Committee and Chapter updates, feature interview with a recent DNP grad!
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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Being resilient allows one to bounce back from life's challenges, both large and small. The ability to be resilient is important today more than ever with the challenges that 2020 has presented. I have always considered myself resilient bouncing back from whatever life has thrown my way. One of my keys to resilience is self-care. It has always been part of my daily routine. However, my self-care included exercise, getting massages, and enjoying time out with family and friends. These activities allowed me to reboot, reenergize, and refocus.

Unfortunately, in 2020 my exercise routine has decreased due to long work hours, getting massages has been put on hold due to restrictions, and spending time with family and friends is now done virtually. I can't tell you how much I miss hugs. This year has been tough and I have found it challenging to remain resilient. I have been on a constant search for new ways to reboot, reenergize and refocus.

Then one day last month a colleague greeted me with a smile behind her mask and the simple salutation of “Good morning Kathy, today is going to be a great day”. Each morning, she would greet me and her teammates with the same greeting. By the end of the month I noticed I was looking forward to her greeting. Additionally, her mood as well as the mood of the team improved. The moral of this story is positive affirmations can go a long way when dealing with challenges you may face during your day. Following this observation, I have decided to make “Today is going to be a great day” my new mantra.

It is important that we care for ourselves first so that we can care for others. Just as the airlines instruct, place your mask on before assisting others. Please, care for yourself during these challenging times through self-care, positive affirmations or any other activities that help you bounce back from the daily struggles and challenges that life presents, so that you may continue to care for your family, patients, and co-workers.
What is the biggest benefit you get from your DNA membership?
The DNA has provided multiple opportunities for continuing education through the CE center as well as the annual convention offerings. I have also developed new perspectives and insights from other members which has opened up opportunities for professional growth in the area of leadership as well as advocacy.

What advice can you give people to get more involved with DNA?
I would strongly encourage joining a committee that you have a particular interest in to start. My first committee was the Research Task Force, and then the Health Policy and Advocacy Committee, which allowed me to experience the Legislative Day on the Hill for the past 2 years. You could also volunteer for an event at the convention which opens up networking opportunities. I've been a moderator at the last in-person convention, which was really out of my comfort zone, but the mentoring I received was invaluable.

Describe your first experience with DNA.
My supervising physician strongly encouraged me to attend the convention in Las Vegas when I embarked on my dermatology journey. I got hooked! The educational offerings were so diverse and well-presented that the experience left me eager to learn more. I also met some incredible nurses that developed into mentors as well as friends.

What is the most satisfying aspect of your job?
As a clinical research coordinator, I feel like I'm part researcher, health care professional, data coordinator, social worker and personal coach. The most satisfying aspect is being able to coordinate all those components and help the patient have a positive experience while participating in the trials. The length of some of the trials also affords me the opportunity to connect with them and also offer a support system.

Most dangerous thing you’ve ever done?
In retrospect, it was going to the Woodstock music festival. My adult self cringes at the thought of my 19 year old self driving up the NYS Thruway with my college roommate toting $25, an extra pair of jeans and a tent to spend 3 days in a field listening to music. We never even contemplated that anything bad could happen.

"Words to live by" or favorite quote?
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The 2021 planning committee recently met to begin the process of organizing educational opportunities for our virtual conference being held April 21-23, 2021. With the Covid-19 pandemic still facing the nation, we are excited to bring the learning opportunities through a virtual format in order to keep our members safe. In alignment with the DNA strategic planning goal, the virtual format allows us to share knowledge resulting in excellent care for our patients.

Focused content includes 4 current tracks:

- Professional Development/Research
- Surgical/Cutaneous Oncology
- Medical/Pediatric
- Aesthetics

There was a great deal of discussion to meet the goals and objectives for 2021 encompassing feedback from DNA committees, previous convention evaluations, educational needs assessment, evidence-based practice, current guidelines, therapies, and research.

In spite of not being able to meet in person, DNA is still committed to networking and enhancing the professional growth of their members.

