

# ANNA

## *The Year in ANNA History*

# Looking Back: 2014-2015

### *The Year in Review*



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- The 6th Edition of ANNA's *Core Curriculum for Nephrology Nursing* was published in a new format (modules) and featuring a new design.
- A landmark research study was conducted and a report published titled "Patient Safety Culture in Nephrology Nurse Practice Settings." This study provides rich qualitative and quantitative data regarding patient safety within the nephrology setting.
- The ANNA Chronic Kidney Disease Educational Modules were updated.
- ANNA collaborated with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) to present a webinar by Research Committee Chair Tamara Kear and *Nephrology Nursing Journal* Editor Beth Ulrich titled "Integrating the Roles and Knowledge of Nephrology Nurses into Undergraduate and Graduate Education."
- ANNA implemented a "Go Green" initiative, which offers members the option to choose to receive the *Nephrology Nursing Journal* and *ANNA Update* electronically only (instead of paper).
- ANNA provided comments to the FDA regarding "Guidance for Industry Allowable Excess Volume and Labeled Vial Fill Size in Injectable Drug and Biological Products."
- The ANNA Research Committee provided comments to a "Dissemination & Implementation (D&I) Action Plan for PCORI-funded research that can guide efforts to speed implementation and use of evidence in clinical decision-making and practice."
- ANNA responded to the American Nurses Association regarding the revised Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements.
- ANNA was selected by the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) to receive funding for a grant project supported by ANNA titled "Treatment Options for Depression in Patients Undergoing Maintenance Hemodialysis."
- ANNA was co-awarded the American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP) Jenny Kitsen Patient Safety Award.
- ANNA's 45th National Symposium was held in Anaheim, CA, in April 2014 with almost 900 in attendance.
- The ANNA Fall Meeting was held in Savannah, GA, in October 2014 with over 400 attendees.
- In collaboration with all of the nursing organizations managed by ANNA's management team, Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc., a sharing of free CNE programs was implemented and is being offered twice per year. A total of 5.25 CNEs was available during the first offering.
- ANNA's Online Library now offers two new educational opportunities: *CExpress*, which provides CE in 30 minutes or less, and a new interactive program on "Test Taking Strategies."
- An Educator Specialty Practice Network (SPN) was approved for formation.
- The Nurse Sensitive Outcomes Task Force condensed their initial recommendations into five topics: Culture of Safety, Care Coordination, Functional Status (including Cognitive), Blood Stream Infection, and Patient Experience of Care.
- A Glossary Task Force is currently working to identify terms and definitions to be included in an ANNA glossary.
- ANNA's Specialty Practice Networks (SPNs) developed TRIP (Translating Research Into Practice) sheets on the topic of immunization. The TRIP sheets provide quick, evidence-based information regarding a variety of immunizations given within each nephrology subspecialty.
- The ANNA website was re-skinned and de-cluttered to provide improved and easier access for mobile devices.
- The ANNA Resource Corps (ARC) was revamped featuring a new look and ease of use.

