a dinner meeting hosted by Janssen at Terroni in downtown Toronto. Sandra Walsh presented Treatment Persistence in psoriasis patients. A business meeting followed.

The fall workshop was attended by sixty nurses. Thanks to the educational support of several pharmaceutical companies many nurses from outside of Toronto were sponsored to attend the meeting. Hidradenitis Supputativa was presented by Dr. Alavi, Cosmeccuticals by Dr. J. Carroll and Rheumatology/Dermatology Conditions by Dr. D. Jerome. Dr. N. Durand and Patricia Coutts focused on wound care and the diabetic foot. Sandra Walsh and Lynne Vear completed the day by presenting a Dermatology update.

Evaluations were excellent with many nurses commenting on their increase in knowledge and awareness of Dermatology conditions, a great day, great speakers!

Many thanks go out to our sponsors who made the day possible as well as the executive for all their time in preparing such a excellent meeting.

The Central Canadian Chapter will be celebrating their 20 year anniversary in 2017. We plan to make the day very special for our executive and chapter members. Watch for upcoming information for our celebrations and 20th anniversary in 2017.

Leslie Plauntz, RN, DNC, BA
Chapter President

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On the Job

What is the biggest benefit you get from your DNA membership?
The ability to increase my knowledge, take back the knowledge and put it into practice for patient care and teaching others.

What advice can you give people to get more involved with DNA?
“Just Do It” – I’m an Oregonian (home of Nike). Everyone has knowledge, hobbies, special gifts that make them who they are. What better way to help yourself (It feels pretty darn good to help others, I mean isn’t that why we are in this profession) than to help others. If you’ve ever thought about it or said “I could do that” – then give it a shot. You’ll be amazed how great you can be.

What is the most satisfying aspect of your job?
Interacting with patients - Everyone has a story if you listen. Advocating for the best care that I can help them receive. I try to treat every patient as if they are a family member. In research it has become very exciting to bring new opportunities to patients that have little or no treatments for their conditions.

What is your proudest career accomplishment?
Becoming President-Elect for the DNA. When I began this journey I never thought it possible when looking up at all the highly intelligent, super great, outstanding women. A close second was having the opportunity to manage staff in Dermatology. Being able to teach, mentor and share my professional and personal experience(s) was very rewarding.

On the Side

What would you be doing if you hadn't become a dermatology nurse?
CIA, FBI or Secret Service. Maybe a Stock Broker.

Most dangerous thing you've ever done?
Some might think jumping out of planes in the Army but lots of people do that. I would say either going way too fast on my motorcycle when I was younger (and dumber) or almost having a deep fried turkey catastrophe at my brother’s house.

What’s the first thing you do when you get home from work on a Friday evening?
Love my dog - I do that every day! He’s always excited to see me no matter the day and it brightens every day.
Preparing for certification?
Learn everything you need to know to be a dermatologic nurse.

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Noreen Heer Nicol, PhD

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In early 2015 the Dermatology Nursing Certification Board (DNCB) formed a coalition with the Dermatology Specialty Practice Group of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and the Nurse Practitioner Society (NPS) of DNA with the goal of strengthening the role of the dermatology nurse practitioner. The coalition identified the need to update the existing Scope of Practice (SOP) and Standards of Care (SOC). In addition, core competencies had yet to be developed for entry into derm NP practice. And, although it had long been the goal for the DNCB, the DNC and DCNP exams had not yet been accredited by the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABNSC).

The coalition formed several task forces to address the above goals. The SOC and SOP have been updated. The competencies were developed using data from a Delphi study along with available current evidence. NPs from the coalition groups as well as stakeholders from other NP groups met this fall to participate in a validation panel that objectively reviewed and revised the competencies presented by the task force.

Simultaneously, the DNCB is working on the application needed for the ABSNC accreditation. It consists of 18 standards which include examination development, eligibility criteria for test candidates, definition and scope of the nursing specialty and test psychometrics. The standards also address the responsibilities of the certification board such as organizational autonomy, communication and quality improvement.

Regarding examination development, a practice analysis was performed in the mid 1990’s in order to devise the first DCNP exam. While the examination is reviewed and revised every 3 years by a group of DCNPs, another practice analysis will be sent out in 2017. Representatives from DNCB, NPS and AANP met in November 2016 to develop this online survey which will be sent to all derm NPs in the country. This practice analysis is designed to assess the current daily practice that builds on the SOC, SOP and core competencies. Once completed, the practice analysis will be used to update the DCNO exam to be certain it reflects current practice. Therefore, it is vital that every derm NP takes the time to complete this online survey so her/his practice is recognized.

