

SECOND QUARTER 2024



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Smail Seeks Volunteers**

**EAC Launches "Hair Loss  
in Pediatric Patients"**

**HPASC Committee:  
Work Smarter Not Harder**

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## **Mission Statement**

The Dermatology Nurses' Association is a professional nursing organization comprised of a diverse group of individuals who are committed to quality dermatologic care to provide better patient outcomes through sharing knowledge and expertise.

The core purpose of the DNA is to promote excellence in dermatologic care.

## **FOCUS, Second Quarter, 2024**

Dermatology Nurses' Association

## **DNA Board of Directors**

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Nancy Smail, RN

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### **Executive Director:**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NANCY SMAIL, RN

For the second FOCUS article this year, I'd like to expand on the theme of Nurses Week 2024, "Nurses Make a Difference".

We all know the difference nurses make in their patients' lives, but I would also suggest that we make a difference when we involve ourselves in our professional organizations as well. Just as we monitor the health state of our patients. We, as dermatology healthcare professionals, need to be vigilant about the health state of the Dermatology Nurses' Association.

The purpose of any professional organization is to enhance the image and skill levels of the individuals that belong, as well as keep members informed of industry trends. The mission is primarily educational and informational. In order to protect the health of the DNA, our leadership should encourage members to use and develop their strengths, foster collaboration, and encourage collective thinking.

Healthy organizations have robust teamwork and are able to innovate, adapt and solve problems more quickly. To this end, I would like each DNA member to ask themselves, to what degree do you feel you contribute to our organization's vision and mission as well as letting leadership know what we can do to help you enjoy participating more?

We are looking forward to innovation this year by expanding committees to do more meaningful work and renewing ourselves by challenging the status quo. With your help, I believe we're on the right path to maintaining a healthy organization.





# Save the Date!

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY

JOAN POHUTSKY, DNP, APRN, NP-BC, BOD SECRETARY

**The January 2024 Board of Directors meeting was cancelled.**

**The Board of Directors met virtually on February 13, 2024.**

**Board Members:**

Nancy Smail, President  
Dede Sullivan, President-Elect  
Robin Inabinet, Immediate Past President  
Jessica Simmons, Treasurer  
Heather Onoday, Secretary  
Blake Bryant, Director  
Joan Pohutsky, Director

**DNA Staff:**

Linda Markham, DNA Executive Director  
Stephanie McCall, DNA Administrative Coordinator

**Unable to Attend:**

Keischa Cash, Director

The board discussed reviewing committee structures and obstacles to leadership and volunteerism for the coming year. The board unanimously approved for HPASC to meet bi-monthly to avoid burn out.

Notably, the MAC and NPS chairs are open positions at this time. Because of this, a motion to suspend MAC meetings during this restructuring period was approved until further notice. The board also discussed the nomination of candidates for the available board positions for 2024. Two candidates were unanimously accepted on the slate for the Nominating Committee and one for a Director position.

**The Board of Directors met in person on March 5, 2024.**

**Board Members:**

Nancy Smail, President  
Robin Inabinet, Immediate Past President  
Heather Onoday, Secretary  
Jessica Simmons, Treasurer  
Joan Pohutsky, Director  
Blake Bryant, Director

**DNA Staff:**

Linda Markham, DNA Executive Director  
Stephanie McCall, DNA Administrative Coordinator  
Kara Briggs, DNA Administrative Coordinator

The board discussed current board openings with a review of the DNA Bylaws and policies and a need to appoint any open positions.

The board also discussed the NPS leadership and Heather Onoday has volunteered to help move their projects forward and has agreed to become the Interim Chair of the NPS. An NP survey revision will be completed and sent out to the DNA NPS members to determine their current needs.

**The Board of Directors met in person on March 8, 2024.**

**Board Members:**

Nancy Smail, President  
Robin Inabinet, Immediate Past President  
Jessica Simmons, Treasurer  
Joan Pohutsky, Secretary  
Blake Bryant, Director  
Nina Harry, Director

**DNA Staff:**

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M. Brennan reported on the attendance of various workshops at convention, noting a total of 190 attendees. He did, however, raise concerns about not meeting contracted room and food and beverage minimums. T. Greene, the Corporate Relations Manager, shared that the exhibitors had good contact with attendees without receiving negative feedback. He expressed concern about next year's attendance and the need to increase attendee numbers.

The board also discussed their responsibilities, distinguishing between policymaking and implementation roles.

