

ANNA

The Year in ANNA History

Looking Back: 1999-2000



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The Year in Review

- The newly published *Standards and Guidelines of Clinical Practice for Nephrology Nursing*, edited by Sally Burrows-Hudson, were distributed to all ANNA chapters to promote their use.
- The Professional Practice Committee and the ANNA Board of Directors reviewed and endorsed the RPA/ASN Clinical Practice Guideline on shared decision-making in the initiation and withdrawal of renal replacement therapies.
- ANNA and the National Association of Nephrology Technicians and Technologists (NANT) Task Force completed the second phase toward administering a pilot competency test for patient care technicians.
- Dr. Charlotte Thomas-Hawkins joined ANNA as the clinical practice/research consultant and was instrumental in coordinating project development in the areas of research and clinical practice.
- Together with colleagues in the Renal Coalition, ANNA supported an increase in the composite rate and provided testimony at a HCFA town hall meeting regarding current issues and problems with the ESRD Networks.
- The Awards Committee, chaired by Kitty Thomas, received and processed 118 applications from 49 applicants for scholarship/fellowship awards and achievement awards. Over \$100,000 in grants and awards were made available to ANNA members.
- Membership exceeded 11,500 under President Pat Weiskittel.
- The 31st National Symposium, held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, attracted nearly 1,500 registrants as well as more than 200 exhibitors from around the country.

