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Mission Statement
The Dermatology Nurses’ Association is a professional nursing organization comprised of a diverse group of individuals committed to quality care through sharing knowledge and expertise. The core purpose of the DNA is to promote excellence in dermatologic care.

FOCUS, Third Quarter, 2022
Dermatology Nurses’ Association

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Each year in the fall the DNA Board of Directors (BOD) meet to take time to pause and reflect on what has been accomplished in the past year as well as what was not accomplished and to evaluate what changes may be needed to meet the increasing needs, improve services, or simply survive as an organization. Yes, there is that word CHANGE. Remember from one of my previous columns “We rarely change something until we experience something different, so out of adversity we make change”. Change does not have to be looked at as a failure, it is more likely the result of evaluating a specific situation by analyzing data, discussing, and reflecting on the information which enables us to capture a new understanding of what might work better, allowing us to do something differently to help accomplish the DNA's Strategic goals. During the October 2021 BOD meeting we looked at each committee to get a better understanding of how each were performing. In order to do this, data was pulled from committee evaluation forms, survey monkeys and feedback from current and previous committee members. Some of the current issues we are facing that are to be considered were; the shrinking of overall membership, lack of engagement, lack of member volunteers to fill positions (because of 'not enough time, workload, family, retirement, etc.') and even the members not knowing about the committees themselves.

The BOD discussed the impact of restructuring some committees and what would be the positives of combining alike committees. It was felt that to maximize resources (volunteers and commitment time), and to have more efficient and effective committees, a restructuring was the best option at this time. Therefore the Health Policy and Advocacy Committee and the Environmental Scanning Committee were combined to form the HPASC.

Health Policy Advocacy & Scanning Committee – HPASC
The purpose of the HPASC is to promote awareness within the DNA regarding issues and concerns in the arena of Health Policy and Advocacy that assist DNA and its members in achieving the strategic goal of effectively advocating for members, patients, and the public by:

• Increasing membership involvement and understanding in health policy and advocacy efforts.
• Acting as a resource for information on issues related to health policy and advocacy efforts.
• Working with members to investigate, consider, report, and act on advocacy issues in accordance with DNA's Strategic Plan.
• Facilitate membership awareness, discussions, and activities.

The second new committee was formed by combining the Membership committee, the Nurse Advisory Council, and the Awards and Scholarships committee, and is now called MAC.

Membership Advisory Council – MAC
The purpose of the MAC committee is to promote growth and retention of the membership within the DNA, broaden the voices of the membership, and advance the DNA's mission and strategic goals by:

• Serving as ambassadors and champions to the DNA community.
• Expanding organizational reach while exploring and advancing ideas to meet the needs of the DNA members.
• Facilitating membership awareness of DNA awards, grants, and scholarships.
• Promoting opportunities for members to serve on committees and taskforces.

Both committees have had their “Kick-Off” meetings which included the co-chairs of the committee, board liaisons, staff representatives, and myself. The BOD is excited to work with these two new committees and the co-chairs are ready for the challenge.
February 7 - 9, 2023

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Savannah, Georgia

41st Annual Convention

Become an Agent of CHANGE

The Dermatology Nurses’ Association (DNA) is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.
The April 2022 DNA Board of Directors meeting was held virtually on April 12, 2022. Those present were:
Robin Inabinet, President
Nancy Small, President-Elect
Angie Hamilton, Immediate Past President
Jessica Simmons, Treasurer
Heather Onoday, Secretary
Sylvana Brickley, Director
Keischa Cash, Director
Joan Pohutsky, Director
DNA staff present was Linda Markham, DNA Executive Director.

Action items were reviewed. Potential topics for the JDNA editorial board to consider when eliciting submissions. Discussion also included encouragement for enduring educational CE potential from submissions. Scholarship application requirements and process for submission was discussed with a goal of ensuring the most applications received from members. Discussions and guidance reviewed regarding expectations of official representatives of the DNA who attend meetings/conferences.

