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President's Corner

Karen Holder, AZNPC President

The Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council has officially changed officers. I would like to extend a special thanks to our outgoing President, Janeen Dahn for her leadership and fortitude in being a voice for members. An additional congratulation is due on completing her Doctorate during her tenure as president. Way to go Dr. Dahn! Our secretary Ted Rigney, has taken a sabbatical and we extend our sincere thanks to him for his work on nominations, administrative duties and most impressively for resurrecting our quarterly publication of *The Practitioner*. Thank you Ted! Janeen Dahn has stepped up to the plate and will be our new secretary. Roni Fox is our outgoing membership chair and has been nominated as incoming treasurer. And our new membership chair is Amber Porter. We welcome all of these superb NPs to their new roles. Bessie Burk continues as our vice president, and as you know will chair our annual July Symposium planning committee amid her other duties. Denise Link is our legislative chair and has been a mover and shaker in our state capital as well as in Washington DC. Her advocacy work has impacted tremendously in creating strides toward greater NP recognition among stakeholders. Katie Wall as our public relations chair, and has renovated our website advancing it as a dynamic tool for networking and professional information. She has worked to



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make it easily accessible to NPs, students and the public. Nancy Johnson has been an amazing volunteer in orchestrating monthly educational dinners for NPs in the Phoenix area. We have a powerful leadership team and look forward to moving Arizona NPs forward through educational opportunities, public policy advocacy and in representing you at stakeholder tables. As always we welcome your participation and welcome your feedback on issues relevant to your professional needs.

Sincerely,
Karen Holder, FNP-BC, President



CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM (CSPMP)

Effective December 21, 2013 the current Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring program will be serviced by Optimum Technology. The rules and regulations will not change only the company who offers this product will change. It will continue to be a program designed to provide information regarding the prescription of controlled substances in order to prevent the improper or illegal use of the controlled substance and shall not infringe on the legitimate prescribing of a controlled substance by a prescribing practitioner acting in good faith and in the course of professional practice. The program will cover the entire state.

As of **December 21, 2013** the website for the CSPMP Data Reporting Program transitioned to Optimum Technology. As part of this transition the look and feel of the website changed, but its functionality remains the same. For instructions on how to run a patient request or account

maintenance please find the user guide on the Arizona Board of Pharmacy's website at www.azpharmacy.gov The new website address will be www.azrxreporting.com Your **login ID remains the same**, when attempting to login to the new site for the first time, please click on **"Forgot/Reset password"** and set your password (note: you will need to have your existing **PIN** in order to set your password.)

For technical support please contact Optimum Technology at 1-866-683-2476 or azrxreporting@otech.com



Amber Porter, FNP-BC has been a nurse since 1990 and a Family Nurse Practitioner since 2009. Currently working in Advanced Lung Disease at Dignity St. Joseph's Hospital with a focus on prevention of hospitalization and optimizing the health of the chronically ill. Prior work history includes cardiology and neurology as well as primary care in a retail health environment.

Amber's entry into practice in 1990 was Associate Degree of Nursing and she returned to school completing her BSN from Grand Canyon University in 2006. She continued on to complete her Family Nurse Practitioner program at Grand Canyon University in 2009. She is board certified with ANCC and is a member of the American Nurses Association, Arizona Nurses Association- Chapter 9, and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

Having felt the need to become more involved politically led to the desire to run for state office. Amber was elected this year and has begun her time in service November 2013. Her passion is truly patient care focused. She believes that as an NP we can all be the voice of

our patient's when they don't know what to ask for or the ability to speak on their own behalf. She has a desire to encourage others to increase involvement in the local association. Amber truly believes the state of Arizona is the best place to work as a Nurse Practitioner.

She is married, mother to 4 and grandmother to 8 beautiful children. She is involved in her local church and enjoys singing in her church choir. She loves investing time in her family, her friends, and her patients.

