

GAPNA *eAlert*

Contemporary Pharmacology and Prescribing in Older Adults Rescheduled to 2021

After close monitoring of the evolving situation with the COVID-19 virus, the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) has decided to postpone the Contemporary Pharmacology Conference that was scheduled to take place April 14-18, 2020 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference has been rescheduled for April 20-24, 2021 at the same location, the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

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COVID-19 Nursing Home Visitor Guidance

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced critical new measures designed to keep America's nursing home residents safe from the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The measures take the form of a [memorandum](#) and is based on the [newest recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#). It directs nursing homes to significantly restrict visitors and nonessential personnel, as well as restrict communal activities inside nursing homes.

This guidance, and earlier CMS actions in response to the COVID-19 virus, are part of the ongoing White House Task Force efforts. For the latest info, visit www.coronavirus.gov and [Current Emergencies Website](#).

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Coronavirus: GAPNA Leaders Quoted in Washington Post

GAPNA President Deborah Dunn and Past-President Michelle Moccia share advice with the American public on protecting seniors from COVID-19.

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[GAPNA Pharmacology Conference](#)

April 20-24, 2021
Hilton Hawaiian Village
Honolulu, HI

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AMDA ON-THE-GO

GAPNA member Joan Carpenter, PhD, CRNP, ACHPN, FPCN, was featured on a podcast from AMDA ON-THE-GO. The episode addresses palliative care in the post-acute and long-term setting. Check it out!

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It's Your Year! The Year of the Nurse

Join the celebration! 2020 is the Year of the Nurse and a great time to help elevate the profile of nursing! Check out the new ANA Enterprise website, chock-full of contests, webinars, podcasts, and ways for you to advance your nursing career. Get involved! Find out how you can plug into a global network of engaged and empowered nurses.

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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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