The May 2022 DNA Board of Directors meeting was held virtually on May 10, 2022. Those present were Robin Inabinet, President; Nancy Small, President-Elect; Jessica Simmons, Treasurer; Heather Onoday, Secretary; Keischa Cash, Director; Joan Pohutsky, Director

Staff present was Linda Markham, DNA Executive Director. Invited guest was Financial Advisor from Fisher Investments. DNA portfolio was reviewed. Discussions include benchmark recommendations, portfolio makeup, sector breakdown, and cumulative account performance.

Action items were reviewed. Medical Assistant competency project was discussed. Alignment with strategic plan was emphasized and development with those working in the field of dermatology, in mind. Timelines, funding and task force membership discussed.

The DNA Board of Directors held their June 2022 meeting virtually on June 14, 2022.
Those in attendance included:
Robin Inabinet, President
Nancy Small, President-Elect
Angie Hamilton, Immediate Past President
Jessica Simmons, Treasurer
Sylvana Brickley, Director
Keischa Cash, Director
Joan Pohutsky, Director
Unable to attend was Heather Onoday, Secretary
Staff present was Linda Markham, DNA Executive Director.

Action items were reviewed. Top recommendations from the Environmental Scanning Committee were discussed, presented after their American Hospital Association annual report review.

Suggestions emphasize a focus on mental health, recruitment, telehealth, pharmaceutical cost reduction, and disproportionate health impacts/health inequity.

The EAC committee delivered their needs assessment review. Preference of membership specific to methods of education delivery were discussed. Virtual vs in person attendance for education were discussed, as were costs associated with educational offerings, and repurposing of education.

Current status of certifications, local chapter membership. Goals, initiatives, and potential resources for increasing certification and membership were discussed.
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY JOINED DNA!

Tinamarie Adly, BSN, RN, Andover, MA
Christa Bertakis, Madison, WI
Trusha Bhatia,IL
Nicole Bort, DNP, AGPCNP, DCNP, Strongsville, OH
Rebecca Brady, Pulaski, TN
Kimberly Brefini, Knoxville, TN
Amy Bryan, MA, Portland, OR
Krista Carle, Carthage, IL
Madison Catt, Licensed Practical Nurse, Kelowna, BC
Idalia Cerna, RN, Manteca, CA
Paula Charbonnet, Sterling, VA
Kali Clark, Brandon, FL
Emily Colety, Yonkers, NY
Cheryl Concepcion, Nurse Practitioner, Upland, CA
Raeleigh Connick, West Melbourne, FL
Lauren Couture, Melrose, MA
Diana Cristurean, Portland, OR
Lauren Crociata, RN, Stony Brook, NY
Catalina Dailey, Registered Nurse, Vestal, NY
Yedidya Dear, Dallas, TX
Kim Dickie, RN, Regina, SK
Marisha Dixon, Cocoa, FL
Carlita Dobbie, Cocoa Beach, FL
Marina Dolmatova, DNP, FNP-BC, Warrenton, OR
Megan Gietzen, FNP, Dickinson, ND
Brittany Hall, Blue Ridge, VA
Wendy Hanes, RN, Gurley, AL
Marie Harty, Half Moon, Bay, CA
Chelsea Harvell, FNP, Lyman, SC
Rachel Head, Monroe, LA
Jaclyn Hogancamp, Victor, NY
Penny Jones, Springfield, OH
Victoria Keech, Largo, FL
Katherine Kizorek, Plainfield, IL