Current Events

Check out our website! The Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council website contains information on current events, CE opportunities, and other resources. <https://arizonanp.enpnetwork.com> Click on the link and check it out!

CALL FOR CONTENT!

You have something to share with your NP community? *The Practitioner* is published quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Send your articles, letters, or other announcements to AZNPC9@gmail.com

What is the Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council?

About the Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council
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Our Mission

The mission of the Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council is to advance the practice and professional stature of Nurse Practitioners in Arizona through legislative impact, education, community outreach, and involvement.

What About You?

Are you interested in promoting NP practice, connecting with other NPs statewide and nationally with a single membership and having a strong and respected advocate for nursing practice and patient care?

[Then become a member of AZNPC today!](#)

Value of Membership

Being an AzNPC member makes you eligible for special programs available only to AzNA members including reduced fees for NP certification board exams, conferences, local and national products and services, and even discounts on professional liability insurance. And membership to AzNPC costs less than a dollar a day.

(FYI: Your dues may be covered/reimbursed by your employer. 80% of your dues are tax deductible.)

Easy Application Process

To become an AzNPC member, download our [membership application](#) or go to aznurse.org



University offers CEs for Preceptor Appreciation Event with help of Grant From AZNPC

Kathy Watson MS, RN, CPNP – Director of Nursing/CCC College of Health Sciences and Nursing

On November 15 and 16, 2013, the University of Phoenix (UOPX) Tucson Campus conducted a FREE *Preceptor Appreciation Conference* for all Nurse Practitioner (NP) or physician preceptors who served as a preceptor for a Tucson Family Nurse Practitioner student during the past two years. This two-day continuing education event offered 15 Continuing Education Unit's from the American Nurses Association and included 7.7 pharmacological hours. This CE event included a Pharmacology Review with Dr. Ed Laguillo, Co-Morbidities such as Medical diagnoses and psychiatric concerns and an Advanced Practice Nurse Consultant from the Arizona State Board of Nursing reviewing Scope of Practice and Safe practice. School projects from the FNP students were on display and engendered many comments. All attendees received the conference presentations on a flash drive and lunch compliments of a grant from the Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council, Chapter 9. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for students and preceptors to connect and network.

Vice President Report

Bessie Burk – AZNPC Vice President

The annual conference planning is underway. I need 5-6 people to help with a planning committee. We may have one or two conference calls, but most of the interaction will be conducted through email. I need input on types of classes that interest our members as well as leads on possible presenters.

If interested, please email me directly at bessieburk@msn.com

I plan to have the committee together by the first week in February. We should be all done with planning by the end of March so I am not asking for a long commitment.

Scope of Practice Questions?

Janeen Dahn PhD, FNP-C, AZNPC Secretary

Did you know the Arizona State Board of Nursing has a Scope of Practice question email? ScopeofPractice@azbn.gov is available to anyone who has a question about the Scope of Practice for Certified Nursing Assistants, Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, and Advanced Practice Nurses. If you have questions about whether a skill is within your scope of practice, first refer to the [Scope of Practice Decision Tree](#) on the Board of Nursing website. Scope of Practice is defined as the assortment of nursing activities common to all nurses. A nurses' individual Scope of Practice is influenced by their educational program, continuing education activities, experience, and population served. Scope of Practice Decision Tree Advisory Opinion was recently updated to assist nurses in determining if a task or skill is within a nurse's scope of practice. If your question isn't answered by referring to the Decision Tree, send your scope question to the Board of Nursing email Scope Line at ScopeofPractice@azbn.gov



SAVE THE DATE!

Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council Quarterly Meetings

Telephonic meetings will be conducted on:

- January 25, 2014 10 am
- April 26, 2014, 10 am
- October 25, 2014, 10 am

Quarterly meetings are open to the public and may be accessed by calling toll free:

1-866-855-1152 Conference code: 99785595#

Please do not call in sooner than 5 minutes prior to start as the chapter is billed by the minute. A Chapter 9 quarterly meeting will be held during the Southwest NP Symposium on

- JULY 26, 2014

The Southwest NP Symposium is a great opportunity to network with your colleagues.



