

ANNA

The Year in ANNA History

Looking Back: 2015-2016

The Year in Review



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President

- ANNA launched an updated logo and a renewed, revitalized commitment to promoting excellence in nephrology nursing and advocating for issues impacting nurses, patients, and the kidney care community.
- ANNA published the 5th Edition of the *Nephrology Nursing Certification Review Guide*.
- The *CExpress* program in the ANNA Online Library was expanded with the addition of 12 new educational sessions.
- The ANNA Specialty Practice Networks (SPNs) developed six TRIP (Translating Research Into Practice) resource sheets on the use of the immunizations in nephrology patient populations: Hepatitis B, Influenza, MMR, Pneumococcal, Tdap, and Varicella. The TRIP Sheets are available on the ANNA website and in the ANNA Online Library.
- The Continuing Education Approval Board launched an online application to facilitate and simplify the process of applying for CNE credit for ANNA chapters and constituents.
- ANNA hosted the 46th National Symposium in Orlando, FL, in April 2015.
- ANNA hosted the 13th biennial Health Policy Workshop June 22-23, 2015, in Washington, DC.
- In conjunction with the Health Policy Workshop, ANNA hosted the 3rd annual Virtual Lobby Day on June 23, 2015, with members at home or work emailing their Members of Congress about issues impacting nephrology nurses and their patients.
- ANNA participated in Kidney Community Advocacy Day on September 10, 2015.
- ANNA joined with other kidney health professional organizations to launch a National Dialysis Safety Initiative. As part of this initiative, ANNA participated in four webinars on issues impacting safety in nephrology practice settings, including Culture of Safety, Medication Reconciliation, Infection Control, and Transitions in Care.
- The ANNA Fall Meeting was held in Austin, TX, in October 2015.
- The January/February 2016 issue of the *Nephrology Nursing Journal* featured a special focus issue on pediatric nephrology nursing.
- ANNA provided comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the following proposed rules:
 - Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System and Quality Incentive Program (CMS-1628-P)
 - Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities (CMS-3260-P)
 - Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Revisions to Requirements for Discharge Planning for Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, and Home Health Agencies (CMS-3317-P)
- ANNA responded to CMS and the University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center (UMKECC) regarding ESRD vascular access measures and ESRD access to kidney transplantation measures.
- ANNA submitted comments to KDIGO regarding clinical practice guidelines for the evaluation and follow up of living kidney donors.