Alison Kobs, Cleveland, OH
Zachary Krush, Herriman, UT
Kellie Kurashige, BSN, RN, Holualoa, HI
Kelsey Kuylen, FNP, Dickinson, ND
Heather LaBelle, Allentown, PA
Katherine Leigh, Sneads, FL
Oleksandra Lenherr, Chambersburg, PA
Danielle Lund, CCMA, Portland, OR
Sydney Luney, Registered Nurse, Scott City, KS
Kimberly, Madison, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, Stafford, VA
Joel McCoy, FNP, Palm, Springs, CA
Mildride Monize, Celebration, FL
Jennifer Nastasi, LPN, Uniontown, PA
Kymbrynn O’Diam, Mcalester, OK
Isabel Pogozelski, Guaynabo, PR
Makaelya Pool, LPN, Portland, OR
Callan Rees, New, London, NH
Megan Rosenholm, Portland, OR
Alison Ryan, Portland, OR
Kathy Lynn Sablan, Ard, RN, Fairfield, CA
Carl Samrock, Hugo, MN
Lauren Schaeffer, Beaumont, TX
Tracy Shibla, Palm Coast, FL
Heidi Shinners, RN, Groveland, MA
Amanda Smidt, Ringgold, GA
Sonya Solum, Kalispell, MT
Chelsea Sonnelitter, East Norriton, PA
Brianna Staley, Portland, OR
Robin Stark, RN, Madison, AL
Josephine Thurmond, Ankeny, IA
Yaju Tsai, Reno, NV
Jonathan Turowski, Bellingham, WA
Michelle Woodman, Ridgefield, CT
Crystal Yaple, Nurse Practitioner, HI

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Join the DNA online or print an application from our website by clicking here
Quarterly Financial Update (as of 06/30/2022)

Gross Revenue $382,915
Gross Expenses $536,223

Net Operating Income (loss) $(153,308)
Balance on hand $214,172
Robin Weber Memorial Fund $1,510
DNA Membership 1,248
THE DERMATOLOGY NURSES’ ASSOCIATION MEMBER BENEFITS

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

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

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

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

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

Networking:
- Interactive website www.dnanurse.org
- @DNAnurses social media: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, NPS Closed Facebook
- Local DNA Chapters

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

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

Advocacy:
- DNA leaders attend the American Academy of Dermatology (AADA) legislative conference each year to better advocate for their members and the patients they treat
- DNA collaborates with affiliate organizations, combining advocacy efforts
FOCUS 3RD QUARTER 2022

THE MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMITTEE IS UP AND RUNNING

ALEXANDRA BARLOW, FNP-S, BSN, RN

We are excited to have the new Membership Advisory Council (MAC) Committee up and running. I am the co-chair, we currently have 7 members and are actively recruiting for more. This new committee is a combination of the Membership, Nurse Advisory Council, and Awards and Scholarships committees. Our monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 8:00 PM EST via a conference call.

September is National Skin Care Awareness month, and the Committee is currently working on a project aimed at skin care awareness. The Committee will also begin brainstorming ideas for World Skin Health Day and National Healthy Skin month which is in November.

The Committee is very new, and the members are full of great ideas that will promote education and awareness of skin health. We are also working on ways to network and communicate with each other and encourage others to join us by getting involved in the dermatology community. Another facet of this Committee is the Awards and Scholarships Program, and we hope DNA members will take advantage of what we have to offer.

We have a lot of work to do, and we have only just begun but we are all excited to see what this Committee can do together.

GREETINGS FROM THE HPASC

BLAKE BRYANT & MARIE SPINELLI

In August of 2022, the Health Policy Advocacy Scanning committee held its first meeting after the combination of Health Policy & Advocacy and Environmental Scanning committees. This was part of the larger restructuring process being performed by the Board of Directors.

This committee is tasked with promoting awareness within the DNA regarding issues and concerns in the arena of Health Policy and Advocacy. They are also partners with many other organizations that contribute to the global network in the field of dermatology. They respond to new innovations, policies, lobbying efforts, conferences, research, and partner call to actions. Members of the committee partake in learning how to interpret action items, how policies affect DNA strategies, and how to prepare for emerging avenues of dermatology education and nursing professional development.

Co-chairs Blake Bryant and Marie Spinelli will be attending the AADA legislative conference and Coalition of Skin Diseases Advocacy event taking place in Washington D.C. in September. Members of the committee will help represent the DNA at future conferences that will be announced at later dates.
The 2023 Program Planning Committee continues to meet virtually each month planning the 41st Dermatology Nurses’ Association Annual Convention. The theme for the Convention is *Become an Agent of Change* and will be held in Savannah, Georgia, February 7 - 9, 2023.

