

ANNA

The Year in ANNA History

Looking Back: 2005-2006



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The Year in Review

- ANNA assumed a lead role in the nephrology stakeholder community in responding to the needs of patients and staff following Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma.
- ANNA's voice of advocacy will be heard as Gardner Carton & Douglas, a Washington, DC-based firm was contracted to help the Association expand its legislative and public policy agendas, clinical priorities, and member participation at the grassroots level.
- ANNA offered its Health Policy Workshop to approximately 75 elected national and regional Association leaders as well as members of the Health Policy Committee.
- ANNA launched a geriatric Web resource, *Spotlight on Older Adults*, on the ANNA Web site to assist nephrology nurses who care for aging patients.
- Thanks to the efforts of Past Presidents Caroline Counts and Beth Ulrich, the Association's application to ANA seeking recognition of nephrology nursing as a nursing specialty was successful!
- ANNA's *Contemporary Nephrology Nursing: Principles and Practice, 2nd Edition*, edited by Anita Molzahn and Evelyn Butera, was published in March 2006!
- The *Resource Guide for Use With Hispanic Nephrology Patients*, compiled by the Southeast Region under the leadership of Sue Preuett Cary, was published in the *Nephrology Nursing Journal*.
- ANNA recognized the need to provide a forum for nephrology nurses working in acute care, and subsequently formed the Acute Care Special Interest Group (SIG).
- ANNA's Fall Meeting in Kansas City and the 37th Annual National Symposium in Nashville were highly successful educational and networking events for all Association members!

