

# 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.

## ***Deborah Dunn: New Dean of Graduate School at Madonna University***

Dr. Deborah Dunn has accepted the position of Dean of the Graduate School at Madonna University, Livonia, Michigan. Dr. Dunn has worked at MU since 1992 and been involved in many different projects and initiatives, including serving as chair of the Faculty Affairs

## *Upcoming Events*



### **Virtual Career Fair**

UnitedHealth Group is hosting a **Nationwide Virtual Career Fair for Nurse Practitioners** on July 31st, 2013, at 12:00PM CDT. There will be a featured internal panel of Nurse Practitioners discussing how their roles fit into UnitedHealth Group and the overall health care system! After the panel presentation you can chat live with a Nurse Practitioner recruiter from 12:35PM CDT-4:30 PM CDT.

[Sign-up here](#)

### **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

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Committee for a number of years. In addition to her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing, Dr. Dunn earned an Ed.D. degree in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University. Dr. Dunn continues to maintain her practice as a Gerontological Nurse Practitioner.

***New RWJF Policy Brief: Ways to Tap the Full Skills & Experience of APRNs***

[Click here](#) to download this important tool to help APRNs better understand the challenges involved in the scope of practice debates going on in many states. In it's policy brief "*Improving Patient Access to High Quality Care: How to Fully Utilize the Skills, Knowledge, and Experience of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses*" the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) clearly and succinctly describes some of the current barriers preventing APRNs from practicing to the full extent of their training. The brief gives excellent examples of VA and academic programs that illustrate the benefits of eliminating barriers, and can be used to help start conversations with policy makers to catalyze change.

***Research Committee Offers Consults at September Conference***

At the [32nd Annual Conference](#) in Chicago, IL on September 18-21, 2013, the GAPNA Research Committee members will once again provide one-on-one guidance to researchers. To secure your consult, please provide our National Office ([GAPNA@ajj.com](mailto:GAPNA@ajj.com)) with your name, email, contact information and a brief description of the research/project issue that you would like to discuss. Someone that has experience in your research area will set up a time to discuss your research project with you. You will be contacted and a time set up to come meet with a committee member during open Exhibit Hall or lunch on your own time.

***GNP Role/GAPNA 30-Year History - Now Available Online!***

- This monograph is a comprehensive review of the beginnings of gerontological nursing and gero advanced practice nursing, pre-1981; significant events of each decade the gero APN role and of the NCGNP/GAPNA organization, 1981-1991, 1991-2001, and 2001-2011; and the future of gero APN role and the organization.
- The publication is 50 pages and soft cover, including color photos and four reprinted *Geriatric Nursing* GAPNA section

*Online Library*



[Pharmacology Update](#)

Available through the end of July. Check back August 1 for a new Free CNE session!

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- Proceeds from the publication help fund the GAPNA Archives to preserve our rich history for future generations of GAPNs.
- Order your copies as gifts for GAPN graduates, school libraries, chapter officers, and your personal documentation of the original GNP role through Amazon at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com); search 'GAPNA'.

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## **AMDA Educational Programs**

AMDA is extending their member registration rates to GAPNA members for the following two educational programs:

"Best Possible Falls Prevention Techniques"

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

Presented by: GAPNA's own Barbara Resnick, PhD, CRNP

Discounted Registration Rate: \$75

Nursing contact hours available

Contact: [education@amda.com](mailto:education@amda.com) or 410-740-9743

AND

"Advanced Curriculum on Medical Direction"

October 4-6, 2013

Intercontinental Buckhead Atlanta - Atlanta, GA

Discounted Registration Rate: \$525

\*Use Discount Code "GAPNA"

**Target Audience:** This course will meet the needs for professional growth of experienced medical directors, attending physicians, and other health care practitioners.

**Areas of focus include:** ACOs, billing and coding, fall prevention, health information technology, health policy updates, interfacing with hospice agencies, infection control, managing behavioral disturbances, risk management, and wound care.

**Contact:** [meetings@amda.com](mailto:meetings@amda.com) or 800-876-2632

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