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The Technical Expert Panel Meeting was held in Baltimore, MD on 4/10/12-4/11/12 and GAPNA was represented. The purpose of this meeting was to bring together subject matter experts to have task-oriented discussions around the following four topic areas:

1. Non-pharmacological interventions in dementia
2. Focus on the Survey Process
3. Medication Management (including F329)
4. Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Principle

The four workgroups developed detailed outlines and ideas for two training sessions for surveyors, and also discussed ideas for future trainings for providers, consumers and others.

At the present time, GAPNA can support this initiative by:

- Encouraging members to view the [CMS webcast](#). State and federal nursing home surveyors will be looking for documented evidence of the use of non-pharmacological interventions to treat nursing home residents with dementia and behavioral symptoms, in addition to efforts made to reduce the use of antipsychotics in this population.
- Encourage those working in nursing home settings to review F Tag 329 as this is how the surveyors will be evaluating the use of antipsychotics in nursing home settings.

Other Resources and References

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- [Read the CMS Press Release](#) dated May 30th entitled "CMS Announces Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes"
- [Read Clive Ballard's presentation](#) "Management of Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms in People with Dementia Living in Care Homes: A UK Perspective"
- [Read Dr. Peter Rabins "Assessment Form for Residents with Dementia"](#)

Election Results

It is official!!! The 2012 GAPNA Board of Directors Election results have been tallied. Incoming officers include:

President-Elect: Lisa Byrd
Secretary: Jennifer Serafin
Director-at-Large: Laurie Kennedy-Malone
Nominating Committee (2 yr): Alice Early
Nominating Committee (1 yr): Stacey Chapman

They will assume their respective office and their official duties will begin during the 2012 Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV this September. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming them.

Katherine Abraham-Evans
Chair, Nominating Committee

Have you participated in the brief Practice Survey?

The field of Advanced Practice Nursing in the care of older adults is dynamic and growing. Practice competencies, guidelines and controversies emerge regularly as new evidence is published and we challenge traditional ways of thinking. The GAPNA practice committee wants to know about your practice concerns and questions.

Please take a moment to fill out this brief survey so that we can better serve the entire membership. The following questions are based on what the committee considers important practice issues or topics of interest to you but please feel free to let us know of other issues or questions at the end of the survey.

Practice Committee Survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GHXGMN7>

The survey will be open for 2 weeks (*closing 6/27/12*). Thank you in advance for your time.

Julie Rosnowski-Olson and Meghan Routt
Co-Chairs, Practice Committee

GAPNA Launched its NEW Web site

Please take a moment to visit GAPNA's new, more user-friendly website (www.GAPNA.org). It has a brand new look and feel. We are still in the process of arranging and updating information, so please feel free to drop us a note at GAPNA@ajj.com if you have any suggestions or if you are having trouble locating something. We would love to hear from you!!

GAPNA 2012 Conference Foundation Events

The GAPNA Foundation has three fabulous events planned for this year's conference. The first is our **6th Annual Foundation Best Ball Golf Tournament** at Arroyo Golf Club. This event does not require you to be a good golfer, just willing to go out and have a lot of fun raising money for the foundation. Family members are also welcome to participate, so if your significant other or another guest wants to play, they will be more than welcome.

The second event is our annual **FUN Run/Walk**. We encourage you to come out and participate in the Fun Run Walk; however, we're also happy to accept your money, so sign up for the event even if you're not sure you can participate.

Our last event is a fun filled evening of **bowling at the Red Rock Bowling Alley**. The cost for bowling includes 2 games, the cost of shoes, pizza and a drink.

Lastly, if none of these options appeal to you or if you are in a generous mood, you can also select a cash donation. Remember, your donations are *tax deductible* and allow the Foundation to provide Scholarships to budding researchers and student scholars. We hope to see all GAPNA members at the events!!

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In Remembrance of Madeleine Batenjany

Madeleine Batenjany, ANP-BC, was a longtime Adult Nurse Practitioner in the Detroit area and a member of the Great Lakes Chapter of GAPNA. She died peacefully on May 18, 2012, surrounded by her family and Angela Hospice. She had an accomplished nursing career and received her Bachelors and Masters of Science degrees from Wayne State University. Her work with Myasthenia Gravis was recognized with a lifetime award just prior to her passing. She will be missed.

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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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