We have a talented group of members committed to bringing you an excellent Virtual Conference for 2021. There will also be an RN/Comedian for your entertainment! We look forward to seeing you in the spring of 2021 at the Dermatology Nurses’ Association "More than a Convention"!

Members of the 2021 Program Planning Committee are:

- Mitzi Paulsen Co-Chair
- Barbara St. John, Co-Chair
- Kathy Gross, DNA President
- Patricia Delgado
- Jenny Kevric
- Sandy Hammond McCune
- Tami Jo Santo

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- National and local programs
- Online Continuing Education Center: CE classes and RN & NP certification review courses
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Publications:
- Weekly Newsletter delivered to your inbox, DNA eNews
- Quarterly Newsletter, DNA FOCUS
- Bi-monthly Journal, the Journal of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association (JDNA)
- Scope and Standards of Practice

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

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

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

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

Networking:
- Interactive website www.dnanurse.org
- @DNA nurses social media: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn
- Local DNA Chapters
Quarterly Financial Update (as of 09/30/2020)

Gross Revenue $169,245
Gross Expenses $546,913

Net Operating Income (loss) $377,669
Balance on hand $67,209
Robin Weber Memorial Fund $5,219
DNA Membership 1533

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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 currently working to repurpose the activities from the 2020 DNA Virtual Conference. These sessions will be available in the DNA CE Center 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.

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Late summer, 2020, I received a package from the DNA that included a letter of appreciation and a plaque indicating that I had been chosen for the DNA Presidential Award. I was surprised and honored to be chosen for this award by Jane Glaze, the 2019-2020 DNA President. The award was accompanied by a personal letter from Jane that touched my heart and will always be treasured.

Education and Clinical Experience Prior to Entering Dermatology:

I decided to become a nurse as I wanted to help people and my pathway to reach that goal started at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN to attain my BSN. My first few practice areas included orthopedics and intensive care. I soon determined that I wanted to obtain my master’s degree in nursing and chose to enter Indiana University’s School of Nursing at Indianapolis, IN. Initially, I thought I would always be an intensive care nurse but the master’s program that interested me the most was Adult Primary Care. I am almost ashamed to admit that I had completed my first four core courses before I realized I was in a nurse practitioner program. Retrospectively, that was one of the best career decisions I have made. When I graduated in 1987 there were very few nurse practitioners employed in Indiana and I gravitated to teaching at Purdue University for 10 years. I joined Randall Dermatology as a nurse practitioner in 1999 and remain employed in the same office.

I became a member of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association and for several years did not become involved in the organization until I attended a DNA summer meeting in Chicago. Attending that meeting propelled me to become more involved with my colleagues and the organization. I have served on numerous committees including the Education Advisory Council, Environmental Scanning Committee, Nurse Practitioner Society, Awards and Recognition Committee, Program Planning Committee and Nominations and Elections. I also have served on the Board of Directors and became the DNA President in 2018-2019.

Involvement in the DNA has afforded me opportunities to increase my knowledge and skills. I am grateful for these opportunities and the life-long friendships I have made with colleagues. My years of involvement within the DNA have been very rewarding.

Theresa was also recently awarded the American Association of Nurse Practitioners State Award for Excellence from Indiana!

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Congratulations to Theresa, who is a true nurse leader in the DNA.
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Interested in Leadership Opportunities?
DNA is always looking for volunteers to help us succeed in our goals! Are you interested in volunteering with the Dermatology Nurses’ Association?
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What motivates you to want to volunteer for the DNA?

The Greek philosopher Aristotle once said, “What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.” In today’s world I find his message profoundly applicable. Healthcare workers, like us, are presented with unique opportunities to serve others. Sometimes our acts of service will be provided on a good day. Other times they will be delivered on a patient’s worst. As a dermatology nurse practitioner, I find myself balancing both of these. Although challenging days sneak their way in, my work excites me.

The niche of dermatology sparks my curiosity and fulfills me like no other specialty could. Because of that, I feel compelled to participate in it on the community level. The Dermatology Nurses’ Association is a tremendous organization full of other individuals who think of dermatology like me. This is what motivated me to become a volunteer.