The 2023 Program Planning Committee members are Mary Fish, Co-Chair; Londa Hathaway, Co-Chair; Robin Inabinet, DNA President; Kathy Gross, Kelley Jimenez, Marie Spinelli, Mitzi Paulsen, Trudy Adamson, Program Director; Linda Markham, DNA Executive Director.

The goals and objectives of the convention are:
- Meet educational needs through dermatologic educational programs based on feedback from previous convention, educational needs assessment, evidence-based practice, current guidelines, therapies, and research.
- Provide workshop opportunities to meet the specific needs of special interest groups.
- Provide an avenue for networking, mentoring, and socializing to enhance professional growth of members.
- Promote interest in dermatology-related fields, including safety, ethics, research, clinical testing, publishing, management, and advocacy to advance dermatologic care.

The target audience is nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, medical assistants, other healthcare providers, and staff who are specialized and/or have an interest in dermatology.

Dermatology Nursing Essential will be offered as an all-day workshop. The National Psoriasis Foundation will offer a half-day workshop. We will have a half-day Cosmetic workshop.

Several speakers have confirmed, and we are excited to have them be a part of our 2023 Convention. A sneak preview to some of the highlights:
- *A Patient’s Odyssey with Pemphigus Vulgaris* - Daphne Smolka
- *Skin is a Canvas: Pattern Recognition and Morphology Through Works of Art and Invisible Danger: The Implications of Forever Chemicals to Dermatologic Disease* - Dede Sullivan
- *Pearls of Writing for Publication* - Sylvana Brickley
- *Presentation and Management of Acne: Review of Guidelines for Young Adult Females and Skin Conditions in Skin of Color* - Katherine Leigh and Barbara Miller
- *Dermatology Cases to Learn From* - Dr. David Tashjian
- *Women’s Health in Dermatology: Breast & Vulvar Dermatoses* - Dr. Leah Swanson
- *Dermatopathology: From Biopsy to Slide, History Basics & Common Pitfalls* - Dr. Leah Swanson
- *Procedural Transgender Care in Dermatology* - Heather Onoday
- *Hair loss in the Pediatric Patient* - Dr. Leslie Castelo-Soccio
- *JAK Inhibitors and novel therapies for Alopecia* - Leslie Castelo-Soccio

The Program Planning Committee continues to recruit speakers for oral presentations based on the needs of the DNA members. We are looking forward to having so many experts in the field of Dermatology take part in our Annual Convention which will offer AANC credit that will include pharmacology credit.

We look forward to continue to work together to plan an amazing educational and networking experience. DNA’s Annual Convention is a must attend for all dermatology nurses. Become an agent of change. Plan to attend the 41st Annual Dermatology Nurses’ Association Annual Convention February 7-9, 2023, in Savannah, Georgia.
This has been a productive year for the Education Advisory Council! I would like to start out by welcoming our new EAC members. We are happy to have them on the EAC. We are still looking for additional members as well. If you are feeling called to serve on this council, please reach out to our National Office at dna@dnanurse.org.

In alignment with our core purpose: “To promote excellence in dermatological care”, we are very excited to announce the launch of some new educational activities, Teledermatology; Maintain Quality of Care and Patient Satisfaction in a Virtual Visit”. This is now available in our Website CE Center. In addition, the Excalibur activity, “Trends in the Use of Systemic Therapies: Where we are and Where We’re Going - Issue #3” has been launched. The brochure is posted on the homepage of the DNA Website and the evaluation and post-test are located in the CE Center. This activity is FREE and includes 1.25 CEs. DNA members were also recently mailed Dermatology Nurse Practice issues 1 & 2, which are also accessible on the DNA website. If you haven’t obtained this free CE, take advantage of it!

Finally, for those of you interested in studying to obtain a dermatology nurse certification, there is an updated version of our NP Online Review Course for purchase available in our Website CE Center. Also, available is our new RN Online Review Course. We would also like to share that Dermatology Nurse Certified (DNC) is now approved and recognized as a national nursing certification. The Magnet Program Office (MPO) reviews and approves health-related professional board certifications accredited by ISO-17024. The Magnet Recognition Program® maintains a list for the purpose of identifying certifications that Magnet-recognized and Magnet-applicant organizations may report in the Demographic Data Collection Tool. The expectation is that the professional board certification will relate to how the eligible RN influences and provides care within the inpatient and ambulatory setting (ANCC, 2022). The certifying body for DNC is the Dermatology Nursing Certification Board.

