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## ***NIA Grant Received by Dr. Fang Yu***

Congratulations to Fang Yu, PhD, RN, GNP-BC, Associate Professor, on receiving a \$3.04 million grant from the National Institute of Aging to study "Aerobic Exercise in Alzheimer's Disease: Cognition and Hippocampal Volume Effects." She and her colleagues will be conducting a 5-year trial of stationary cycling with community-dwelling older adults who have mild to moderate Alzheimer's Disease (AD). Cognition and other symptoms will be assessed along with brain changes observed through structural magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) at various time points over a one-year period.

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## ***"Preparing for NOW" Webinar Available\****

If you couldn't attend the November 11 webinar "Preparing for NOW," presented by Dr.'s April Bigelow and Kathleen Potempa, this is your chance. Anyone who registered to attend the live event will be granted free access to the recorded webinar. All other attendees can access the session for \$20. Earn 1.25 Contact Hours.

Many changes under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) are set to take place in 2014, but in order to be prepared to ensure care for

## *Upcoming Events*

### **Chicagoland Chapter Meeting "Clinical Management of Prostate Cancer"**

Speaker: Matt Galocy, APN  
Wednesday - February 12, 2014 @  
6:00pm

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital  
Contact President Valerie Matthiesen  
at [vjmatth@aol.com](mailto:vjmatth@aol.com) for more  
information.

### **Chicagoland Annual Meeting Annual Dinner Meeting**

Thursday - May 15, 2014  
Location TBD

Contact President Valerie Matthiesen  
at [vjmatth@aol.com](mailto:vjmatth@aol.com) for more  
information.

## *Online Library*



### **Diabetes Management in the Elderly**

*(session captured at GAPNA's  
2013 Annual Conference)*

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patients we need to be focused on preparing now. This session will explore the present and future changes set to take place under the ACA with regard to care for the aging population and discuss how advanced practice nurses can be prepared for the changing workforce needs that will result.

[Click here to read more about the session or to download it.](#)

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## *NNCC Grant Opportunity*

The National Nursing Centers Consortium (NNCC) Division of Nursing is pleased to announce the Fiscal Year 2014 funding opportunity for the **Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention (NEPQR) Program - Interprofessional Collaborative Practice**, Announcement Number: HRSA-14-070. Applications will be accepted through February 3, 2014. Please share this funding opportunity announcement with your colleagues and your member listserv. Please contact Josepha Burnley with any questions or concerns regarding this announcement by phone 301-443-5688 or by email [jburnley@hrsa.gov](mailto:jburnley@hrsa.gov).

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## *Legislative Corner*

The mission of the GAPNA Health Affairs Committee is to track and promote legislation and policies that enhance APN practice and quality care for older adults. Recently the Committee has approved adding GAPNA's name to a letter extending our support for legislation awaiting action in the Senate Finance and House Ways & Means Committees that permanently **repeals the devastating cycle of "sustainable growth rate" (SGR) cuts to Medicare Part B and reforms Medicare payment.**

- If you would like to read this letter in its entirety, please [click here](#).
- If you would like to view all the letters that GAPNA has signed onto or ask the Health Affairs Committee a question, please [click here](#).

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## *Career Opportunities*

Check out the different Career Opportunities currently posted on GAPNA's website. Whether you are looking for a different position or know someone who is — take a moment to view the different opportunities and organizations looking for candidates in the various fields of the healthcare industry. Applicants needed in Long-Term Care Facilities, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Home Healthcare, and many other settings. [Click here](#) to view all opportunities.

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