

# GAPNA *eAlert*

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## *Are You an APRN Caring for Older Adults?*

If the answer is yes, please read this.

As you are aware, the APRN Consensus Model has permanently merged the role of the **Gerontological** advanced practice nurse with that of the **Adult** advanced practice nurse. GAPNA has undertaken a unique project this year. We have created a survey for APNs working with older populations, with an intention to capture the knowledge, skills and activities necessary for providing effective care to older adult clients across care settings.

### Take the survey

If you have older adults in your clinical practice, please take this survey. It should take no longer than 30 minutes, but will provide a wealth of knowledge to help us advocate for appropriate curricula and design future APN continuing education. If you complete the GAPNA APRN survey by **August 15** you can be entered for a chance to win a Kindle Fire, an iPad mini or one of 20 vouchers for the GAPNA Online Library.

## *GAPNA's 2013-2014 Election Results*

It is official!!! The 2013-2014 GAPNA Board of Directors election results have been tallied. Incoming officers include:

President-Elect: Pamela Cacchione

Treasurer: George Byron Smith

Director-at-Large: Patricia Kang

Nominating Committee (2 yr): Suzanne Ransehausen

Nominating Committee (1 yr): Marigold Packheiser

## *Upcoming Events*

**Chicagoland Chapter**  
**"Impacting Transitions of Care from the Hospital to LTC"**

Speaker: Lory Arquilla-Maltby, APN  
 Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at  
 6:00pm

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital  
 Professional Building  
 RSVP: Valerie Matthiesen at  
[vjmatth@aol.com](mailto:vjmatth@aol.com)

## *Online Library*



[Pharmacology Update](#)

## *Facebook*

Connect with GAPNA members and other professionals through [the GAPNA Page on Facebook](#).



## *Quick Links*

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The above individuals will assume their respective office and their official duties will begin during the 2013 Annual Conference taking place in Chicago, IL this September. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming them.

Candace Harrington  
Chair, Nominating Committee

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### ***Volunteer to Serve on GAPNA's Committees and/or SIGs***

GAPNA's Committees and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are accepting applications for volunteers. Most of the Committees/SIGs meet approximately monthly via conference call. If you are interested in learning more about any one of GAPNA's fine Committees or SIGs, please click below to view descriptions. You can also sign up to serve on one or more of them by [completing the "commitment to serve" form](#).

#### **Committees**

Awards  
Conference Planning  
Communications  
Education  
Health Affairs  
Historical  
Practice  
Research

#### **Special Interest Groups**

Hospice/Palliative  
House Calls  
Leadership  
LTC/Nursing Home  
Transitional Care  
LGBT Focus Group

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### ***GAPNA's 2013 Annual Conference - Online Registration & Housing Now Open***

Online registration is now open for the [GAPNA 2013 Annual Conference](#) "Enhancing Access, Promoting Quality Care & Improving Outcomes for Older Adults," which will take place in Chicago at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers during the dates of September 18-21, 2013.

Secure your housing now by [booking online](#) or calling the hotel directly at 312-464-1000 or 800-325-3535. Make your reservations and register for the conference by July 15, 2013 to be entered to win a 2-night weekend stay at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers.

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### ***Join the Nurses' Health Study III***

Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's hospital are

excited to announce that the Harvard Nurses' Health Study is growing. Female nurses between ages 20 and 46 are being encouraged to join the new Nurses' Health Study 3. Join at [www.NHS3.org](http://www.NHS3.org).

The original Nurses' Health Study began in 1976 and over 237,000 nurses have participated in previous cohorts. These women have been followed ever since and have taught us much of what we currently know about how diet and lifestyle can affect women's risk of developing cancer and other serious health conditions. The study has received the endorsement of the American Nurses' Association, the National Federation for Licensed Practical Nurses and other major Nursing organizations.

For more information visit [www.NHS3.org](http://www.NHS3.org) or email [nhs3@channing.harvard.edu](mailto:nhs3@channing.harvard.edu)

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*The Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) is the organization of choice for advanced practice nurses who want to pursue continuing education in gerontological care and who seek peer support from experienced clinicians.*

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