How has volunteering for the DNA enriched you as a person?

Volunteering for the DNA has given me a sense of community, not just in my neighborhood but nationwide. I have met (virtually in the era of COVID-19) new people from all across the states. I have developed interpersonal skills and connected with people whom I share common professional interests with. I have gained the courage to step into a leadership role. All the while I have had fun and genuinely enjoyed interacting with my fellow DNA members.

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

I am currently the co-chair of the Environmental Scanning Council (ESC). This committee proactively seeks environmental trends that may affect us as healthcare professionals. As we know, what affects us will ultimately affect our patients. The ESC strives to consistently evaluate current trends and the latest research as it pertains to dermatology. Doing so allows us to promote a higher level of quality patient care. My favorite part about the ESC is that our work is applicable! I am able to put our discussions into practice and share my knowledge with both peers and patients.

How has your volunteer work increased your professional knowledge of dermatology?

My volunteer work for the DNA has greatly developed my professional knowledge of dermatology. Participation has given me the ability to learn about new medications, up and coming dermatological trends, population needs, and educational opportunities within the specialty.

Membership has allowed me to learn from others who demonstrate proficiency in their roles. This is something I sincerely value as I owe much of my successes to great teachers. The DNA fosters professional engagement amongst its members who take the time to be active. When we make a commitment to professionally develop, in a lifelong fashion, it simply makes a difference.
Though this article will not circulate until the end of the year, as this is written, Thanksgiving is fast approaching. The NPS committee is grateful to everyone who has volunteered for our short-term projects.

In last quarters article, Theresa Coyner outlined our goals for the coming year.

- Update the NPS webpage
- Welcome new members
- Case Studies Series (free CE to NPS members)
- Update the DCNP Review Course

The **NPS webpage** is an important source of public information about the NPS.

Thank you to volunteers!
- Mary Anne Rowen
- Marissa Kristensen

![NPS FAQ Page views](image)

**Writing Letters to NPS New Members.** We want new NPS members to have a connection to the society. These volunteers send out a personal greeting to new members.

Thank you to volunteers!
- Diana Parks
- Valerie Halstead

**NPS Clinical Case Studies.** Every year NPS tries to create an educational offering that is free to NPS members. Our membership surveys consistently rate CE as highly important.

This year we have the case study series. We have three sets of four case studies in the works to be released.

Thank you to volunteers!
- Patricia Delgado
- Jennifer Cook

**DCNP Online Review Course** review took years to plan and put together. To ensure its continued success will take hard work and dedication.

Thank you to volunteers!
- Elizabeth Pettit
- Molly Casey
- Sylvana Brickley
- Mickaela Marshal

If you are looking for a chance to contribute to the dermatology NP practice- we’d love to hear from you!

If you have questions and want to reach out to dermatology NP's- don’t forget about our **NPS group Facebook page**.

**October top 3 Posts:**
- Anyone have any pointers on the NP Dermatology Certification Exam? I’m taking it next month. 11 comments, 75 views.
- If you are looking for a chance to contribute to the dermatology NP practice- we’d love to hear from you!
- If you have questions and want to reach out to dermatology NP's- don’t forget about our NPS group Facebook page.

Anyone have personal experience using biologics OFF label in severe HS?
18 comments, 32 views.
NP Online Certification Review Course

DCNP Course Description

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

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Membership
3,000+ RNs, NPs, LPN/LVN, 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.
What setting do you work in?
Private Dermatology Practice in Indiana

How long have you been a nurse practitioner?
18 years

How long have you been working in dermatology or a dermatology related discipline as an NP?
18 years

Can you describe your role as an NP in your practice and the healthcare team?
I am one of several non-physician providers. We work together to coordinating and take full advantage of each other’s strengths.

What kind of procedures do you do on a daily basis?
Each day will bring a diverse mix of patients across all age groups. I perform cryotherapy, punch and shave biopsies, excisions and have access to multiple lasers.