Board openings were discussed, and several appointments were made, including N. Smail extending her Presidential term being extended for 1 year and R. Inabinet agreeing to remain Immediate Past President for 1 year. A. Hamilton and N. Harry were appointed as Directors. Hamilton for a 1 year term, and Harry for a 2 year term.

In terms of NPS Leadership, H. Onoday volunteered to become Interim Chair and take on current projects. The board agreed upon further meeting times, dates, and orientations.



## DNA WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Almaguer, Irene, CMA, Happy Valley, OR  
 Batten, Shawn, St. John's, NL  
 Bishop, Bailey, Student, Cheyenne, WY  
 Botello, Edgar, Visalia, CA  
 Bradley, Jaycie, Student, Longview, TX  
 Bregman, Oksana, Apopka, FL  
 Brooks, Brindley, Founder & ED/Pt Advocate, Puyallup, WA  
 Caione, Kelly, Fairfield, CT  
 Case, Shannon, Albany, NY  
 Castro, G. Elgin, OK  
 Catlin, Paula, Thornton, CO  
 Cinco, Carlota, Las Vegas, NV  
 Corwin, Sara, FNP-C, Okeechobee, FL  
 Crawford, Ashley, Hillsboro, OR  
 Dennehy, Melissa, LPN, Billerica, MA  
 Derby, Sara, CMA, Bagley, MN  
 Diliberto, Katherine, Nurse Practitioner, Houston, TX  
 DuFour, Laura, Nurse Practitioner, Encino, CA  
 Erickson, Jessica, Springfield, OR  
 Fields, Davan, Colliers, WV  
 Fisher, Jessica, Southern Pines, NC  
 Forkner, Allitney, Box Elder, SD  
 Fu, Tessa, RN, Los Angeles, CA  
 Graham, Heidi, Peterborough, ON  
 Hahn, Joanna, Hercules, CA  
 Hajek, Katherine, Seattle, WA  
 Hale, Katelynn, Registered Nurse, Oakbrook Terrace, IL  
 Henderschedt, Emily, Family Nurse Practitioner Dermatology, Dayton, OH  
 Hickey, Mackenzie, St. John's, NL  
 Hoff, Madison, Norfolk, NE  
 Hwang, Elizabeth, Oakland Gardens, NY  
 Inthavanh, Alexandria, Gastonia, NC  
 Jarvis, Catherine, Student Nurse, Derry, NH  
 Lara, Janette, Union City, CA  
 Lenz, Nasslynne, APRN, Las Vegas, NV  
 Lombardi, Alexia, Registered Nurse, Scottsdale, AZ  
 Longino, Sharonda, Santa Clarita, CA  
 Martin, Lott, Port Townsend, WA

Matveyev, Maggie, Elkhorn, NE  
 Miller, Carolyn, BSPH, Austin, TX  
 Miller, David, St. John's, NL  
 Milne, Alexandra, ETOBICOKE, ON  
 Mischler, Vanessa, FNP-BC, Evansville, IN  
 Mitchell, Maya, Registered Nurse, Mississauga, ON  
 Mitchell, Shay, Harrisonburg, VA  
 Morimoto, Rachel, Portland, OR  
 Moss, April, BNRN, St. John's, NL  
 Moss, Kailee, Roxboro, NC  
 Nelson, Kristina, Concord, NH  
 Nicpon, Jennifer, DNP, Waukesha, WI  
 O'Neill, Siobhan, M.S. CCMA (Clinical Research Coordinator), Lake Oswego, OR  
 O'Toole, Patti, R.N., Fresno, CA  
 Palmer, Denise, RNBC CCRC MA, Morgantown, WV  
 Preston, Beth, ARNP, Newton, IA  
 Prockish, Heidi, Wamego, KS  
 Richards, Rachael, Toronto, ON  
 Riley, Lauricia, Seattle, WA  
 Schell, Joshua, Manhattan, KS  
 Schulte, Jessica, Palm Beach Gardens, FL  
 Segal, Rachel, Brooklyn, NY  
 Shapaker, Magdalena, Nurse Practitioner, Memphis, TN  
 Shaw, Patricia, DNP, FNP-BC, DCNP, Las Cruces, NM  
 Sheehy, Michelle, Tucson, AZ  
 Shirazi, Noor, East Meadow, NY  
 Sims, Destiny, MI  
 Soukup, Amy, Westmont, IL  
 Stebbins, cherice, West Monroe, NY  
 Taggard, Kayla, Portland, OR  
 Tellone, Cathy, Oklahoma City, OK  
 Teresinski, Kyla, MSN, APNP, FNP-C, Weston, WI  
 Townsend, Samantha, Green Bay, WI  
 Tran, Jessica  
 Walker, Lauren, Boston, MA  
 Walsh, Rachel, St. John's, NL  
 Williams, Megan, FNP-C, Brazil, IN

