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The Academy recently submitted comments to the DHHS Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force concerning pain management and the opioid crisis. First noting that RNs are well-positioned to support the objectives of the Task Force, the Academy urged the removal of artificial barriers to APRNs that restrict reimbursement from payers and insurers. The Academy also called for APRNs to be utilized to their full scope of practice and education to increase access to care for patients who suffer from acute/chronic pain. The Academy strongly recommended the Task Force address the unintended consequences arising from the new CDC Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain in primary care settings, including the difficulty chronic pain patients have accessing effective treatments, which may include opioids, and the stigma they may face in doing so.

The May/June issue of Nursing Outlook is now online and features seven policy briefs prepared by Academy expert panels:

- Achieving advance care planning in diverse underserved populations (Cultural Competence and Health Equity Expert Panel, Palliative Care and End of Life Expert Panel, and LGBTQ Health Expert Panel)
- African-American mothers’ persistent excessive maternal death rates (Maternal and Infant Expert Panel)
- An effective human papillomavirus vaccination policy will reduce infection and malignancy-related morbidity and mortality (Emerging & Infectious Diseases Expert Panel)
- Assessing and addressing cardiovascular risk in young women (Women’s Health and Health Behavior Expert Panels)
- Policies to support family caregivers (Aging Expert Panel)
- Requiring a nurse residency for newly licensed registered nurses (Expert Panel on Building Health Care System Excellence)
- Recommendations in response to mass shootings (Violence Expert Panel)

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In Memoriam: Shirley H. Fondiller

The Academy was saddened to learn that Shirley Fondiller, EdD, RN, FAAN, who had a distinguished nursing career in clinical, administrative, and volunteer roles, passed away on May 24 at her home in New York City. She was 94.

Beginning her career at hospitals in Boston and New York, Dr. Fondiller found her nursing niche as a prolific writer. In 1975, she became the first editor of The American Nurse, the newspaper of the American Nurses Association. Over her career, she published hundreds of articles, contributing to numerous journals and books on the history of nursing and medical institutions. Her own books included Go, and Do Thou Likewise: A History of Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing, 1877-1979 (2007) and Nursing: The Career of a Lifetime (1995).

In 1979 she joined Rush University Medical Center (Chicago) as an assistant professor, and later, an associate professor. In the 1980s she moved back to New York, became executive director of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Nursing Association, and founded Publishing for Health Dimensions, an editorial consulting firm.

Dr. Fondiller earned four degrees from Columbia University’s Teachers College, including an EdD in Educational Administration-Nursing. In the 1990s she taught as an adjunct associate professor in the Teachers College’s Nursing Education program, which inducted her into its Hall of Fame in 2000. Inducted into the Academy in 1994, Dr. Fondiller served on the History of Nursing and Health Policy Expert Panel.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the American Heart Association, or the Academy.
The Academy also called for practice through Women's at the Marriott Marquis Washington, to take advantage of the early bird discount for the success. (2007) and Juvenile Diabetes Career Opportunities Fellow Achievements In Memoriam: Shirley H. Fondiller Support the Academy Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science Policy Click here to view our current job postings Marguerite Rodgoers Kinney Award for a Distinguished Career Beth Ulrich, EdD, RN, FACHE, FAAN she was selected as an ambassador for the Friends of the Nursing and Allied Health. Inducted into the Academy in 2011, professor emeritus at Aomori University of Health and Welfare in Mental Health Nursing. The award recognizes nurses to realign the health care system to meet the needs of all significant influence on the field. She was also named a member of Women of Impact, a group of health care executives working to realign the health care system to meet the needs of all Americans. She was inducted into the Academy in 2002. Bernadette Meinkny, PhD, RN, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FAAN, vice president for health promotion and dean of The Ohio State University College of Nursing, received the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses 2018 Pioneering Spirit Award for significant influence on the field. She was also named a member of Women of Impact, a group of health care executives working to realign the health care system to meet the needs of all Americans. She was inducted into the Academy in 2002. Pamela Minarik, PhD, RN, CNS, FAAN, received the 2018 Living Legend Award from the International Society of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses. The award recognizes nurses who have made significant lifetime contributions to psychiatric mental health nursing. Dr. Minarik is a professor at the Samuel Merritt University School of Nursing in Oakland, California and professor emeritus at Aomori University of Health and Welfare in Aomori, Japan. She was inducted into the Academy in 1991. Cheryl Taylor, PhD, RN, FAAN, was honored by the National Black Nurses Association as one of five national "trailblazers" for her work as chair of Southern University's graduate nursing program. Dr. Taylor is currently the Jewell L. and James Prestage Endowed Professor at Southern University's College of Nursing and Allied Health. Inducted into the Academy in 2011, she was selected as an ambassador for the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research in 2017. Beth Ulrich, EdD, RN, FACHE, FAAN, received the 2018 Marguerite Rodgers Kinney Award for a Distinguished Career from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses in honor of her exceptional contributions to the care of critically ill patients and their families. She is a professor at University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing, as well as senior partner of Innovative Health Resources. Dr. Ulrich was inducted into the Academy in 2006.

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