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This report, in collaboration with CNA, is new and contains an analysis of nursing malpractice claims over a five year period, which identifies current nursing liability patterns and trends most likely to affect their practices. In addition to the claims analysis, the report also explores claims involving licensing board actions brought against NSO insureds, as well as selected highlights from NSO's work profile survey examining the relationship between key workplace factors and professional liability exposure. Although this study is tailored to nurses, there is still very valuable information that would pertain to the NP profession as well.

Highlights of the report include:

- Part I - Over \$83 million was paid in indemnity (judgments and settlements) and expenses on behalf of nurses during the study period, realizing an average total incurred of \$204,594 per claim.
- Part II - 57% of RNs who experienced a license defense paid claim worked in a hospital while 56% of LPN/LVNs worked in an aging services setting.
- Part III - The number of claims significantly increased, the longer respondents worked as nurses. The highest percentage involved respondents who had worked more than 21 years as a nurse.

The report also includes valuable risk management recommendations and a self-assessment checklist created to help nursing professionals reduce their liability exposure.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

### *Upcoming Events*

**2012 Northern California Chapter Local Conference  
"7th Geriatric Update:  
Advancing Excellence in Geriatric Care"**

Saturday, February 4, 2012  
8:30am-4:00pm  
1200 El Camino Real,  
South San Francisco, CA  
94080

*Must Register by  
Friday, January 20th!*

[More Information](#)

**2012 GA GAPNA Local Conference  
"Caring for an Aging Population: An  
Interdisciplinary Perspective  
on Geriatric Care"**

Friday, February 24-25, 2012  
Emory University, Atlanta, GA  
CNE, CME and Social Work  
CEU Credits Offered  
Online registration opens  
January 1st.

[More Information](#)

**AAHCP 2-Day Conference  
Bringing Home the Care  
Continuum:  
Harnessing High Tech, High  
Touch Home Care Medicine**  
May 3-4, 2012

Seattle Convention  
Center/Sheraton Seattle  
Hotel, Seattle, WA  
Online registration is open  
now!

[More Information](#)

**2012 FL GAPNA CEU  
Symposium  
"Leading the Way in Care  
for the Older Adult"**  
Friday, May 4-5, 2012

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## Call For GAPNA Foundation Grants

Foundation grant applications are **due May 14, 2012**. Grant winners are announced in September at the Annual Conference Awards Dinner.

### General Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be a current GAPNA member. If you are not a current member, please include a GAPNA membership application and fee with the grant application.
- Members may apply for more than one grant.
- Awards are limited to one per person, per year.

The proposal must be relevant to the nursing care of older adults.

- *Evidence-based*: examines and/or provides support for decision making in clinical practice.
- *Outcomes based*: designed to measure and improve health outcomes for older adults.
- *Time limited*: Grants must be used during the 12 months following award.
- *Expense limited*: Grant funds must be used strictly for expenses related to the proposed research.

The reviewers will evaluate the application using the following criteria:

Overall impact	Investigator	Approach
Significance	Innovation	Environment

Grants/Awards Available: Original Research and Clinical Project

Applications are available [on the GAPNA website](#). All grant applications should be submitted to Barbara Resick ([barbresnick@gmail.com](mailto:barbresnick@gmail.com)). Please make sure the following are included with your grant application:

- Personal Data Sheet
- CV or NIH Biosketch
- Institutional Review Board Approval [if available at time of the application, Funds will be released when IRB approval is available].
- Proposal - not to exceed 600 words.

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## Don't Miss AAHCP's 2-Day Conference...

Bringing Home the Care Continuum:  
Harnessing High Tech, High Touch Home Care Medicine  
May 3-4, 2012

Crowne Plaza Airport  
Orlando, FL  
6.0 CNE Credits Offered  
Early Bird Rates Available  
through April 1st!  
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Program Highlights Include:

- Special Update on Medicare Payment Policy
- Measuring Success in Home Care Medicine: Tracking, Benchmarking and Improving Productivity, Efficiency, Quality and Patient Experience
- The Health Consumer Perspective and What it Means for Medical Care at Home
- The State of Mobile Communications Technology for Home Care Medicine
- Why Coordinated Care Matters to Patients and Families
- New Care Models and their Intersection with Home Care Medicine, How to Capitalize on Transitional Care, Hospital Readmission Reduction, Medical Home and Other Care Management Models

Registration open now. [Click here](#) to register or learn more about the conference.

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## Pharmacology Content Hours Available on GAPNA's Online Library

The American Nurses Association has worked diligently to address the need for health care reform laws and to support the creation and advancement of the APRN consensus model for advanced nursing practice. The requirements of nurses with advanced degrees to practice to "the fullest extent" will also stimulate the requirement of pharmacology hours to maintain licensure in their state of practice.

Beginning in 2014, 25 hours of pharmacotherapeutics will be required to maintain ANCC advanced practice certification. The Gerontology Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) is striving to deliver the needed pharmacology hours to its constituents. Management of disease processes and pharmacology content are delivered in multiple virtual sessions - certificates are available at your fingertips. After completing sessions online, your transcripts are available to be downloaded when you need it.

Go to the Online library and see what you may have missed if you didn't have the opportunity to attend the 30th Annual GAPNA Conference in Washington, DC. There are **more than 31 contact hours** available and over **6 hours of pharmacology content**.

[Go to the Online Library](#)

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## Get Your FREE CNE!

Available now in the [Online Library](#), "An Update on Clinical Practice Guidelines and Position Statements that Affect the Care of

Older Adults" (1 contact hour, 10 pharmacology minutes). **This session is completely free until April 30th!**

This session provides information on three clinical practice guidelines/position statements recently evaluated and endorsed by the AGS Clinical Practice and Models of Care Committee.

[Click here to obtain your Free CNE!](#)

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