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Quarterly Financial Update	(as of March, 2024)
Gross Revenue	\$ 191,342
Gross Expenses	\$ 180,076
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Net Operating Income (loss)	\$ (11,266)
Balance on hand	\$ 139,331
DNA Membership	1,071

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### Education

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



### Publications

- Quarterly Newsletter, *DNA FOCUS*
- Bi-monthly Journal. *the Journal of the Dermatology Nurses' Association (JDNA)*
- Scope and Standards of Practice
- Weekly Newsletter delivered to your inbox, DNA eNews
- *Dermatology Nursing Essentials: A Core Curriculum, 2nd edition (2003) & 3rd Edition (2016)*



### Networking

- Interactive website, [www.dnanurse.org](http://www.dnanurse.org)
- Local DNA Chapters
- @DNAurses social media: Facebook, X, LinkedIn, Instagram, NPS Closed Facebook



### Events

- DNA Annual Convention: Meet educational needs, network with colleagues in the field and industry vendors, and enhance professional growth
- Chapter Meetings



### Discounted Services

- SkinSAFE- The Skin Allergy Avoidance Platform free to DNA Members
- Hotel Storm
- VisualDX



### Professional Development

- The Awards/Scholarship Program offers awards, grants, and scholarships for education advancement
- Dermatology Nursing Certification for RNs and NPs
- Leadership development through volunteer opportunities
- Career Center network to connect members with more jobs in less time



### Advocacy

- DNA Leaders attend legislative conferences each year to better advocate for their members and patients
- DNA Collaborates with affiliate organizations, combining advocacy efforts.



### 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, Financial Oversight Committee, Health Policy Advocacy & Scanning Committee, Membership Advisory Council, Nominating Committee, and the Program Planning Committee.
- DNA online store: pins, SunAWARE bookmarks, and publications.



As I write this article during Nurses Week, I am reminded of the impact nurses make each day to the patients we serve. Their unwavering commitment to excellence ensures that patients receive the highest quality of care, leading to improved outcomes and enhanced quality of life. Let us express our heartfelt appreciation to dermatology nurses everywhere for their tireless efforts and invaluable contributions to patient care.

One of the key responsibilities of dermatology nurses is patient education which is a sizable motivating factor for me and why I choose to volunteer and serve on the Education Advisory Council. We serve as educators by fostering open communication and providing personalized guidance. Dermatology nurses help patients make informed decisions about their health and well-being. Furthermore, dermatology nurses are champions of patient advocacy, ensuring that individuals receive the comprehensive care and support they need throughout their healthcare journey. Whether navigating insurance coverage, coordinating follow-up care, or addressing psychosocial concerns, dermatology nurses are unwavering advocates for their patients, advocating for their rights and well-being every step of the way.

As we look to the future, the role of dermatology nurses continues to evolve in response to emerging trends and advancements in healthcare. From embracing telemedicine and digital health technologies to participating in groundbreaking research and clinical trials, dermatology nurses are at the forefront of innovation, driving positive change in the field of dermatology.

The new launch in the DNA CE Center for the first quarter of 2024 was as follows:

Hair Loss in Pediatric Patients (17123) launched February 9, 2024.

The Education Advisory Council will continue to work hard for our members in support of our primary function “promoting excellence in dermatological care in alignment with our core purpose”. Thanks to all the Dermatology Nurses who are the backbone of dermatological care, embodying compassion, expertise, and dedication in their daily practice.



Happy Spring! This tends to be a time of renewal and refreshing. The DNPCB is doing exactly that with some new board members and getting ready to work on renewing accreditation with the ABSNC (Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification).

A few board members are completing their terms this month: Avery Dinallo, Keischa Cash, Susan Bordonaro and the Past President Megan Ferguson. Megan has been on the board for many years. As President of the DNPCB, she was instrumental in achieving accreditation for the DCNP exam. Her contributions to the DNPCB and the profession of Dermatology Certified Nurse Practitioners is greatly appreciated. The board will be welcoming new directors Karen Limaye, Katrina Masterson, and Catherine Hoover. They each bring significant experience and knowledge to the board as well as commitment to advancing the role of certified nurse practitioners in dermatology.

