Policy Updates

National Healthcare Decisions Day

The Academy's Palliative and End of Life Care Expert Panel wrote a policy brief with policy recommendations on this issue. A corresponding press release was issued.

Because advance care planning is important for people of all ages, the Academy issued a press release highlighting Edge Runner, Cynda Rushton, PhD, RN, FAAN, and the Harriet Lane Compassionate Care Program work on pediatric palliative care.

Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Mark Warner (D-VA) both included in the Congressional Record the importance of establishing a health care directive. In his remarks, Sen. Warner also noted the Academy's support.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Academy issued a press release noting some of our Raise the Voice Edge Runners nurse-led models of care to improve child welfare.

Marie Lobo, PhD, RN, FAAN, wrote in the Albuquerque Journal an op-ed, "Invest in Kids Now To Save Money Later." She highlighted initiatives that have improved child welfare in New Mexico.

Learn more about National Child Abuse Prevention Month »
The Academy is now accepting abstracts for posters for display during the conference. Submissions are due by May 24. More information & to submit your abstract »

Reserve your hotel room for the conference. Book online »

Conference registration opens tomorrow, May 1. Register online »

Fellow Achievements

Catherine Rick, RN, PhD (h), NEA-BC, FAAN, FACHE, Chief Nursing Officer for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), has begun a special assignment with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to support Veterans hiring initiatives.

James Harris, DSN, APRN-BC, MBA, CNL, FAAN, will be Acting VA Chief Nursing Officer during Rick’s assignment.

Linda Aiken, PhD, RN, FAAN, was honored by the Consortium of Universities for Global Health with the 2013 Drs. Anvar and Pari Velji Global Health Project of the Year Award for her global research and leadership using performance measures to demonstrate the critical impact of nurses on hospital patient outcomes.

Kathleen R. Stevens, Ed.D., RN, FAAN, as the Chancellor’s Health Fellow in Interprofessional Health Delivery Science at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Col. Karen Weis, RN, PhD, FAAN, gave the commencement address at the University of Texas Medical Branch School of Nursing on April 19.

Judy Murphy, RN, FACMI, FHIMSS, FAAN, delivered the keynote lecture, "The Role of Health IT in Healthcare Transformation," at the annual Oncology Nursing Society Congress on April 25.

Lilee Smith Gelinas, MSN, RN, FAAN, co-authored, "Enhancing Innovation Skills: VHA

National Academies of Practice in Nursing

Fellows were recently inducted into NAPN:

Michael R. Bleich, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN

Garrett Chan, RNP, PhD, FAAN

Connie White Delaney, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI

Carol Ann Kenner, DNS, RNC, FAAN

Mary Beth F. Makic, PhD, RN, CNS, CCNS, CCRN, FAAN

Kathleen Miller, EdD, APRN, FAANP, FAAN

Susan D. Ruppert, PhD, RN, FAANP, FAAN

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Membership News

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