

# GAPNA *eAlert*

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### ***Clinical Abstracts Deadline Extended - Due December 10th***

The GAPNA Planning Committee has extended the deadline and is accepting clinical abstracts for presentations at the 2013 annual conference through December 10th. If you plan to submit an abstract, please [click here to download](#) the submission form.

Presentation topics should be consistent with the theme of quality of life and quality of care and may address clinical best practices, innovative models of care, organizational change, unique strategies, and/or processes that improve outcomes and bridge gaps in care, analyses of current care, case studies, and be appropriate for presentation for APNs at an advanced level.

### ***New CPT codes for Transitional Care Management (TCM) Services***

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced details regarding Payments to Primary Care Physicians Increase in 2013.

New for 2013 will be a policy to pay for services rendered by a patient's physician or other healthcare practitioners to coordinate care during the 30 days post discharge from a hospital or skilled nursing facility stay. CMS will add two new CPT codes (99495 and

### *Upcoming Events*

#### **Northern California Chapter "What's New in Geriatric Care"**

Saturday, February 2, 2013  
8:30am to 4:00pm  
Kaiser Permanente  
South San Francisco  
Medical Office Building (MOB)  
1200 El Camino Real South  
San Francisco, CA  
Registration Deadline:  
Friday, January 18th  
GAPNA Members - \$60;  
Non-Members - \$75; Students - \$35  
[Download the registration form](#)

#### **Georgia Chapter "Improving the Lives of Older Adults through Quality Interprofessional Care"**

Saturday, March 2, 2013 -  
8:00am to 5:00pm  
The Historic Academy of Medicine at  
Georgia Tech  
875 W. Peachtree St, Atlanta, GA  
Registration opens soon for APRNs,  
MDs, PAs, SWs, and RNs  
[www.georgiagapna.org](http://www.georgiagapna.org)

*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.*

### *Online Library*

99496) for "Transitional Care Management (TCM) Services" which allows payment for the face-to-face and non face-to-face services performed by healthcare providers in that 30 day period. The collaborative efforts of the healthcare team is crucial in this transitional period to ensure continuity of care and to prevent or decrease the number of emergency room visits or readmissions back to the acute care facilities.

Included in the 2013 Physicians Fees are added services for non-physician practitioners, i.e., payment for portable X-rays ordered by APNs and PAs and payment of CRNA services to the full extent of their state scope of practice.

The final rule with comment period for Medicare's payments for physician fees for 2013 was published on November 16, 2012 and comment period to end on December 31, 2012. The new changes are to take place on January 1, 2013.

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## ***Don't Let Our History Get Swept Away!***

Send us your stories so they may be preserved for years to come. Many places in our country get hit with storms and we often don't think about our memories and pictures getting lost. Help the Historical committee collect your memories in a story format to be saved for years to come.

Here are a few questions to think about for your submission.

- How did you get involved in GAPNA? When did you attend your first meeting & how did it go?
- What has GAPNA helped you with professionally/socially?
- What has your level of involvement been in GAPNA either directly or indirectly?
- What has being a member meant to you?
- Do you have any amusing stories since you have been involved?
- What frustrations or controversies have you had/been involved with?
- What keeps you involved in GAPNA?

We will be reviewing the stories and deciding how to compile them; some will be archived and some will be posted in the newsletter and on the website. We will ask for permission to reprint if we use your story.

Please send all submissions to Pat Hess at [phess@sfsu.edu](mailto:phess@sfsu.edu)

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## ***Mark Your Calendars for GAPNA's 2013***



[Non-Ad Dementia](#)  
(session captured at GAPNA's  
2011 Annual Conference)

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## ***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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