Hopefully you have completed the recent survey the board sent out regarding the recertification process and continuing education (deadline was May 1st). The DNPCB and recertification committee will use these results to access the current recertification process. The goal is to simplify recertification while maintaining the high level of standards for the DCNP credential. The purpose of obtaining the credential and maintaining the ABSNC accreditation of the exam is to elevate the value of certification for nurse practitioners in the dermatology profession.

On July 19-20th, a committee of DNPCB directors, DCNP volunteers and staff of C-NET (administrators of the exam) will work on the practice analysis. The content of the current exam will be reviewed to be sure it is up to date and consistent with current practice of dermatology nurse practitioners. A survey will be developed to send to all DCNP's, so please be sure to take the time to complete it. The results of this survey will be statistically analyzed and the blueprint for the exam will be updated based on this information. The practice analysis is an important component to assure the DCNP exam is a valid representation of current knowledge and practice of dermatology nurse practitioners.

The DNPCB appreciates your feedback and participation to uphold the standards of the DCNP credential. If you would like to become involved by volunteering on a subcommittee of the DNPCB please contact Kelly Tiffany at [ktiffany@dnpcb.org](mailto:ktiffany@dnpcb.org). Some activities qualify for continuing education credits, see recertification categories on our website at [dnpcb.org](http://dnpcb.org).







## NP Online Certification Review Course

### DCNP Course Description

#### **COST:**

***\$500.00 for members***

***\$800.00 for non-members***

Welcome to the Dermatology Certified Nurse Practitioner (DCNP) online review course. 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 38.27 NCPD/CE credits.

We wish you success in completing the certification examination.

If you previously received CE's for any content you may access and complete again but for license requirements you can only claim credit once per module.

#### **Disclaimer**

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At first glance, Advocacy seems a cumbersome and daunting activity. For some, maybe those that have lost loved ones, have their career tied to a cause, or experienced an event first-hand, they have a drive to act that makes acting easier. For those of us that might not have direct cause to act, we may come about it slower but with no less fervor or impact. As our committee acts nearly weekly throughout the year on behalf of all members, there are some ways that have yielded more results with less effort that we felt would be significant to share.

Two organizations we partner with, the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) and the Coalition of Skin Diseases (CSD) represent large groups and centralize efforts and information.

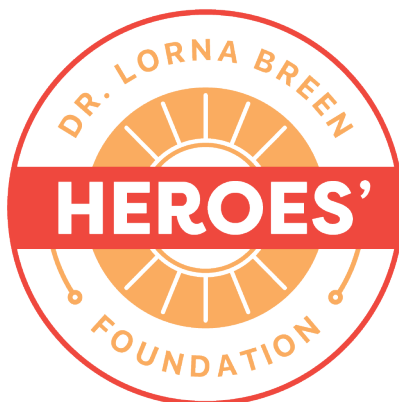
The NCC includes 64 member organizations that are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession. This brings information to us that has been vetted and allows us to synergistically act on nursing research and funding. They have particularly been working hard at Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs funding and appropriations this year.

The CSD represents over 30 patient advocacy groups in the dermatology skin disease space. Representing over 84 million Americans, these groups centralize efforts to make better lives for patients with various skin diseases. As the DNA, we support and add strength to the coalition with our healthcare background. They are a great centralized group to learn about patient advocacy groups for our patients with diseases from ichthyosis, vitiligo, alopecia, cutaneous lymphomas, pediatrics, nevi, and atopic dermatitis, just to name a few. Please consider reviewing their webpage to collect resources you may be able to share with your patients.

Finally, with modern technology and building infrastructure for advocacy, getting your voice heard is easier now than ever before. A super quick and efficient way to engage in a conversation are calls to action that automate the process. Set a quick google alert for specific topics and set the frequency to get messages delivered in your inbox or subscribe to a bill number on the level of government's website to track its back-and-forth actions. There are causes integrating it directly into their tasks. The Lorna Breen Act funds mental health and burnout mitigation for healthcare workers. The Lorna Breen Hero's Foundation website has a call to action, that requires you just to fill in a few pieces of information and automatically sends it to your representatives with a standard message – you don't even need to know who they are!

