

# 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.

## ***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

### **Special Interest Groups**

Hospice/Palliative

## *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*



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### ***Call for Articles - Geriatric Nursing Journal***

The Communications Committee is soliciting submissions for the next issue of Geriatric Nursing. We are looking for short updates or articles on professional leadership activities, clinical issues, quality or safety and/or systems changes. Submissions should be between 800 and 2,000 words. If additional wording is needed please contact Debra Bakerjian via email at [debra.bakerjian@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu](mailto:debra.bakerjian@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu).

All submissions should be sent no later than **July 15th** to [debra.bakerjian@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu](mailto:debra.bakerjian@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu) with a copy to Elizabeth Long at [elizabeth.long@lamar.edu](mailto:elizabeth.long@lamar.edu).

Specific author guidelines required of the journal can be found by following this link: <http://www.gnjournal.com/authorinfo>. We look forward to your submissions.

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### ***Caring for LGBT Elders***

*Do you know...*

how being in the closet has affected the health of your older LGBT patients?

*Were you aware...*

that until 2003 homosexuality was still a crime in some states?

*Did you know...*

that older LGBT partners risk being separated from their loved ones when admitted to long term care facilities?

To discover the details and additional information pertaining to the health needs of your older LGBT patients, attend Session #321 at 1:30pm on Saturday, September 21st at [GAPNA's 32nd National Conference](#) in Chicago!

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