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FDA Panel Recommends Reclassification of Hydrocodone

On January 25, 2013, the Food and Drug Administration, Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the FDA that Hydrocodone be reclassified from a Schedule III medication to a Schedule II medication. **This recommendation must be approved by the FDA before the Department of Health & Human Services would act to allow the Drug Enforcement Administration to implement the reclassification.**

[Read the most recent statements](#) made by AANP regarding this recommendation, and the letter sent to Dr. Hamburg, MD, Commissioner of the FDA by AANP President, Dr. Angela Golden, DNP.

..... *NEW 2013-2014 ANP/GNP Student Scholarships Available*

Upcoming Events

Georgia Chapter 2013 Annual Conference

Saturday, March 2, 2013 -
z 8:00am to 5:00pm

The Historic Academy of
Medicine

875 W. Peachtree St,
Atlanta, GA

Keynote Speaker: Jennie
Chin Hansen (CEO, AGS)
Highlighted Speaker: Dr.

Barbara Resnick
(Chairman/Board of
Directors, AGS)

[Download the
Registration Brochure](#)
[Register Online](#)

New England Chapter "Diabetic Education & Management"

Tuesday, March 5, 2013 -
6:30pm

Spumoni's
1537 Newport Ave.,
Pawtucket, RI

Speaker: Sandra Kilgallen,
RN, MEd, CDE
RSVP: Kate Benoit at

GAPNA is happy to announce that new student scholarships (up to \$5,000) are available. Some of the criteria candidates must meet include:

- Must be a full-time student matriculated or matriculating into one of the following programs:
 - Adult/Gero Primary Care
 - Adult/Gero Acute Care
 - Adult/Gero Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Must plan to work in the field of nursing focusing on the older adult
- Must be a GAPNA member in good standing (student membership is \$40)

Application submission deadline is June 15, 2013.

[Click here for more information](#) or to download the Scholarship Application.

Call for Nominations for ANCC's Commissions

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) is seeking nominations for appointments to **three** of the ANCC commissions. Appointments will be made by the ANCC Board of Directors in April for terms of office to begin July 1, 2013 and end June 30, 2017.

The submission deadline of the completed nomination packets is Friday, March 1, 2013.

Complete information regarding the available positions on each commission and the nomination instructions are located at: <http://www.nursecredentialing.org/CallforCommissioners.aspx>

Advancing Excellence Wants Your Opinion

The purpose of this Advancing Excellence (AE) survey is to provide insights into who participates in AE and why, as well as, to determine barriers to participation. The survey results will be used by the AE Board of Directors in decisions about communication, LANE outreach, elimination of barriers and strategic planning.

A special note to APRNs, please use the "other" space in question 19 to designate APRN. The survey will be open from February 12th to February 26th.

If you have any difficulty with access or distribution of the survey feel free to contact Justin Collier jcollier@leadingage.org /

KBenoitrn@cox.net

**New England Chapter
"Student Night"**

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

6:00pm to 8:30pm

Chateau Restaurant

404 Providence Highway,

Route 1, Norwood, MA

RSVP: Sue Mullaney at

suemullaney@comcast.net

**New England Chapter
"Antipsychotics:
Appropriate Use & Dose
Reduction & GNP:
Consensus Model/Scope
of Practice"**

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

5:30pm to 9:00pm

Chateau Restaurant

95 Turnpike Road,

Westboro, MA

Speakers: Dr. Scott

Gonzales (Community

Health Link) and Laurie

Talarico (Board of

Registration in Nursing)

RSVP: Francisca Adams at

fkma7@charter.net

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

[Online Library](#)

[202.508.9439](tel:202.508.9439) .

[Take the survey](#)

..... WELCOME –
New Louisiana Chapter Formed

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to the newly formed Louisiana Chapter! The chapter officers include: Tanya Romanowski, President; Jean Cefalu, President-Elect/Treasurer; and Holly Delatte, Secretary.

The Louisiana Chapter was once a part of the Magnolia Chapter which consisted of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Anyone currently residing in Louisiana will automatically be reassigned to the newly formed Chapter. If anyone wishes to change their Chapter assignment, please contact the National Office at GAPNA@ajj.com .

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When you join the conversation on the [GAPNA Facebook page](#) , you'll keep up with GAPNA news and opportunities, trends in gerontological nursing, and much more. It's also a great place to share your stories, network with the GAPNA community, and get in touch with GAPNA directly.

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Calendars for GAPNA's 2013 Annual Conference

The GAPNA 2013 Annual Conference "Enhancing Access, Promoting Quality Care & Improving Outcomes for Older Adults" will take place in Chicago at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers during the dates of September 18–21, 2013. Mark your calendars now to attend! More information to come shortly.

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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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