A Message from the President

I hope you all enjoyed your summer and have had time to recharge. Fall is now here with Nurse Practitioner week fast around the corner.

After just returning back from the 2016 CANP Leadership Summit. I am enthusiastic after connecting with great leaders among our association. As each year goes by, an increase in the number of attendees is a positive motivation for CANP to continue to move forward in our mission of being a unifying voice and networking forum for nurse practitioners.

Be on the lookout for details regarding NP Week. You can find full details and register for the San Diego Central Chapter event on canpweb.org

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CANP-SD President Elect

Nurse Practitioner Week Celebration!

Please join us on Thursday, Nov 17th from 6:30-8:30 PM at Uptown Tavern, 1236 University Ave in Hillcrest for a fun social event to celebrate nurse practitioner week. Our chapter will provide an open bar for wine and beer and a variety of tasty appetizers... and you may win a lottery prize! The attendance fee is only $5. Space is limited, so the event is open to members only now; will open the event to guests on Nov 10 if space is available. Sign up at canpweb.org. Sponsored by California Casualty.
LET'S WORK TOGETHER AND GET INVOLVED!

Looking for an exciting way to get more involved and raise awareness for your profession at the same time? Think about running for office!

We are still looking for someone to fill the 2-year Education Coordinator chair position. Please submit names to Courtney Thompson if interested. Eva Miller will work with the newest member for training and transferring of the position. Just as a fun fact, most of our 2016 dinner meetings have already been arranged, so one fourth of the work has already been completed!

Start Networking!

Be sure to join our LinkedIn profile page named: CANP - Central Chapter. This is a great way to network with others in your field, search for preceptorship, and seek out new and exciting career opportunities. As with the Facebook website, this site will be advertising CANP meetings and fun local healthcare related events.

A new addition to our Central Chapter social network is Twitter… so let’s get tweeting!

For all of you new to the social media world, please refer to our basic “how-to” guide about the following sites: Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Click here to view these tips.

Nurse Practitioners in the News

Nurse practitioners: Good for patients but a bitter pill for doctors. Despite evidence that nurse practitioners produce good health care outcomes and save money, some doctors are still against independent practice. This debate is currently playing out in the VA health system. Click here for the full article link.

New article in the Journal of the American Medical Association presents the debate about the use of the term “provider” when referring to doctors, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners. The discussion includes negotiating the boundaries of “interprofessional identity.” Click here for the full article link.

New research shows the way standardized patient experiences can improve the education for primarily online or distance learners working towards their nurse practitioner degree. Click here for the full article link.
Keeping up with Healthcare

There is a countless number of articles related to healthcare, disease, and medical management. Below are just a few of these fun health highlights:

More evidence that advanced practitioners are in demand, as well as some tips on how to recruit and retain these practitioners. Click [here](#) for the full article.

New study shows PPI co-therapy may lower warfarin-related upper GI bleeding risk. Click [here](#) for the full article.

Good news! New data shows declining interest in tobacco products among US youths. Click [here](#) for more details.

According to a new study, the US ranked 47th in a 50-country comparison of physical fitness levels among children ages 9 to 17. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Legislative Highlights

The most influential way to impact your community and nursing practice is to contact your elected officials. Click here for tips on how to talk to your legislator.

CANP follows bills that:
1. Affect NP’s scope of practice, or that of other advanced practice nurses
2. List who may be reimbursed for a medical procedure or services
3. Define the practice of medicine or nursing
4. Deal with prescribing of drugs
5. Use the term “physician” instead of “provider”
6. Impact our patient population

AB 41  Chau D  Health care coverage: discrimination.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 1/22/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(2). (Last location was 2 YEAR on 5/29/2015)

Location: 1/22/2016-A. DEAD

Summary: Current law prohibits certain discriminatory acts by health care service plans and health insurers. Current federal law, beginning January 1, 2014, prohibits a group health plan and a health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage from discriminating with respect to participation under the plan or coverage against any health care provider who is acting within the scope of that provider’s license or certification under applicable state law. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.
**AB 611  Dahle R  Controlled substances: prescriptions: reporting.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/15/2015

**Status:** 1/15/2016-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(1). (Last location was 2 YEAR on 5/1/2015)

**Location:** 1/15/2016-A. DEAD

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Justice, upon approval of an application, to provide the approved health care practitioner or pharmacist the history of controlled substances dispensed to an individual under his or her care. This bill would also authorize an individual designated to investigate a holder of a professional license to apply to the Department of Justice to obtain approval to access information contained in the CURES PDMP regarding the controlled substance history of an applicant or a licensee for the purpose of investigating the alleged substance abuse of a licensee.

**AB 637  Campos D  Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment forms.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 8/17/2015

**Status:** 8/17/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 217, Statutes of 2015.

**Location:** 8/17/2015-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** Current law requires a physician to treat a patient in accordance with the Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment form (POLST form) and specifies the criteria for creation of a POLST form, including that the form be completed by a health care provider based on patient preferences and medical indications, and signed by a physician and the patient or his or her legally recognized health care decisionmaker. This bill would authorize the signature of a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant acting under the supervision of the physician and within the scope of practice authorized by law to create a valid POLST form.

