

# GAPNA *eAlert*

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## ***AGS Foundation for Health in Aging Geriatrics Healthcare Professional Referral Service***

Thanks to all of you who stopped by the [American Geriatrics Society's](#) (AGS) booth at the GAPNA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. We received a comment during the meeting that the AGS Foundation for Health in Aging Geriatrics Healthcare Professional Referral Service at [Healthinaging.org](#) does not list many advanced practice nurses. We wanted to explain that the referral service only includes AGS members who indicate that they want to be included in the referral service.

If you are an AGS member and would like to be added to the [Referral Service](#), please contact Hoon Jason Park, AGS Membership Coordinator, at [hpark@americangeriatrics.org](mailto:hpark@americangeriatrics.org), who will be happy to add your name to the referral listing.

## ***NSO's Legal Case Study***

Medical Malpractice claims can be asserted against any healthcare provider, including nurse practitioners. Although there may be a perception that physicians are held responsible for the majority of lawsuits, the reality is that nurse practitioners are more frequently finding themselves defending the care they provide to patients. In NSO's new Nurse Practitioner Case Study (link below), the patient / plaintiff was a 45-year old woman with cardiac disease including mitral valve replacement, aortic valve replacements (three), prior cerebral vascular accident (CVA) and atrial fibrillation, who was receiving anticoagulant therapy with Coumadin and who was experiencing persistent and increasing pelvic pain.

[Read the Full Case with Risk Management Recommendations](#)

***Announcing the Formation of a New Focus Group - LGBT!!***

## *Upcoming Events*

### **Great Lakes Chapter 5th Annual Gerontological Nursing Conference**

Saturday, November 3, 2012  
7:30 Registration & Breakfast /  
8:00am Keynote Address  
Early Bird Registration  
ends October 1st

Visit [www.glcgapna.org](http://www.glcgapna.org)  
for registration information  
The Dearborn Inn - A Marriott Hotel  
20301 Oakwood Boulevard  
Dearborn, Michigan 48124 USA  
313-271-2700

### **Triad Chapter Meeting**

#### **"Primary Care to Long Term Care: Updates in Clinical Management of Older Adults"**

November 17, 2012, 7:30am - 4:30pm  
Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs  
CEU – Category 2 for PA's

Register online at  
<https://ncgapna.enpnetwork.com>

*This continuing nursing education  
activity was approved by the  
Gerontological Advanced Practice  
Nurses Association, an accredited  
approver by the American Nurses  
Credentialing Center's Commission on  
Accreditation.*

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We are happy to announce that a group of GAPNA members formed a focus group while in Las Vegas at the Annual Conference in an effort to learn more about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender elders in order to provide the best health care for this often hidden group. The LGBT Focus Group plans to present an educational session at the 2013 Annual Conference in Chicago, focusing on issues surrounding the health care of members of the LGBT community. Also currently under development is a resource list for the GAPNA website that deals specifically with LGBT issues.

If you are interested in joining this focus group or would like to offer suggestions/ideas for them to address, please feel free to contact Co-Chairs Trudy Keltz or Colleen Wojciechowski via our National Office at [GAPNA@ajj.com](mailto:GAPNA@ajj.com).

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***New Online Educational Sessions  
Available: "Pharmacotherapeutics: Lipid Lowering Agents in the Gerontology Population"***

Advanced practice nurses seek pharmacology continuing education. GAPNA has identified that need for its members and has developed "[Pharmacotherapeutics: Lipid Lowering Agents in the Gerontology Population](#)," a new, two-part series available in GAPNA's Online Library. Part I reviews the current research and the guidelines on cholesterol management while Part II covers medications and implications for the gerontologic advanced practice nurse. Click below for more information on CNE and how to purchase!

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***Mark Your Calendars for GAPNA's 2013 Annual Conference***

The GAPNA 2013 Annual Conference "Enhancing Access, Promoting Quality Care & Improving Outcomes for Older Adults" will take place in Chicago at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers during the dates of September 18-21, 2013. Mark your calendars now to attend! More information to come shortly.

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