This is exciting news as organizations are now able to use DNC-certified nurses for their Magnet reapplication or application demographic submission materials. The Magnet Recognition Program designates organizations worldwide where nursing leaders successfully align their nursing strategic goals to improve the organization’s patient outcomes.

Resource:
DERMATOLOGY NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION BOARD ACHIEVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

COLLEEN POWELL, DSN, RN, DNC

Have you ever wondered how the questions are formulated for the Dermatology Nurse Certification (DNC) Exam? When I took the exam, I certainly did! Test questions are reviewed and rewritten with guidance from the Center for Nursing Education and Testing (C-Net) every 3 years. I am uniquely poised to not only peek inside the process but also actively participate next year during the Convention as a Director on the DNC Board. This is my first time participating since joining the board last year. It’s just one more facet of my professional growth as a Dermatology Nurse which includes taking the exam and becoming Dermatology Nurse Certified 11 years ago.

Reasons for becoming certified vary individually, but for me, it was a way to push myself to increase my knowledge of Dermatology Nursing, especially in areas that I didn’t have exposure to in the academic medical center where I was working. Certification was also one of the steps required to participate in my institution’s clinical advancement program.

If you’re interested in learning more about the certification process, I highly recommend you view “Rediscovering Professional Nursing Certification” available for free on the DNA CE Center, as well as information under the certification tab on the Dermatology Nurses’ Association home page at: https://www.dnanurse.org/dnaeducation/certification/

Certification grants are available for three RNs and one NP through the DNA - go to https://www.dnanurse.org/aboutdna/awards-scholarships-program/ for more information.

Dermatology Nurse Practitioner Certification Board

Receives Accreditation of its DCNP Examination and Credential

From the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification

The Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC), is pleased to announce Dermatology Nurse Practitioner Certification Board has been granted accreditation for the DCNP Examination and Credential certification programs.

For more information about ABSNC and its accreditation standards, please visit www.absnc.org

FOCUS 3rd Quarter 2022
Online in the CE Center!

Rediscovering Professional Nursing Certification

The fee for this activity is FREE to both DNA members and non-members

Learning Objectives
Upon successful completion of this educational program, the participant should be able to:
- Discuss the historical roots of certification in specialty nursing practice.
- Identify the constructs of certification that validate dermatology nursing practice.
- Identify the processes and benefits of certification.

https://dna.digitellinc.com/dna/

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Teledermatology: Maintain Quality of Care and Patient Satisfaction in a Virtual Visit

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Now Available in the DNA CE CENTER!

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Program Purpose: Dermatology providers to be able to apply recent knowledge, current analysis, and evolving theory to enhance skills in teledermatology in order to maintain quality care and patient satisfaction.

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Atopic Dermatitis: Applying Expanding Treatment Options to Individual Patients

PCE Podcast
Release Date: November 15, 2021
Expiration Date: November 14, 2022
CE/CME Credit Hours: 0.50
Pharmacology Credit Hours: 0.50

Listen to this new CE/CME podcast to hear an advanced practice provider and an expert in atopic dermatitis (AD) discuss the role of newer agents, including indications, where they fit on the therapeutic ladder, and potential adverse effects. The podcast concludes with thoughts on how to address frequently asked questions from patients.