Check out their page at: <https://drlornabreen.org/reauthorizelba>

There are always ways to get started, however small, and when we work together, we can work smarter! Please consider joining the HPASC committee by emailing [dna@dnanurse.org](mailto:dna@dnanurse.org).







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**Contact the DNA National Office at [www.dnannurse.org](http://www.dnannurse.org) if interested or for more information.**



## Tell Your DNA Story!

We invite our esteemed members to tell us their unique membership journey — why they chose to join DNA, the valuable benefits they've experienced, and the impact it's had on their professional growth. By sharing your story, you inspire others and showcase the numerous advantages of belonging to our vibrant community.

Join us in our conversation and be part of our collective commitment to excellence in dermatology nursing!

We call upon DNA members to express their membership story and the benefits of joining the Dermatology Nurses' Association:

**Written Testimonial:** Members can write testimonials detailing their personal experiences, highlighting specific benefits they've enjoyed.

**Social Media Posts:** We encourage members to share their membership stories on social media platforms.

**Video Testimonials:** Members can create short, 30 second video testimonials discussing their journey with the association.

**Blog Posts or Articles:** As a member, if you maintain a website, blog, or other news types of feeds, DNA encourages you to link to the DNA website.

**Email Campaigns:** Share our email campaigns!

Individual members can express the following points:

**Personal Growth:** Highlight how membership has facilitated your professional development and personal growth.

**Networking Opportunities:** Share the value of networking with your fellow dermatology nurses, experts, and leaders in the field.

**Community and Support:** Stress the sense of belonging and camaraderie within the DNA community.

**Advocacy and Influence:** Illustrate how membership empowers nurses to advocate for your profession and affect positive change.

**Exclusive Resources and Benefits:** Highlight the exclusive resources, benefits, and perks that come with your membership.

**Recognition and Leadership Opportunities:** Discuss how membership opens doors.

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### On the Job

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

I always think that being in our specialty, we have a lot of peers that understand our unique position but often we do not intermingle with them regularly. Being able to hear so many different perspectives, structures, thoughts, backgrounds, personalities, and responsibilities, bolsters my passion for nursing and the specialty. I would say just working next to all the talented individuals is the biggest benefit.

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

Firstly, you are involved whether you intended to be. All members' voices carry weight and by joining, you wanted to be influenced and influence others. Therefore, I would ask, what can you get out of being involved and follow that. I love to teach and learn, so I joined groups that did things I have never heard of (then the Environmental Scanning Committee) and started reviewing and testing CE's before they went live in the CE Center. They helped me start to discover what more I wanted out of DNA and then my involvement since has been directed at that.

#### What is the most satisfying aspect of your job?

My patients often are referred by general dermatology practices for our advanced aesthetic options. Getting to walk my patients through the process of permanently improving their quality of life is amazing. I especially like to collaborate with their primary dermatology providers and especially love treating hyperhidrosis and vascular lesions.

### On the Side

#### What would you be doing if you hadn't become a dermatology nurse?

Everyone always tells me, "You have worked so many places." I have a background in mental health, spectrum and crisis management, rock wall climbing instructor, barista for a bakery that was on Cupcake Wars, non-profit education development, HR consulting, recruiting, advertising design, level one sommelier, and clinical trial coordinator, so any of the above could have been my career path had I not found my calling with dermatology!

#### The one thing people don't know about me...

I am a huge nerd and if I get a whiff that you will listen to any fantasy book, tv, or video game series, we will chat. I am currently reading the longest book series of all time, it is 4.4 million words long, called Wheel of Time and will talk about Doctor Who anytime. My kids will let me nerd out on occasion and I think they secretly follow in my footsteps.

#### Words to live by or favorite quotes?

These quotes are things I say to myself in stressful times, silent car rides home after work or when the power goes out!

1. "There is never a good time for something that needs a good time."
2. "People's opinions, even if stated as fact, is not my concern."
3. "The world is full of flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision."
4. "Any task can be broken down into the first step, the last step, and the path between those two points."



# AWARDS/ SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM



## 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.

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### Criteria for all awards, grants and scholarships include:

All candidates must be a current DNA member for a minimum of two completed consecutive 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 year round. Deadline for applications to be received and reviewed is October 1st 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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**What is your name?**

Amy Berry

**What setting do you work in?**

A private practice dermatology clinic with Dr. Michele Thompson, a dermatologist and dermatopathologist

**How long have you been a nurse practitioner?**

I have been a nurse practitioner for 21 years.