As the coalition moves forward to meet the goal of strengthening the role of the derm NP both inside and outside the medical community, there will be opportunities for participation on many levels. While this coalition pertains only to derm NPs, similar efforts will be directed to RNs and the DNC exam in the future. Watch this column for further announcements and we’ll see you in Orlando! §
Dear members, we are excited to report that planning for DNA’s 35th Annual Convention to be held March 1-4th, 2017 is underway. In July the convention planning committee met at the Caribe Royale hotel in Orlando, Florida, site of this year’s convention. It was an exciting and productive meeting. Thank you to all who submitted abstracts. It was great to be able to choose from so many that met this year’s theme of “Embracing the World of Dermatology”. Within this theme special emphasis will be placed on the world of the dermatology patient, including the social, financial and emotional burdens they face as people with a skin condition. This year’s educational session tracks include medical/pediatric dermatology, professional practice, surgical/cutaneous oncology, and cosmetics/laser. A new track was also added called “community”, highlighting the tools available for dermatology teams to make an impact in their community. Attendees may choose to follow a particular track or pick sessions based on their interest. For the experienced or advanced dermatology staff, a Nurse Practitioner (NP) Forum is offered which runs concurrently with the convention. Although called a “NP Forum” everyone with an interest in advanced topics in dermatology are welcome to attend this forum.

This year’s convention is even more exciting as it returns to meeting at the same time and location as the American Academy of Dermatology’s annual convention. Hopefully this makes it easier to get time away to attend as well as increases our pool of excellent speakers.

If you are not excited enough yet, let me remind you the convention is going to be held in beautiful, family friendly Orlando, Florida (average high temperatures in March 75 degrees. After a winter in MN this really excites me). Orlando is home to more than a dozen theme parks including Walt Disney World and Universal Orlando, home of the new Wizarding World of Harry Potter. The Caribe Royale hotel has a great convention space, which is all in one location of the hotel and all on one level. The hotel rooms are spacious, 1 bedroom suites with a private bedroom and separate living area with a pull out sofa. The hotel also has an awesome pool that both kids and adults will enjoy. Even DNA’s president Donna Beyer enjoyed the slide at the pool.

If you are as excited as we are, start making plans to attend DNA’s 35th Annual Convention, March 1-4th at the Caribe Royale Hotel today. For more information please visit DNA’s website at www.dnanurse.org. Come for the education, come to learn about products through exhibitors and product theaters, come for the networking, and come for the fun. See you in Orlando.

Sincerely,

DNA’s Convention Planning Committee

Excitement Is In The Air For DNA’s 35th Annual Convention
Convention Planning!

Registration is now available!

Please download the registration brochure available here: Registration Brochure or Register Online at our Convention Website: http://2017.dnanurse.org/
While in Orlando, there are many fun and exciting things to do. The weather is pleasant year round, so plan some fun time with your colleagues and family that will be joining you in Orlando! Don't forget to pack your sunscreen!!!

For more detailed information, visit www.visitorlando.com. And don’t forget to check with the hotel for discounts on some of the area’s attractions.

Of course there are the theme parks. What is Orlando without visiting a theme park?

- Animal Kingdom Park
- Discovery Cove
- Epcot
- Hollywood Studios
- Legoland
- Magic Kingdom Park
- Seaworld
- Univeral’s Islands of Adventure
- Universal Studios

There are many attractions in the surrounding area:

- Dinner theaters
- Shows
- Waterparks
- Wildlife

A variety of restaurants are located in the area to suit any palate.

- Celebrity Chefs
- Dinner shows
- Farm fresh
- Global & Regional
- Theme park dining

For those evenings explore the nightlife & entertainment.

- Cigar lounges
- Comedy clubs
- Dance clubs
- Live music
- Pubs
- Wineries/breweries

A great variety of shopping venues are also available.

- Lake Buena Vista Outlets
- Orlando International Premium Outlets
- Orlando Vineland Premium Outlets
- The Florida Mall
- The Mall at Millenia

If you would like to experience Arts, Culture, & History, Orlando offers many gardens, museums, and performing arts centers.

With the pleasant outdoor temperatures year-round, there are also plenty of sports, recreation, & outdoor activities including airboats, golf, fishing/boating, and swamp tours.

Plan to have a wonderful and memorable 2017 DNA Convention! We look forward to seeing you in Orlando!
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DCNP Review Course

DCNP review course is nearing completion. Over 95% of the individual power points have been completed and edited by task force members. The second layer of editing, which involves vetting by DCNP volunteers that are not task force members, is well under way. The two layers of editing by experienced and certified NP’s should yield a quality product for future DCNP’s to study. Once the modules have been edited and vetted, they are then sent out to our graphic designer, who will make reworks of the PowerPoints for consistency, readability and in general sprucing it up for visual appeal. Pilot testing will soon be under way so we can analyze the content for CE hours and how they appeal to the novice NP.