What is your favorite part of your job as a (dermatology) NP?
The relationship you develop with patients is the most rewarding. I have at times treated four generations of one family. I have watched some of my pediatric patients grow up and have families of their own. The balance of challenges where almost every day you see something and think “that’s interesting”. It keeps your critical thinking skills sharp.

What would be your advice to give to aspiring dermatology nurse practitioners?
Read something derm related every day. Subscribe to services that auto send you the latest news. You may not always have time to read every word, but see what headlines catch your eye. Then follow-up with more substantial reading. I think that our Dermatological Nursing Essentials will provide the groundwork for a solid understanding of skin structure, function, and treatment fundamentals. I am also a big fan of sharing your knowledge and stimulating your brain with writing. We have a great resource in having our own journal, the JDNA.
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The Florida Chapter of the DNA welcomes two new board members:
- Dr. Tran Gallagher as the new Vice President
- Rosanna Bermejo as the new Recording Secretary

The Chapter has opened a store so members may purchase the items recommended by its members on one easy site. Members of the DNA may also find high-quality merchandise and apparel to show your support for the Florida DNA!

Pictured: Backpack; Ladies Color-block Fleece (Color: Black Battleship/Grey); Unisex UPF 50 Long Sleeve Sport Shirt (Color: True Royal)

Upcoming for 2021, the Florida Chapter will begin collaborating with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) to assist in preceptorship and event sponsorship, while the program assists its students in becoming more connected with leadership and networking through the DNA. We encourage anyone interested in beginning or continuing their dermatology education to check out the brand new Dermatology Certificate Program at FAU, which includes 3 semesters of didactic and guest speakers and 480 clinical hours (which will count towards the 3,000 hours required for eligibility to take the Dermatology Certification for Nurse Practitioners [DCNP] exam).

Please follow our Instagram and join our Facebook group for more information about the Florida Chapter and all of our upcoming events!

DNA Florida Chapter Member Interview

As president of the Florida Chapter of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association, I am continuously inspired by the members of our group. I wanted to highlight one of our members, Tran Gallagher, that recently graduated from her Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) program, and whom is a passionate member of the DNA. I thought it would be beneficial for our members to hear about her experience in the Doctorate program in case any of our fellow DNA members were considering pursuing further studies and academic and professional growth. Our growth means better dermatology care and better outcomes for our patients!

Dr. Gallagher, could you please describe your current nursing position and where you hope to be once you pass your ANCC certification board exam?

Yes! I am currently working as a registered nurse in medical progressive care, and I have been in this role for 4 years now. I am also graduating with my DNP, which has been a continuous, 3-year-long journey. After passing the ANCC certification board exam, I will officially become a board-certified family nurse practitioner. I am very passionate about dermatology and hope to obtain a position in dermatology as an APRN if possible!

In the next few years, I hope to continue being actively involved in the DNA, attending dermatology-related conferences, subscribing to academic journals, obtaining additional certifications, and seeking out other opportunities for professional/personal growth.
I would also like to give back to the community by volunteering and caring for medically underserved populations. Ultimately, my 5-year goal is to someday become a Dermatology Certified Nurse Practitioner (DCNP).

What motivated you to return to school for your DNP?

My career goals have always been to become a nurse practitioner and to graduate with my DNP. I absolutely love the nursing profession and wanted to practice at the highest level of education within nursing. Prior to entering the DNP program, I had worked as an RN in the acute care setting for one year. During that first year, I learned so much about myself and what I enjoy the most about nursing.

I love educating and empowering my patients to make positive health decisions. I enjoy making connections with my patients and providing compassionate nursing care. I value evidence-based health care, research, health policy, and advocating for our profession. I wanted to pursue a role that best incorporates all of these aspects of nursing and pursuing a DNP was definitely the right choice for me.

Could you describe your experience in the DNP program?

I have had a really positive experience with the DNP program at UCF. I was enrolled in the program full-time, which was 3 years total in duration as a BSN-DNP student. My cohort was one of the first to follow the new DNP curriculum plan, which was streamlined from previous years. I felt that it was structured in a way that set us up for success.

