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Notice of Reappointment to AGS Public Policy Committee

GAPNA's own Mary Dierich, PhD, RN, C-GNP was reappointed to serve on the AGS Public Policy Committee for another three year term from May 2013 through May 2016. Dr. Dierich is a clinical associate professor at the University of Minnesota, School of Nursing and coordinator of the ANP/GNP program and has an active practice in assisted living with HealthPartners as her faculty practice. Dr. Dierich also serves as an active member of the Health Affairs Committee of GAPNA. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Dierich!

Sign White House Petition - Deadline is April 22

We wanted to bring to your attention a petition on the White House website asking the Obama administration to remove barriers that prevent APRNs from practicing to their full scope. One hundred thousand signatures are needed by April 22, 2013 to ensure a response from the White House. So far, there are less than 700 signatures. Please take a moment out of your busy schedule to consider adding your signature to the petition. Just [click here](#) to go directly to the signature page.

Tell Us About It!

GAPNA wants to hear about your latest news, items of interest, words of wisdom, and other interesting tidbits from the world of geriatric advanced practice nursing. Make it brief — 200 words or less (photos welcome) — and we'll make it happen by publishing your news and views in the *GAPNA Newsletter* and/or on the website.

Upcoming Events

Florida Gulf Coast Chapter Annual Conference

"Enhancing Healthcare in Older Adults"
April 26 & 27, 2013

Marriott St. Petersburg
12600 Roosevelt Blvd. North, St
Petersburg, FL

7 Contact Hours Available

[Download the registration brochure](#)
[Register online](#)

New England Chapter

**"Antipsychotics: Appropriate Use &
Dose Reduction & GNP: Consensus
Model/Scope of Practice"**

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

5:30pm to 9:00pm

Chateau Restaurant

95 Turnpike Road, Westboro, MA

Speakers: Dr. Scott Gonzales
(Community Health Link) and Laurie
Talarico (Board of Registration in
Nursing)

RSVP: Francisca Adams at

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The Role of the Nurse Practitioner

The Center to Champion Nursing sponsored a program called: Removing Barriers to Practice & Care. [Click here](#) to read more about the program.

Diane Rehm also discussed the role of nurse practitioners on her nationally-syndicated radio show on March 26, 2013. She posed such questions as: Can removing these barriers help NPs address the shortage of primary care physicians? Does a team-based approach including a medical doctor result in better care for patients? [Click here](#) to listen to the show. Below is a brief outline of her discussion and guests.

In 18 states, plus the District of Columbia, nurse practitioners are allowed to treat patients and prescribe medications without a doctor's involvement. Lawmakers in a number of other states are pushing for similar changes to so-called "scope of practice" laws that determine what nurse practitioners can do for patients. Proponents argue expanding the roles of nurse practitioners can address what has become a major problem: a shortage of primary care doctors. But many physicians say a team-based approach that includes at least one medical doctor is better for patients. Please join us to discuss the role of nurse practitioners.

Guests:

Dr. Reid Blackwelder - family physician and president-elect of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Mary Agnes Carey - senior correspondent for Kaiser Health News.

Ken Miller - nurse practitioner, associate dean at The Catholic University of America School of Nursing, and president-elect of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

Sandra Nattina - nurse practitioner at Columbia Medical Practice in Columbia, Md., and past president of Nurse Practitioner Association

of Maryland.

The GAPNA Website: Ready for Mobile Devices

The GAPNA Website has been redesigned in Responsive Web Design (RWD)*. This new design applies a new strategy allowing the site to adjust layout and presentation based on the size of the screen being used - so mobile devices such as smartphones and iPads would see the content in a way better suited to them. It also rearranges content and navigation to maintain readability and ease of use (no more zooming and scrolling!).

The website will still look the same when viewed via traditional computer or laptop. The change will only be noticed when viewing via mobile devices.

Check it out!

**Responsive Web Design (RWD) is a web design approach aimed at crafting sites to provide an optimal viewing experience—easy reading and navigation with a minimum of resizing, panning, and scrolling—across a wide range of devices (from desktop computer monitors to mobile phones).*

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