We are very appreciative of the support of the membership and all the volunteer hours from the numerous NPS members who have contributed to this project. Our goal of offering the review course that has been requested by so many individuals- is about to become a reality.

Collaborative NPS, DCNB, and AANP Group

We have discussed in prior Focus editions the collaborative effort between the NPS, DCNB, and the Dermatology Focus group of the AANP to attain accreditation for the DCNP examination. A validation panel was held in Chicago on September 24th to review the dermatology nurse practitioners core competencies. The panel meeting was the culmination of months of effort by individuals to determine what competences are unique to dermatology nurse practitioners. Margaret Bobonich and Mary Nolen chaired the meeting. Paula Bermann represented the DCNB. Cathy Case, Marianne Tawa, and Theresa Coyner represented the DNA NPS. Other DNA NPS members were also in attendance including Susan Voss, Kathleen Haycraft, Ted Scott, Victoria Lazareth, Lakshi Aldredge, Gail Lenahan, and Heather Roebuck. Other key players and agencies participated in the review of the core competencies including the ANA, the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties, as well as other specialty nursing groups who had prior experience in developing nurse practitioner competencies.

A Practice Analysis group will be meeting in Dallas on November 19th and 20th. Susan Tofte and Victoria Lazareth will be representing the NPS at this meeting. This group will be determining the current everyday practice of the dermatology nurse practitioner in regards to types of patients we see, our level of autonomy, what types of procedures we perform, and diagnoses we treat. This information will be used to formulate a practice analysis survey that will be administered to all dermatology nurse practitioners in the near future. It is critical that our membership participate in the upcoming survey as those responses help to determine the examination construct and validity.

NP Forum

The 2017 NP Forum will be held on Thursday March 2nd and Friday March 3rd. In keeping with the overall convention theme, Embracing the World of Dermatology, we have some exciting new offerings in addition to some of our highest rated speakers from past conventions. Some of the issues previous attendees told us “keep you up at night” are well represented in Orlando this year.

Including:
1. Complex cases where dermatology overlaps with other specialties, such as endocrinology, pathology, rheumatology.
2. Navigating the complex reality of quality care and reimbursement.
3. Taking care of the skin in the complex setting of our patients’ world.

As always, we welcome member input regarding NPS activities and would like to discuss your concerns or comments for future NPS activities.
Discussions in Dermatology

Continuing Education Learning Initiatives for Nurses & Nurse Practitioners

New CE Activities Coming in Early 2017

Continue learning to help your psoriasis patients with a new psoriasis activity:
Patient-Focused Strategies in Psoriasis Management: Identifying Psoriasis Comorbidities with Jerry Bagel, MD

2017 activities will include lectures on facial aesthetic rejuvenation

Visit DISCUSSIONSINDERMATOLOGY.COM to view prior psoriasis activities

*To learn more about membership, or to become a member, contact the DNA. Full disclosure of faculty and planners available on website.

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Katrina Nice Masterson, RN, DNP, FNP-BC, DCNP

Have you ever wondered where the articles in your favorite professional journals come from? The answer is simple; they come from people like you, the readers of these journals, who have something to say and want to contribute to professional knowledge. Passion and the willingness to try are the first ingredients needed to become a published author.

If you are even thinking about writing, consider attending the JDNA program to be held at the 2017 DNA Convention in Orlando. In this program you will get a look at the manuscript submission and review process and we hope it will solve the mystery behind the submission button and encourage members to reach out and ask about writing!
2016 has been a very busy year advocating for our profession, our patients and the public. One of the most important things we are doing is working together with other groups to mutually support issues that matter to us all. Here are a few of the highlights. DNA joined with:

1. The members of NCSCP (National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention) in a campaign to urge the FDA to finalize the proposed rules on:
   - Sunlamp Products; Proposed Amendment to Performance Standard (Docket No. FDA-1998-N-0880).

2. The other 61 members of the Nursing Community to support:
   - Veterans Health Administration's proposed rule on APRN full practice authority.
   - VHA Update- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has received language from the VHA, and now have 90 days to either publish the language or send it back to the VHA for further review. The Administration can now have meetings with the public, but can only provide limited feedback.

3. The NAAF (National Alopecia Areata Foundation) to support:
   - Cranial Prosthetic Medicaid Coverage Enhancement Act (H.R. 4989)
   - Legislation that will help families with autoimmune hair loss like alopecia areata or therapy–induced hair loss like chemotherapy; receive modest coverage from Medicaid plans.

