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GAPNA Leaders Chosen for 2020-2021

The results are in! Thank you to all the candidates who offered to serve in leadership positions with GAPNA for 2020-2021. GAPNA grows when members contribute their leadership skills. Congratulations to the members who were elected to their positions.

[Meet the New Leaders](#)

GAPNA Statement on Social Justice

The GAPNA Board of Directors speaks out against racism, stating that the recent tragic deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery are disheartening and unsettling reminders that systemic racism and injustice impacts every part of our patients' lives, including safety and health. As advanced practice registered nurses we are uniquely positioned to reduce these negative effects through compassionate person-centered care, and by providing hope and healing in each patient encounter.

[Read the Full Statement](#)

COVID-19 Resources

In an effort to support GAPNA members with the most updated information on COVID-19, a resource page for APRNs working with older adults was developed to easily access current CDC information and other resources to assist you professionally and personally. The resources will be updated with more information as it becomes available.

[Access the Resources](#)

Latest GAPNA Newsletter Features Information and Inspiration

The Summer issue of the GAPNA Newsletter features an inspiring and informative

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President's Message by Deborah Dunn, as well as GAPNA conference news, COVID-19 resources, committee and SIG news, chapter news, elder care news, geroresources, and cognition news.

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Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Nursing Homes Preparing for COVID-19

CDC's COVID-19 Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) tool was developed to help nursing homes prepare for and respond to COVID-19. The ICAR tool should be used as one instrument to develop a comprehensive COVID-19 response plan. This tool may also contain content relevant for assisted living facilities.

[Access the ICAR Tool](#)

New Guidance: Considerations for Memory Care Units in LTC Facilities

Infection prevention strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are especially challenging to implement in dedicated memory care units where numerous residents with cognitive impairment reside together. This guidance provides considerations for memory care units, including when residents in a memory care unit are suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19.

[Obtain the Guide](#)

Making PPE More Effective

A new Cochrane review evaluated the differential impacts of personal protective equipment (PPE) types and methods of donning/doffing on contamination and infection risk for healthcare workers. Researchers found PPE covering more body surface area may lead to better protection but at the cost of more difficult donning or doffing (e.g., a powered, air-purifier respirator may protect against contamination better than a N95 mask and gown but with less compliance with donning). PPE design modifications may decrease the risk of contamination compared to standard PPE (e.g., better fit around neck, wrists, and hands).

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