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## ***GAPNA Joins LACE APRN Network***

The Consensus Model for Advanced Practice Registered Nursing (APRN) Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification, and Education (LACE) has changed the way nurse practitioners caring for older adults are educated and certified and soon it will change the way we are licensed. These four aspects of regulation of APRN practice are referred to as LACE.

The LACE APRN Network formed to facilitate implementation of the Consensus Model is not the same as the Consensus Model. LACE provides a mechanism for communicating about APRN regulatory issues, facilitating implementation of the APRN Consensus Model, and involving all stakeholders in advancing APRN regulation. While many groups participated in developing the model, not all have continued as members of the LACE network.

GAPNA was not at the table that created the Consensus Model, but the leadership has lobbied hard to be included in the LACE APRN Network. In August 2012, the Network voted to add GAPNA to the membership. Nikki Davis, Evelyn Duffy, and Laurie Kennedy-Malone were appointed by GAPNA as representatives to LACE. The inclusion of GAPNA in LACE couldn't have come at a better time as the Network is discussing the development of guidelines for grandfathering. (For the most part, Family Nurse Practitioners will not be affected).

[Read more about the LACE meeting.](#)

## ***"Nursing and Healthcare Delivery Under***

### ***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***



#### **Non-AD Dementia**

*(session captured at GAPNA's 2011 Annual Conference)*

## ***the 113th Congress" Webinar - Feb. 6 @ 1pm ET***

The recent elections and current fiscal challenges of our nation will have a significant impact on our healthcare system and the nursing profession. Two experienced federal representatives from the Nursing Community, Frank Purcell (American Association of Nurse Anesthetists) and Jo Ann Webb (American Organization of Nurse Executives), will provide insight on how leadership changes in the House and the Senate as well as recent legislation to address the fiscal cliff will affect nursing. In addition, they will outline how implementation of provisions within the Affordable Care Act may impact the practice of Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. Members of the organizations belonging to the Nursing Community are highly encouraged to register. Participants will have question and answer time, and will be provided further knowledge about participation in the advocacy process. One hour of RN continuing education credit will be offered to participants.

[More information](#)  
[Register](#)

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## ***GAPNA is on Facebook and We'd Love to Connect with YOU!***

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## ***Join our Leadership Special Interest Group (SIG)***

Our Leadership SIG is looking for volunteer members. The group focuses on developing and broadening leadership skills, mentoring others, and developing a session for the Annual Conference. They are also developing a toolkit for leadership that can function as a resource and guide. They plan to post this resource on the website.

If you think this is something you would be interested in, please contact the National Office at [GAPNA@ajj.com](mailto:GAPNA@ajj.com). You can join the group on one of their monthly calls to find out more about them and see if they are a fit for you.

## ***Need Help Writing an Abstract?***

There are many areas where APNs can impact the care of older adults including evaluating the association between treatment of symptoms and outcomes; increasing the evidence base for treatment of health issues; understanding psychological well-being, spiritual well-being, and quality of life of patients; re-evaluating service delivery; and creating innovative models of care. There are special needs particularly in geriatrics in the areas of caregiver burden, the adaptation for palliative care of the older adult, and health disparities in minority elders as well as a variety of other issues related to the older population

However, practicing APNs rarely share their expertise by presenting, publishing, or participating in research due to a number of reasons from a hectic work schedule to lack of knowledge on presenting or publishing as well as fear or intimidation. ***It is imperative*** APNs assist in increasing nursing knowledge and sharing their expertise.

Creating an abstract is the first step towards sharing nursing expertise. Attention should be paid to developing an abstract that conveys your knowledge and passion and is as concise as well as knowledgeable one. There is basic information that needs to be included in an abstract.

[Read the full article](#) on why you should develop an abstract and how to go about it.

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The success and well-being of those we serve (**YOU**) is the *foundation* of GAPNA's success. We want to thank you for your membership and commitment to gerontological nursing and provide you with our free gift of FREE CNE.

[Redeem conference code GAPNAGift12](#) in our Online Library to gain FREE access to APRN Consensus Model offering 1.5 contact hours.

If you are looking for a little more learning fun during your holiday time off, we'd also like to give you \$30 off in our Online Library as well. Simply redeem the coupon code [GAPNAholiday12](#) at check out.

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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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