Faculty

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Accreditation Information

Joint Accreditation Statement
In support of improving patient care, Practicing Clinicians Exchange is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

ANCC Credit Designation
Nursing Planner: Veronica Richardson, MSN, CRNP, ACHP-BC, DCPNP, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Nursing contact hours: 0.50, which includes 0.50 hours of pharmacology credit

AAPA Credit Designation
Practicing Clinicians Exchange has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 0.50 AAPA Category I CME credits. Approval is valid until November 14, 2022. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

IPCE Credit Designation
This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 0.50 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

Acknowledgement
This activity is supported by an educational grant from Incyte Corporation.
The Wisconsin/Illinois Chapter of the Dermatology Nurses’ Association hosted a virtual education series, Dermatology Updates: Spring 2022, via Zoom. This was an open free event for chapter members worth a total of 2.0 nursing contact hours. In April, Dr. Jeanette Comstock, 3rd year Dermatology Resident at University of Wisconsin medical school, presented “Caring for Indigenous Patients in the Midwest: Health Disparities and Cultural Humility.” In May, Dr. Lisa Cotter, 4th year Dermatology Resident at University of Wisconsin medical school, presented “Scratch the Itch” with case studies about pruritus. It was our first event hosted since the beginning of the pandemic, and the stellar lecturers and virtual format was highly reviewed by attendees evaluations! We are looking forward to similar events in the future.
Tell us about your Chapter:
Our chapter is based in the sunny state of Florida and consists of active members from all across the state. Regular chapter meetings are held in Tampa, Orlando, and Miami. Our chapter also holds an annual conference, which was held in Tampa this year. The 2023 annual FL DNA conference will be held in October in St. Petersburg, FL. Throughout the year, we also host several chapter events such as fundraising, educational dinner programs, and hands-on procedural workshops. The Florida Chapter of the DNA was founded at the tail end of 2019 (just in time for the pandemic!), but has managed to persevere with bi-monthly Board meetings and monthly dinner meetings. We keep everyone updated through our website: FLDNA.org

List the ways in which you grow your Chapter:
One of our main strengths is increasing member engagement among DNA members in all geographical regions within the state of Florida. By being an inclusive chapter, we are able to reach out to more dermatology professionals in the state and identify chapter representatives within each region. This allows us to hold more meetings and events throughout the year. We hold monthly meetings with the assistance of pharmaceutical reps that provide support to our chapter. After the talk from the medical science liaison or pharmaceutical spokesperson, we like to have a guest speaker lead a presentation or discussion. This year, our topics have included:

- Employment Contracts and Negotiation" with an employment attorney
- Systemic Therapies for Atopic Dermatitis" with an experienced rheum-derm expert
- Relevant Updates in Florida Legislation for APPs" with a Florida APP lobbyist
- Florida Healthcare Policy Changes Affecting APPs" with a healthcare policy director

We hold occasional restaurant fundraisers, and now we have grown exponentially with our annual Dermatology and Procedure Conference, which began in February 2022. Our annual conference allows our chapter to not only increase membership and participation, but also expand our support from our wonderful sponsors.

What impact does your Chapter make in your local area?
We bring together nurses, NPs and PAs for socialization, networking, and sharing our experiences in the dermatology world. We encourage discussion, lift each other up and promote advocacy for ourselves and our profession in this quickly-changing healthcare landscape. We open the dialogue that NPs and PAs otherwise would not be having regarding maintaining care standards, upholding patient-centered care, and preventing our professions from being left out of the dialogue of the future of dermatologic practice.

What impact does your Chapter make for the DNA?
We help put the DNA on the map. Each Chapter is a smaller representation of the greater organization. Therefore, when nurses and NPs are interested in joining a Chapter, they join the larger organization. Some of our chapter members have gone on to become board members for national DNA. Our members also become inspired to attend the national annual DNA Convention, get excited about dermatology research opportunities, and express interest in obtaining DCNP certification.
How would you describe your chapter?
I would describe it as a beautiful growth of professionals coming together on common grounds to communicate new and developing strategies for caring for our dermatology patients. We are a group looking to learn from one another, to improve ourselves, promote our profession as Dermatology Nurse Practitioners, while delivering exceptional care to patients.

Where does your chapter find inspiration and motivation?
I would say we find inspiration from one another. Sometimes it is hard to manage home, work, extracurriculars, and it can be daunting to take on just one more thing; but with the extra help, push, and encouragement from each other, active participation in our chapter is possible. At the end of the day, after a paper is published or a conference is over, the sense of accomplishment is refreshing and motivating.