Katie Wall – Public Relations Chairperson

Last year at the annual conference in Flagstaff, we held our first silent auction. The event was a success and raised enough money to support our scholarships offered throughout the year. The Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council is starting to plan for the 2014 conference. If you have an item you wish to donate, please contact Katie Wall at Katieewall@aol.com. Items can vary from jewelry, purses, scarves, artwork, tools, homemade crafts, gift certificates, phones, get away packages, etc... The donation is not eligible for tax deduction.

The website is becoming a great tool and resource. There are local and national events posted on a regular basis. News and announcements are posted frequently. As a reminder, having a log in on the website does not equate being a member of Chapter 9, the Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council. To be a member of Chapter 9, you must first be a member of the American Nurses Association. On the application for the ANA, you choose Arizona as your home state. Please select Chapter 9 with the state level. The AZNA and AZNPC are separate organizations from the

American Association of Nurse Practitioners. The AZNA and AZNPC do have a partnership with the AANP. For networking with in the state of Arizona, there is the list serve, the Coalition of Arizona Nurses in Advanced Practice (CAZNAP). The AZNPC supports CAZNAP but having a membership on CAZNAP does not equate membership to Chapter 9.

The Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council continues to host monthly educational dinner events on clinical topics pertinent to practice. If you wish to host or sponsor a specific topic, please contact the executive team.

American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Bessie Burk –AANP Arizona State Representative

The recipients of the annual awards for excellence and advocacy have been announced.

Anne Moore, FNP

Congratulations on receiving the 2014 AANP Nurse Practitioner State Award for Excellence.

Robert Babyar, MD

Congratulations on receiving the 2014 AANP Nurse Practitioner State Award for Advocacy.

2014 AANP Annual Conference registration is now open...the good stuff fills fast remember. It is going to be held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville June 17-22, 2014

You can register from the website www.aanp.org

Hope to see you there...

Bessie



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www.magicfoundation.org

When Puberty Comes Too Early and May Be Cause for Concern: Know the Signs and Symptoms of Central Precocious Puberty

Parents commonly feel like their children are growing up too quickly. But sometimes, they really are.

Many parents are caught by surprise when their children exhibit signs of puberty at a younger age than "normal." Early puberty occurs before age nine in boys and before age eight in girls. A healthcare provider should evaluate children that develop signs and symptoms of puberty before these ages, because they may indicate a condition known as central precocious puberty (CPP). Left undiagnosed and untreated, CPP may lead to psychosocial concerns, increase the rate of bone maturation, and reduce eventual adult height for children.

CPP occurs in one out of every 5,000 to 10,000 children. In most children with CPP, there is no underlying medical problem or identifiable reason for this early onset.

What to do if you suspect your child has CPP

No one knows your child better than you, so trust your instincts. If you feel something isn't normal, talk to your child's pediatrician. If the pediatrician suspects CPP, you may be referred immediately to a pediatric endocrinologist -- a doctor who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of hormone-related conditions in children.

Treatments for CPP

Not every child who is diagnosed with CPP needs treatment. However, if your child is diagnosed with CPP and your pediatric endocrinologist determines that your child needs treatment, there are safe and effective medicines that may help. Treatment can be a way to hit the puberty "pause" button, allowing a child to delay entering puberty until the appropriate time. It may also spare them the confusion of coping with changes before they are physically and emotionally prepared.

