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GAPNA Excellence Awards Nominations (Due June 1st)

It's that time again when we are asking for your assistance with Awards nominations. There are currently six Awards that will be presented during our Awards Dinner at our 31st Annual Conference "Promoting Clinical Excellence Through Vision, Vitality, and Visibility" taking place September 19-22, 2012 at the Red Rock Casino Resort in Las Vegas, NV. Those Awards are:

[Chapter Excellence](#)

[Excellence in Education](#)

[Excellence in Clinical Practice](#)

[Excellence in Leadership](#)

[Excellence in Community Service](#) [Excellence in Research](#)

Please click on any of the Awards above to download the nomination form for said Award. All nominations are due by June 1st. For a more detailed description of each award, please [click here](#).

Call for Nominations: 2012 Election (Due April 1st)

GAPNA is seeking qualified and dedicated candidates for the

Upcoming Events

New England Chapter: Pharmacogenetic Testing in Pain Management and Psychiatry

March 29, 2012 | 6:00 p.m.
Sky Restaurant
1369 Providence Tnpk Hwy,
Norwood, MA 02062
RSVP to Karin Broden
(781-472- 8577)
by March 21st
No CNE Credits Offered

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
Crowne Plaza Airport
Orlando, FL

6.0 CNE Credits Offered
Early Bird Rates Available
through April 1st!

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following positions in the 2012 Election:

- President-Elect (1)
- Secretary (1)
- Director-At-Large (1)
- Nominating Committee Member (2)

A candidate must have been an active member of GAPNA for a minimum of 1 year preceding nomination. Nomination does not guarantee that a person's name will appear on the final slate. Position descriptions, as well as a Nomination and Consent Statement, can be [downloaded here](#). Completed candidate packets must be returned to the National Office no later than April 1, 2012.

REMINDER: Call for GAPNA Foundation Grants (Due May 14th)

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

Applications are available [on the GAPNA website](#). All grant applications should be submitted to Barbara Resick (barbresnick@gmail.com).

Healthcare 411

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ), has now launched ***Healthcare 411*** an audio news source that provides practical health care information, research findings, and data to help consumers, health providers, health insurers, researchers, and policymakers make informed decisions about health care issues.

Healthcare 411 provides podcasts, videos, and advice columns on the very latest health care news and research findings. A new podcast is released each week and new videos and advice columns are added each month. Please visit this new site at <http://www.healthcare411.ahrq.gov/>

New Webinar "Creating Effective Poster Presentations" Now Posted

Visit GAPNA's Online Library (under Other CNE Opportunities) to download this webinar. There is 1 Contact Hour associated with it. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Description: In creating poster presentations as a means for sharing information, "it's not just what you say, it's how you say it." Join us for this informative webinar as Dr. Carolyn Clevenger explores the

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importance of creating an effective poster presentation to ensure the proper visibility of your research, practice change or quality improvement projects. Tips for attracting the intended audience of potential collaborators and strategies for effectively presenting your findings will also be explored.

[Download this webinar](#)

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FREE CNE: "An Update on Clinical Practice Guidelines and Position Statements that Affect the Care of Older Adults!"

The above FREE CNE session is being presented by Kathryn Daniel, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, GNP-BC; Angela Gentili, MD; and Donna Hamby, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC. This session is worth 1 contact hour; 10 pharmacology minutes.

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. These guidelines were selected because they were rated most relevant and have great potential to improve the quality of geriatric clinical care.

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

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March 27th - NAQC & AANP Co-Host Day-Long Symposium "Nursing Leadership in ACOs: Opportunities, Challenges and Strategies"

The symposium will take place on March 27th at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC. Space is limited.

To find out more about the conference objectives, plenary sessions, speakers, or how to register, please [click here](#).

GAPNA Membership Cards Available Online

You can find your GAPNA membership card online. After you log into the website, click on the "Members Only" tab and the "Member Card" tab. Your membership card will appear on the screen. You can now save the card (via PDF) or print it. Your card contains useful information such as your membership number, your expiration date, and your user name.

Legislative News

Portable X-Rays Issue

The Board of Directors and the Health Affairs Committee wanted to let you know that they are aware of the issue with NPs not being able to order Portable X-Rays under Medicare. GAPNA is working in collaboration with other organizations to address it. We will keep you posted on any progress made.

You are subscribed to GAPNA's eAlert, a publication for GAPNA members and colleagues. From time-to-time, you will receive an e-mail such as this one with important news and information relevant to gerontological nursing. If you wish to update your email address, please do so by [editing your profile](#) on the GAPNA Web site.

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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