What projects has your chapter worked on as a team?
We work as a team by being active in participating in group meetings, educational outings, publishing, and most recently a successful conference and procedure workshop.

What is your chapter’s definition of success?
Success is movement forward, steady growth, and development. Success is impact! We want to make an impact on our communities, our patients, and our nurses and aspiring nurses.

What are your members favorite part(s) of the chapter?
Our favorite part is the people: Those that come alongside and push us to do more for our patients, our profession, and for each other. We inspire each other to be better on different levels of our lives.

What advice would you give to new and existing members?
Jump in, take advantage of the resources, and give back to your fellow nurses and nurse practitioners!

Our thanks to the Florida Chapter of DNA for contributing to this issue’s new feature, Chapter Corner!

Visit our DNA Chapters section online!
DNA members join because they have **passion**...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Discover What a DNA Membership Can Do for You.**
The DNA 41st Annual Convention commences on Tuesday, February 7th, 2023, join us in an immersion into everything Savannah has to offer! Whether you are a first time visitor or a seasoned tourist, Savannah boasts something for everyone - from fine dining to low country boils, historic landmarks, beautiful vistas, and everything in between.

Located on Hutchinson Island, the Savannah Convention Center has complimentary access via the Savannah Belles Water Ferry to the world-renowned historic district. The Savannah Convention Center is adjacent to the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa. The historic district includes the Hyatt Regency, Savannah Marriott Riverfront, Hilton Savannah Desoto accompanied by many other eclectic and unique lodging options for conference attendees. Come see for yourself what the Hostess City has to offer!

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Contact Karen Brown at kbrown@dnanurse.org if interested or for more information.
What do you get out of being a volunteer for the DNA?
I think that it is important for anyone that can, to give back to nursing organizations that help to advocate for their professions. The DNA is a well-established organization that has evolved with the different changes in dermatology care over the years. A few years ago, the DNA did a call out for volunteers for the Joan Shelk Phototherapy Workshop. The opportunity to be a part of this workshop and learn more about phototherapy was exciting. I had experience in many of the treatments already from my office, but also had lots of questions and knowledge gaps myself. I am a dermatology nurse practitioner at a large private practice. I am the provider in our clinic that helps with our phototherapy team. This includes educational lunch and learns, trouble-shooting with staff when issues with treatment occur, and creating protocols for our phototherapy treatments. As a volunteer on this committee, I have increased my knowledge on so many of these treatments and rationales of why we do what we do and that truly has made me a better educator for my patients and staff. I have also been able to share my experiences with others to aid in increasing their knowledge.

What have you learned throughout your time as a volunteer with the DNA?
Even though we teach the same curriculum each workshop, I find that I still pick up on new knowledge each time. I have also been able to network with some incredible people including the people at the conferences that we teach, as well as my other committee members.

What is your favorite part about the committee that you’re serving on?
I have got to meet other nurses and nurse practitioners that have a great knowledge of phototherapy. We all have different backgrounds and have different types of light treatments at our facilities that we work for, which allows us to really provide a comprehensive overview when we teach the workshop. This includes communicating not only knowledge of the treatments we use, but also sharing the personal experiences we have from real life situations. The other thing that has been wonderful with my experiences volunteering with this committee is getting to travel to different cities throughout the nation to teach the workshop. This includes the annual DNA conventions as well as some smaller private programs.

What are some projects you are currently working on within your committee?
The Joan Shelk Phototherapy Workshop committee members and I are working on a virtual taped session of the workshop. This will allow more access for those that are not able to travel or accommodate private workshops to get the knowledge they need to perform their roles to the fullest.
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Membership
3,000+ RNs, NPs, LPN/LVNs, Medical Assistants, Other Associate Members
Breakdown – 50% Nurses, 22% Nurse Practitioners, 20% Medical Assistants, 8% Other Categories – NP Society Member, Nurse Member, Associate Member, Student Member, Senior Member, Honorary, Lifetime, Corporate

Disclaimer

The review questions at the end of each module may or may not be reflective of the certification examination questions. Completion of this course DOES NOT insure the participant will attain a passing score on the certification examination. This package is only available for one year after purchase.
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On the Job

What is the biggest benefit you get from your DNA membership?