The first year is focused on graduate writing, understanding theoretical frameworks, and evidence-based practice. This was an important year for me because I was able to develop my clinical and research interests early on, which created the foundation for my DNP project. The second year focused on core APRN studies and clinical rotations. The final year was mainly devoted to implementing and finalizing the DNP capstone project.

My project focused on melanoma risk assessment in primary care and I felt that the DNP program equipped me with the right tools to successfully complete this intense, but very rewarding project.

The connections that I’ve made with my fellow classmates, faculty, and community members has also been a really great aspect of the DNP program.

How has your view of nursing and nursing practice changed since earning a DNP degree?

I definitely have a greater understanding of evidence-based medicine, advanced clinical management, and quality improvement strategies now. I can also analyze issues in clinical practice from a systems-based approach. Even when I’m working as a nurse on my unit, I find myself thinking more deeply about all of the clinical decisions that are made relating to patient care and why it’s important to continuously evaluate our protocols to determine best practice strategies. I hope to carry this knowledge with me in my next role as an APRN in the outpatient setting.

Dr. Gallagher, would you encourage other nurses to return to school for a DNP degree? Why or why not?

Absolutely! There is so much to gain from having a DNP degree in my opinion. I think that there may be a misconception that a DNP degree is only worth pursuing for individuals who are interested in teaching in academic settings. Or that employers do not yet see the value in the DNP degree/role. However, I believe that it varies when it comes to employer perception and also that a DNP degree can be highly versatile!

The DNP can offer opportunities in leadership, quality improvement, clinical research, academia, health policy, professional organizations, and improving patient outcomes. These are qualities that will be desirable in any advanced practice role or setting. Lastly, it’s a great way to advance our profession and to ensure that we all can practice to our full potential.

As a final note, I just wanted to mention that I am always willing to discuss career/education topics with anyone who is interested, as both a colleague and a friend. I will always support my fellow nurses and advanced practice providers!
On November 7th, the DNA Northern California Chapter held its first ever virtual election and welcomed three new officers. Abigail Florentino, BSN, RN, DNC will represent the chapter as President. Laura McDonald, BSN, RN, PCCN has been elected Secretary. Marisa Gallardo, BSN, RN, DNC will serve the chapter as Treasurer (shown l-r). All three new officers hail from Stanford Health Care and Stanford Children's Health and bring with them a wealth of knowledge in adult & pediatric dermatology care.

The chapter welcomes its new officers and would like to take the opportunity to thank Immediate Past President, Melissa Cooper, BSN, RN, CWOCN, DNC and Outgoing Secretary, Sierra Kane, BSN, RN, DNC, PCCN, RN-BC for their service and outstanding contributions to the chapter.

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Below is our template for JDNA’s Teledermatology Column. The construct of this column is such that cases are presented in a standardized teledermatology reader format. To see examples and learn more, [explore JDNA’s collection of Teledermatology articles](#) here.

**HISTORY**

*Chief complaint*

- Patient with (primary lesion) on (location) for (duration)
- Prior treatment
- Prior biopsy
- Skin history
- History of skin cancer/growth
- Other significant
- Laboratory/study findings

**IMAGE QUALITY ASSESSMENT**

- Fully satisfactory
- Satisfactory with suggestions for improvement
- Unsatisfactory

**TELEDERMATOLOGY IMAGING READER REPORT**

(X#) image(s) was provided which showed—(dermatologic description)

**INTERPRETATION OF IMAGES**

- Lesion A: findings
- Lesion B: findings

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Skin care recommendations
- Medication recommendations
- Other

**RECOMMENDED FOLLOW-UP**

- Type of visit: return to primary care provider for treatment
- Refer to dermatology clinic for evaluation (face-to-face)
- Lesion is benign, recommend reassurance and follow-up PRN

**CLINICAL PEARL**

This section is developed as an educational resource to the column. It may contain discussion of the clinical case, procedural tips for teledermatology in general, or more global topics such as ethical considerations.

**REFERENCES**

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