Treatment also helps to prevent complications that can arise from CPP. One such complication is reduced adult height. When this happens, it can lead to a quick growth spurt that stops earlier than usual. In the short term, a child may appear taller than children their own age. In the long term, they may never reach their true adult height potential.



www.PubertyTooEarly.com

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF EARLY PUBERTY:

Girls (Before Age 8):

Mood Swings
Acne/Oily Skin
Underarm Hair
Breast Growth
Pubic Hair
Body Odor
Growth Spurt

Boys (Before Age 9):

Mood Swings
Acne/Oily Skin
Facial Hair
Deepening of Voice
Underarm Hair
Pubic Hair
Testicle Growth
Body Odor
Growth Spurt

For More Information

The changes that puberty brings can be challenging for anyone, but especially for children with CPP who may not be psychologically ready for these physical and hormonal changes. For more information on CPP, parents can visit the following resources:

www.PubertyTooEarly.com

The MAGIC Foundation

Toll Free Parent Help Line: (800) 3MAGIC3 or 1-800-362-4423
Email us directly: ContactUs@magicfoundation.org



Legislative Report

12/14/13 Denise Link – AZNPC Legislative Chair

AzNA Public Policy Committee – Legislative committees have begun to meet in preparation for a busy 51st Legislature - Second Regular Session. So too, the AzNA Public Policy Committee (PPC) is re-forming and preparing to review and make position recommendations to AzNA on what is traditionally a wide variety of proposed laws that will impact health and nursing in Arizona. The PPC is an active but time limited group that only works while the legislature is in session from January to late April. For those that would like to learn more about the legislative process, to have an opportunity to provide direction to our nursing organization positions on bills of interest and work on a committee that only works electronically and for a defined time period, contact Denise Link at deniseg.link@gmail.com, our AZNP Council Legislative Liaison and AzNA Government Affairs Officer. New and returning members are always welcome.

Petition signers needed - Legislators are posting their petitions to run for office and need their constituents to sign on. Soliciting signatures by using volunteers to canvass districts to get hand written signatures and then going name by name to verify the authenticity of the signatures is difficult and time consuming. This year, voters have the opportunity to sign petitions to run for office electronically. Registered voters can go to the E-Equal website at the URL <http://www.azsos.gov/equal/> to find the people in their district that are running for office and sign a petition. In some races you may only sign one petition; in others you may sign more than one. Please take a moment to go to the site and

exercise your civic rights – it is very easy and takes very little time.

APRN Lobby Day 2014 - Save the Date!–

This spring, Advanced Practice Nurses have been invited to join with the Arizona Chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP-AZ) to have a joint “Day at the Legislature”. Last year, AzNA representatives and lobbyist Rory Hays attended the Day at the Legislature and found it to be a very collegial and productive experience. This year’s Day at the Legislature is scheduled for **Wednesday February 5th** from 7:30 – 3:30. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The event is FREE and registration is required in order to assure enough room and food for all that want to attend. Visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DKNDayLegislature> to register. This event with the ACP – AZ will replace the AzNA APRN Lobby Day for this year.

AzNA NP Council members that want to participate in a nursing lobby day are welcome to register for RN Lobby Day (February 26th) on the AzNA website <http://aznurse.org/index.cfm>. The link to the registration for RN Lobby Day is under the Calendar tab on the Az NA website Home Page.

Chapter membership expansion – the AzNA NP Council Chapter 9 executive committee have approved a proposal to open Chapter 9 membership to include all Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. The reasons for this change include 1) increased solidarity among nurses from all four advanced practice roles, 2) improved collaboration among APRNs on issues of interest and 3) to provide a professional advocacy “home” for all APRNs. This expansion is proposed in anticipation of some future major legislative and policy initiatives related to achieving full practice authority for all APRNs in Arizona. A change in the membership and name of the chapter requires a by laws change. An electronic

mailing to the members will be prepared and sent soon to inform the members about the proposal and for a vote. Please watch your email and participate in this important strategic and historic event in our chapter history.



A view of the Arizona Nurse Practitioner Councils' History

We thought it would be of interest to offer a brief overview of how and when AZNPC began as an advocacy group for Arizona NPs.