The biggest benefits I get from my DNA membership is definitely the ability to network across the country with talented and like-minded providers in the dermatology specialty. In being involved with both my local chapter and the national board, I’ve found professionals and other mentors that have supported me professionally- as well as colleagues who I find share similar aspirations or difficulties within the field as myself. This has allowed me to share ideas and be up to date on the latest evidenced based practice.

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

My biggest advice would be to not be afraid to jump in and volunteer! While looking at role descriptions can feel overwhelming when people have other work and out of work obligations, volunteering has enriched my experiences in the specialty more than I could have imagined. I always feel supported by my mentors when I have a question and the problem solving has helped me in my professional role.

On the Side

What do you do when you’re not working?

I love to travel, see live music of all genres, and spend time with my family, friends, and foster dog fail turned adoptee, Rush.

The one thing people don’t know about me...

I’m a huge coffee lover of all kinds, and one of my favorite things to do when traveling is find the best coffee shops in every small town I go! I started a coffee shop Instagram of my travels and love to review the coffees and delicacies of the town.

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What is your name?
Shimika Barrolle, DNP, FNP-C

What setting do you work in?
Medical Dermatology at an Academic Medical Center

How long have you been a nurse practitioner?
2 years

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

Can you describe your role as an NP in your practice and the healthcare team?
I completed a 2-year fellowship in dermatology and now serve as the lead NP for my department. I see a variety of patients of all ages in my individual clinics with differing dermatologic conditions. A few conditions that I see are acne, warts, atopic dermatitis, skin checks, and hair loss. I have also chosen to work with attending physicians to see complex dermatology patients to continue to build my skill and knowledge base. In addition, I precept NP students.

Outside of the clinical aspects of my job, I serve as my Department Wellness Representative creating initiatives to promote physical and mental wellbeing for the members of our department and I am a new member of the clinical operations team.

What kind of procedures do you do on a daily basis?
I complete shave/punch biopsies, cryotherapy, intraleisonal injections, and electrodesiccation and curettage.

What is your favorite part of your job as a (dermatology) NP?
I think dermatology is the best field for me. It is so fun and offers great variety each day. My absolute favorite part of my job is seeing the difference that treatments can make in the quality of life of our patients.

What would be your advice to give to aspiring dermatology nurse practitioners?
My advice for aspiring dermatology nurse practitioners is to commit to being a lifelong learner. I encourage Derm NPs to seek opportunities to build skill, knowledge, and experience. Things are changing constantly and it’s good to stay informed.
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**PHARMACOLOGY TEMPLATE**

**HISTORY OR BACKGROUND OF THE DRUG**
Please include:

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• 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?
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• 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?

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Please include:

• Indications
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Dermatology Nurses’ Association Awards/Scholarships Program

The DNA Awards, Grants and Scholarship Program is designed to acknowledge and recognize our DNA members and volunteers. The Program is divided into three categories:

Recognition Awards, Monetary Grants and Scholarships:

Awards recognize our member volunteers who lead and give back to their community. Grant funds support contributions to the dermatology nursing field and certification. Scholarship funds support those wishing to advance their nursing education.

Criteria for all awards, grants and scholarships include:

All candidates must be a current DNA member for a minimum of 2 consecutive and complete years of membership.
A DNA member may not win the same award two years in a row and may only win one award per year.
All winners will write an article for the Focus Newsletter on what receiving their award has meant to them.

The Awards, Grants and Scholarships application process will be open all year. Deadline for applications to be received and reviewed is October 1 of the year prior to receiving the awards or funds. Applicants for certification grants, convention and mobility scholarships will be informed of the chosen recipient(s) by year’s end. Funded grants and scholarships will be given out in the year following application. The volunteer recognition awards will be announced at the annual convention.

Hall of Fame Award
Purpose: To identify the “Best of the Best” in the dermatology nursing profession. The recipient(s) will be inducted into the DNA Hall of Fame and will receive a plaque.

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