Advocating means being seen and heard;
Where we were in 2016;
- March- Senate Briefing; The Nursing Profession: What You Need To Know And Why It Matters.
- June- AAD Capitol Hill Skin Cancer Health Fair and Screening
- September- AADA Legislative Conference

Advocating also means looking towards the future:
DNA HPAC looks forward to supporting
- SUNucate a program sponsored by ASDSA (American Society for Dermatolologic Surgery Association)
- Model legislation that will allow students at school or youth camps to possess and use FDA approved sunscreens without a prescription.

We are also looking for input from our members, please don't hesitate to contact us with issues you'd like to see supported.

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On November 1-4, 2016 the DNA Board of Directors met in Raleigh, North Carolina for their face-to-face board meeting. On Saturday afternoon they visited Raleigh Room Escapes to participate in a team building exercise. Upon arriving, the group was locked in a room with a chained, hungry, hostile, aggressive zombie! Hidden somewhere in the room was a key that would unlock the door to their freedom. Their task was to work together to locate the key by solving numerous clues and riddles. As they diligently worked together, every five minutes the hungry Zombie's chain was released another foot. The group had 60 minutes to solve the clues, unlock the door and escape the room without getting devoured by the ravenous zombie!

This task was designed to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of each individual participant as well as the collective team. After the adventure an evaluation report was completed, which assessed the group’s communication and problem solving skills as they endeavored to work together in a stressful situation.

So how did our DNA Board of Directors do in trying to beat the zombie, solve the clues and escape the room? Even though they did very well working frantically together, in the end THEY WERE EATEN ALIVE!! §
As 2017 approaches, we who care for patients will be challenged to navigate even more changes in the health care system. One of those changes is in the delivery of care and payment through Medicare. These changes were mandated by the passage of:

Medicare Access and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA)

Part of this legislation calls for the change in reimbursement from sustainable growth rate (SGR) to the Quality Payment program.

This program has 2 tracks from which to choose:
1. The Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
2. Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs)

The choice is up to the Medicare provider and may be based on several factors such as practice size, specialty, location, and patient population served.

To reimburse health care providers, either individuals or entities, based on quality, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) needs to define and measure quality in a reasonable manner. That will be an ongoing process, both in the introduction of this change and in the real world implementation.

**Measure Development Plan (MDP) Purpose**

The purpose of the MDP is to meet the requirements of the statute (MACRA) and serve as a strategic framework for the future of clinician quality measure development to support MIPS and advanced APMs (referred to in MACRA as eligible APMs). The MDP highlights known measurement and performance gaps, such as those initially identified in Section V (Summary of Gaps and Priorities), and recommends prioritized approaches to close those gaps through the development, adoption, and refinement of quality measures. CMS draws from extensive experience in these processes in conjunction with cross-agency and private-sector expertise and shares with its federal partners a commitment to promoting harmonization and alignment across programs, settings, and payers.
CMS will solicit input from stakeholders and through the ongoing Call for Measures, will fill gaps by developing additional measures for MIPS with the funding provided as part of MACRA. CMS will use the rulemaking process to finalize an initial set of measures for the program that will be made public by November 1 each year. Updates to the MDP, which will be released annually or otherwise as appropriate, will prioritize the development of additional quality measures to address identified gaps and other priority areas using MACRA funding. 2017 is called a transition year.


There will likely be many adjustments and revisions to this process as it evolves. What the final version may be? Only time and implementation will tell.

Here are some additional resources that help to explain this legislation. Note that each has its own point of view.

http://healthcare-economist.com/2015/11/01/what-is-macra/
http://www.nursingworld.org/What-is-MACRA
If your DNC or DCNP certification is due to expire this December, you can visit the DNCB section of DNA’s website to download the recertification packet. This packet includes all the information necessary to keep your certified status.

The recertification packet can be accessed by going to dnanurse.org, hovering over “Education”, then choosing “Certification” Choose your credential on the right side of the page.

Please make sure the DNCB has your current email address!
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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.”

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- *Journal of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association (JDNA)*
- Membership for NPs in the Nurse Practitioner Society of DNA
- *And Much More…*

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Student Member Application
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Preferred Address (for membership and meeting materials to be mailed): ☐ Home ☐ Work

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Join or renew today and register at the member rates!