**How long have you worked as an NP in dermatology or a dermatology-related discipline?**

I completed my graduate program in 2003 and started working that same year as a NP in dermatology.

**Can you describe your role as an NP in your practice and the healthcare team?**

As an adult nurse practitioner, I care for teen and adult patients with a variety of common and complex dermatological conditions. My role as an NP is to educate patients regarding prevention of disease, understanding their diagnosis, and treatments.

**What kind of procedures do you do daily?**

Biopsies, liquid nitrogen, injections, I&D (incision and drainage), C&D (curettage and desiccation).

**What is your favorite part of your job as a dermatology NP?**

I enjoy forming long-term relationships with patients and their families. Skin conditions can cause a lot of anxiety, fear, and shame. Helping patients navigate these conditions is highly rewarding.

**What advice would you give to aspiring dermatology nurse practitioners?**

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# NURSE PRACTITIONER IN DERMATOLOGY

A nurse practitioner in dermatology is a clinician who offers holistic, high-quality care for their patients. They have advanced clinical training beyond their initial professional registered nurse preparation with a master's or doctoral degree and advanced education and training in the specialty. Many nurse practitioners also achieve dermatology nurse practitioner certification demonstrating a higher degree of professional competence. Nurse practitioners are highly-trained dedicated professionals who are trusted by both patients and other healthcare providers.

Expertise in dermatology is accomplished through specialty training or completion of a post-graduate internship program. In addition, the dermatology nurse practitioner participates in independent continuing education activities such as those offered by professional organizations such as Dermatology Nurses' Association (DNA).

Increasing health care needs are driving the growth of the profession. Nurse practitioners in dermatology provide high-quality comprehensive care for diverse patient populations, increase patient access to healthcare services and decrease wait times to care.

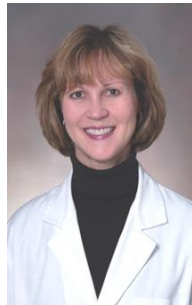
Nurse practitioners in dermatology emphasize the patient-centered holistic approach to dermatology through expert care, comprehensive examination, clear communication and continuity of care.

## Responsibilities

- Performs comprehensive examinations of the skin, hair, nails, and mucosa
- Orders and interprets diagnostic tests
- Prescribes medications
- Performs surgical procedures including biopsies and excisions
- Diagnoses and treats dermatologic conditions
- Provides counseling and education
- Works with other health care professionals to provide comprehensive care

### Other responsibilities may include:

- Phototherapy treatment
- Cosmetic procedures
- Laser procedures
- Telemedicine
- Policy development
- Dermatologic Research



*Role: Nurse practitioners in dermatology diagnose and treat a broad array of dermatologic conditions\**

*\*Scope of practice, regulations and prescriptive privileges vary by state*



*Nurse Practitioners in Dermatology work in a variety of settings including:*

*Group and private practices*

*Hospitals*

*HMOs*

*Academic centers*

*Community clinics*

*University health settings*

*Veterans hospitals and clinics*

*Nurse-managed clinics*



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### July, 2024

UV Safety Month

National Stay Out of the Sun Day - July 3rd

National Love Your Skin Day - July 8th

DNA Board Nominations Deadline - July 14th

### August, 2024

Psoriasis Action Month

Summer Sun Safety Month

### September, 2024

National Pediculosis Prevention Month

National Skin Care Awareness Month

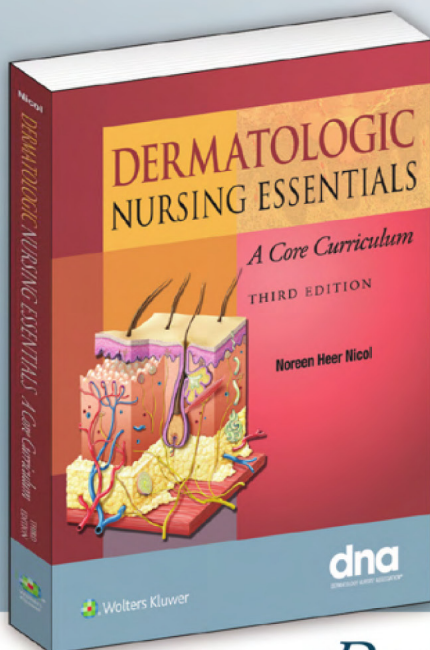
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