1982: The Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council was started as an informal group whose sole purpose was to put on a one day educational conference for NPs. Initially the conference was sponsored fully by this NP group. In the late 1980s they joined with the Arizona Family Planning Council and offered a joint conference annually. **1984: Became affiliated with the Arizona Nurses Association** and took the name NP Council. **1988:** In or around 1988 the NP council became sole sponsor again and titled the annual conference a 2-day symposium. **1989:** The NP group **moved to become an official chapter of AZNA. March 20, 1990: AZNPC became an official chapter of AZNA, chapter 9.**

January 26, 1991: Bylaws for AZNPC, chapter 9 of AZNA were approved by AZNA. A percentage of state dues were directed to AZNPC and a treasury was established as outlined in bylaws.

January 1, 1995: DUES initiated: AZNA financial specialist notified Arizona chapter treasurers that monthly district dues would be sent from ANA to AZNA and these dues would be sent to chapters on a monthly basis. **2002: Co-sponsorship of annual NP symposium began with AZNA.** Profits were split equally. AZNA became responsible for administrative, CEU applications, mailings & registration.

AZNPC remained responsible for soliciting speakers, creating the conference program and securing exhibitors and sponsors. **March 20, 2003:** IRS approved and assigned AZNPC its own **EIN (Tax ID).** **November 26, 2003:** Application submitted to **IRS for tax exempt status.** Since our non-profit chapter sometimes made over \$25,000 per year (membership dues and profits from annual symposium), we were mandated to file taxes each year. **2004: Tax exempt status was approved as 501C-6 status,** which is described under “non-profit” section as “educational professional organization”. We are still mandated to submit tax forms annually.

2004: AZNPC Bylaws revised.

2010: Bylaws revised to update language including use of electronic systems for voting and meetings. The position of Public relations was added as an elected executive office position, making the executive committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Legislative Chair, Membership Chair & Public Relations Chair. **2010: First Strategic plan** was created and implemented to ensure executive committee focus on contemporary issues of importance to NP members. Annual budget items were aligned with strategic plan goals and strategies. Financial policies approved to ensure fiscal responsibility and membership transparency for executive committee activities. **2012:** Strategic plan was streamlined to” annual initiatives” which are action plans currently used by the executive team.

For more archived information on activities and accomplishments of your executive team, please visit the AZNPC website at: www.arizonanp.com. All executive committee and membership meetings are available there.

Sincere regards to all! Your Exec Team

What is SCOPE of Pain?

SCOPE of Pain is designed to help you safely and effectively manage patients with chronic pain, when appropriate, with opioid analgesics. The Arizona half-day meeting includes essential clinical content on opioid prescribing as well as state-specific information, including a policy and resource panel with representatives from State agencies.

SCOPE of Pain Arizona is sponsored by Boston University School of Medicine and jointly sponsored by the Arizona Board of Nursing. National collaborators include the Council of Medical Specialty Societies and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Why offer this training?

The FDA has mandated manufacturers of extended release/long-acting (ER/LA) opioid analgesics, as part of a comprehensive Risk Evaluation and

Mitigation Strategy (REMS), to make available comprehensive prescriber education in the safe use of these medications. Our training is based on the FDA curriculum known as the Blueprint for Prescriber Education for Extended Release and Long-Acting Opioid (ER/LA) Analgesics. Our curriculum covers all aspects of this blueprint and more to provide a comprehensive educational program.

Become a SCOPE of Pain Trainer!

Following the half-day training, and in addition to it, the Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) Continuing Medical Education Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education (SCOPE) program is offering a free 2.5 hour Train-the-Trainer Program.

The goal of this program is to train clinician educators how to effectively teach safe opioid prescribing practices using the BUSM three hour SCOPE of Pain curriculum. The Train-the-Trainer program will be provided in the afternoon following the half-day conference on February 1, 2014, on safe opioid prescribing. Train-the-trainer participants are expected to attend both the half-day conference and the ensuing Train-the-Trainer program.

Who is this for?

Physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists, and pharmacists

Educational Objectives:

- Employ appropriate assessment, monitoring and documentation strategies to meet best practice standards and medico-legal requirements when treating patients with chronic opioid therapy (COT)
- Apply a practical framework for decision-making on the initiation, dosage modification, and discontinuation of opioid analgesics in the treatment of chronic pain
- Employ consistent practice tools to adequately assess risk in patients being considered for COT and to effectively manage COT

- Confidently counsel patients and caregivers about the safe use of opioid medications and communicate about the need for close monitoring
- Effectively communicate with patients whom they suspect may be misusing opioid analgesics
- Demonstrate increased understanding of general- and product-specific information of ER/LA opioid analgesics

Tuition: \$25 *For more information and to register, visit www.scopeofpain.com*

Accreditation Course Director

Daniel P. Alford, MD, MPH, FACP, FASAM, Boston University School of Medicine

Physicians

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of Boston University School of Medicine and the Arizona Board of Nursing. Boston University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. This activity has been approved for *5.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM*

Nurses

Continuing Nursing Education Provider Unit, Boston University School of Medicine is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

AAFP

This live series activity, SCOPE of Pain: Safe and Competent Opioid Prescribing Education, from May 18, 2013 - February 28, 2014, has been reviewed and is acceptable for 3 Prescribed Credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Disclosure of Support

Our program is funded by an independent educational grant awarded by the manufacturers of extended-release (ER) and long acting (LA) opioid analgesics, collectively known as the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) Program Companies, or RPC. This activity is intended to be fully-compliant with the ER/LA Opioid Analgesic REMS education requirements issued by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA).

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AZNPC Initiatives: 2014

1. Support high quality healthcare and consumer satisfaction by improving NP visibility among consumers and professional stakeholders and offering APN education and professional development opportunities.

- expand arizonanp.com website viewers
- Post information for the public about NP abilities and services
- update & maintain NP directory, healthcare articles & other resources
- ensure APN participation on AzNA BOD
- facilitate career development for new and existing NPs
RN & NP scholarships
- student preceptor link on website
- facilitate networking between AZ NPs
- Conferences, quarterly newsletter and CE dinner programs
- increase membership and support of AZNPC
- NP mixers, member drives, conferences and CE dinner programs
- T-shirt sales with logo promoting NPs and AZNPC-sold on website & at NP events
- implement PAY PAL option for website purchases & advertising

2. Improve the health of all Arizonans by strengthening collaborative relationships with key NP stakeholders

- Enhance AzNPC attendance at stakeholder meetings
- Provide expert NP voices @ meetings/committees focusing on:
 - Affordable Care Act
 - Support for and access to expansion of Medicaid in Arizona
 - NP empanelment and reimbursement
 - Scope of Practice issues
 - Time sensitive issues affecting NP practice
- Collaborate with other healthcare organizations in lobbying efforts for health policy issues
- Arizona Nurses Association (AZNA)
- Governor's office
- American College of Physicians (ACP)
- Arizona State Physician Assistant Association (ASPAA)
- Advanced practice colleagues (CNS, CRNA, CNM & others)

3. Promote a proactive health policy agenda that improves access to healthcare, decreases healthcare costs and supports APN practice

- enhance and support Health Policy education for Arizona NPs
- encourage NP member and students to attend annual Day at the Legislature

- update & maintain website information on lobbying and health policy issues
- support empanelment, neutral provider language and access to NP providers (see also initiative #2)
- facilitate continued support of proposition 204 childless adults coverage & availability of Medicaid services for up to 133% FPL (Medicaid expansion)
- attend stakeholder meetings and network with hospital based NPs to advocate for updated hospital bylaw changes that include APNs on medical staff
- develop & enhance relationships with legislators, insurers, stakeholders
- support and subsidize NP Lobby Day
- appoint Executive officers and/or expert members to stakeholder committees and boards
- create NP brochure to educate stakeholders

Passed by Executive committee December 14, 2013