Please visit the CANP's Advocacy page for a full list of highlighted bills.
Education Committee wanted!

The BOD is currently looking for anyone interested in assisting the Membership Chair in educating NP students about CANP or ideas for fun fundraising events. This could include presentations at local NP programs, mentoring student CANP members, and/or finding ways to increase student involvement in CANP events. If you are interested please contact Pam Sikes.

Call for Preceptors

We have many enthusiastic and motivated students who are working hard to build their career path towards that of a nurse practitioner - but they need your help! While some graduate programs have clinical coordinators to arrange preceptorship, many do not. Please email Courtney Thompson if you, or someone you know, is willing to work as a preceptor!

Blair Shealy is a 2nd year NP student at Chamberlain University. She is looking for preceptorship starting in May of 2017 in the primary care setting. Please contact Blair if you are available to precept.

Corrie Schmitt is looking for an OBGYN and Family Medicine rotation for the upcoming school year. Please contact Corrie if you are available for preceptorship.

Both Paloma Arvizu and Timothy Lomady will be looking for preceptors during the upcoming Spring semester. Please contact if interest.
Nurse Practitioner Job Openings

At MPAC we put a focus on collaboration and give our healthcare professionals the support, respect, and responsibility his/her advanced medical degree deserves. This position involves treating patients exclusively at a designated skilled nursing facility. The nature of the position allows the Nurse Practitioner the opportunity to apply his/her medical training across a broad spectrum of clinical areas, thus avoiding the narrow focus of many other medical environments. In addition, the continuity of care is inherent in this setting as the Nurse Practitioner follows each patient through every step of the patient’s recovery.

Job Requirements:

At MPAC, we’re looking for nurse practitioners with strong interpersonal skills. In addition to providing care for patients in a dedicated facility, the Nurse Practitioner must be able to build trust and rapport with facility personnel and attending physicians. He/she will need to effectively communicate in multiple settings; such as, bedside family consultations, phone calls and texts to physicians, and informal training with nursing staff.

Responsibilities:

● Function as the primary health care provider that nursing staff turns to for direction and orders
● Coordinate patient care with the facility Director of Nursing and attending physicians
● Treat an average of 10 to 12 patients per day
● Collaborate with other MPAC care providers

Qualifications:

● Nurse Practitioner License
● ANCC or AANP Certification
● Ability to work in the U.S.
● A great attitude with a desire to deliver the best patient care

Benefits:

● 5 weeks of paid time off (Including personal, sick, CME & holidays)
● Full benefits package including health insurance, dental insurance, and 401k
● Support from MPAC to ensure our clinicians maintain a healthy work/life balance
● Competitive compensation package
● Work for a fast growing and fun company that is making a difference in how healthcare is being delivered

If you’re a passionate, self-starting, skilled Nurse Practitioner who thrives in a fast-paced, ever-changing environment, this job is for you. Please apply online at www.mpac-llc.com We’ll contact you to schedule an interview if your skills meet the requirements. New grads welcome to apply!

NURSE PRACTITIONER HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY PRACTICE - LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA
Busy hematology/oncology practice in La Jolla, CA looking for a compassionate nurse practitioner to work in a fast paced office setting. Must have good IV skills. Excellent communication and organizational skills along with being proficient in electronic medical records. We offer competitive salary and benefits. Oncology background is preferred but we will work with a motivated individual.

Please apply by providing your resume to  joan@oncologylajolla.com

**CEU opportunity**

The Renfrew Center’s Professional Seminar in San Diego, CA - 6 CE Credits

*Complex Treatment for the Complex Eating Disorder Client:*

*Integrating ACT and Experiential Strategies*

Date/Time: Friday, December 9, 2016

8:15 am - 9:00 am: Registration, Check-in & Breakfast

9:00 am - 4:00 pm: Seminar

Location: Hilton Garden Inn San Diego Mission Valley/Stadium

3805 Murphy Canyon Road

San Diego, CA 92123

Cost: $95

*Continental breakfast and networking luncheon included.*

This seminar provides acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) strategies and experiential, expressive methods to provide powerful treatment resources for the practitioner. The psychological complexity of eating disorder clients – diverse race, culture, sexual orientation, and age – who present with one or more co-occurring disorders and, all too often, a history of treatment failures, will be addressed. Attendees will learn to assess the appropriate level of care, prioritize treatment targets and address the temporal order of treatment. This presentation will also incorporate use of body/mind approaches and innovative methods for the clinician. Lecture, demonstration exercises and video clips will be utilized.
Concerned About Your Financial Future?

Our friends at WestPac Wealth Partners can help! Please email either Nemanja Selezan or Djoko Radunovic if you would like to be included in private email alerts, inviting you to monthly FUN TOPIC meetings. Monthly meetings will discuss such items as rollovers, debt management, budgeting, asset protection, and investing. This company works with the nursing industry frequently, and is well-versed in the specific financial needs and concerns with this profession.

Connections Newsletter

Connections is the California Association for Nurse Practitioners’ monthly electronic newsletter, delivering news about what’s going on at every level of the organization, from individual chapters to statewide administration. It also includes items gleaned from the news media on topics of interest to CANP members. Link to recent Connections Newsletters!

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