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Exp. Date____________ Amount $__________

Signature____________

Proof of student status must accompany application. This includes:

☐ Current Student ID

☐ Current Class schedule

☐ Registration Confirmation

☐ Other Verification from Educational Institution

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

1. PROFESSIONAL STATUS:

☐ RN

☐ LPN/LVN

☐ Medical Assistant

☐ Physicians Assistant

☐ Student Nurse

2. EMPLOYMENT:

☐ Full Time

☐ Part Time

☐ Not Employed

☐ Retired

3. POSITION:

☐ Staff Nurse

☐ Nurse Manager

☐ Clinical Specialist

☐ Supervisor/Coordinator

☐ Nursing Faculty

☐ Administrator

☐ Research Nurse

☐ Medical Assistant

4. PRACTICE SETTING:

☐ Inpatient Unit

☐ Ambulatory Clinic

☐ Rehabilitation/Home Care

☐ Private Practice

☐ Day Care Unit

☐ Phototheraphy Unit

☐ Dermatology

☐ Surgery Unit

☐ Other____________

5. CLINICAL SPECIALTY:

☐ General Practice

☐ Acne

☐ Cosmetic Dermatology

☐ Cutaneous Oncology

☐ Dermatologic Surgery

☐ Geriatrics

☐ Pediatrics

☐ Psoriasis

☐ Reconstructive Surgery

☐ Wound Healing

6. HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETED:

☐ High School

☐ Diploma-Nursing

☐ Associate Nursing

☐ Associate Other

☐ Bachelor’s Nursing

☐ Bachelor’s Other

☐ Master’s Nursing

☐ Master’s Other

7. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION? (Circle one)

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. YEARS IN DERMATOLOGY PRACTICE:

(Circle one)

☐ 0-2

☐ 3-5

☐ 6-9

☐ 10-14

☐ 15-19

☐ 20+

9. CLINICAL FOCUS GROUPS:

☐ Cosmetic Dermatology

☐ CTCL/Photopheresis

☐ Office Management

☐ Lasers

☐ Medical Dermatology

☐ Pediatrics

☐ Phototherapy/Psoriasis

☐ Skin Cancer and Surgery

☐ Clinical or Nursing Research

☐ Wound Care

10. HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT DNA?

☐ DNA member

☐ Dermatologist

☐ DNA Chapter Meeting

☐ DNA Convention

☐ DNA Education Program (Other than convention)

☐ Journal of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association

☐ Industry Representative

☐ DNA website

☐ Other____________
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License #  

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Nurse  • $85.00  

(RNs, LPNs, LVNs only)  

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Associate  • $75.00  

Medical Assistant  ☐  

Physicians Assistant  ☐  

Other, Please specify  

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☐ Medical Assistant  

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☐ Facility  

☐ Critical Care Unit  

☐ Physician’s Practice  

☐ Day Care Unit  

☐ Phototherapy Unit  

☐ Dermatology Surgery  

☐ Other  

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☐ Cutaneous Oncology  

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☐ Geriatrics  

☐ Pediatrics  

☐ Psychosis  

☐ Reconstructive Surgery  

☐ Wound Healing  

6. Highest Level of Education Completed:  

☐ High School  

☐ Diploma-Nursing  

☐ Associate Nursing  

☐ Associate Other  

☐ Bachelor’s Nursing  

☐ Bachelor’s Other  

☐ Master’s Nursing  

☐ Master’s Other  

☐ Doctorate  

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☐ No  

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☐ DNA Website  

☐ Facebook  

☐ Industry Representative  

☐ JDNA  

☐ LinkedIn  

☐ Nursing School Event  

☐ Other DNA Education  

☐ Twitter  

☐ Other  

Additional questions for Nurse Practitioner:  

Members:  

A. Area of NP Speciality Certification:  

☐ Adult  

☐ Family  

☐ Pediatrics  

☐ Women’s Health  

☐ Geriatrics  

B. Area of Current Practice:  

☐ General Dermatology  

☐ Dermatologic Surgery  

☐ Cosmetic Surgery  

☐ Moh’s Surgery  

☐ Pathology  

☐ Family Medicine  

☐ Pediatric Dermatology  

☐ Plastic Surgery  

☐ Cutaneous Oncology  

☐ Research  

C. Does Your State:  

☐ Require you to practice with a supervising physician?  

☐ Require you to practice with a collaborating physician?  

☐ Allow you to practice as a licensed independent practitioner (LIP)?  

D. What is the specialty of your supervising physician, if applicable:  

☐ Dermatology  

☐ Pediatrics  

☐ Cosmetic Surgery  

☐ Moh’s Surgery  

☐ Pathology  

☐ Family Medicine  

☐ Pediatric Dermatology  

☐ Plastic Surgery  

☐ Cutaneous Oncology  

☐ Research  

E. Do you have prescriptive authority? (Circle one)  

☐ Yes  

☐ No
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