## ANNA

## The Year in ANNA History Looking Back: 1997-1998



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- Contemporary Nephrology Nursing, ANNA's comprehensive textbook, was published.
- Joint efforts were undertaken with the RPA and the ASN for a position statement, "The RPA/ASN/ANNA Joint Position Statement on Collaboration Between Nephrologists and Advanced Practice Nurses."
- An initiative was undertaken with NANT to develop a Core Curriculum for Technicians, to be followed by development of a competency exam for entry level technicians.
- The Management/Education Seminar and Advanced Practice Seminar were successfully combined.
- A consultant for Distance Learning/On-Line Services was appointed.
- The Association engaged in its first year of collaborative efforts with the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.
- Chapter choice was implemented to allow individual members to select local chapter affiliation.
- ANNA participated in the ANA/AACN Best Practices Network as a charter member.
- A new award was created for Excellence in Volunteer Leadership in memory of long-time Executive Director Ron Brady.
- Membership exceeded 11,000 under President Karen
   C. Robbins while a successful 29th National
   Symposium was held in San Antonio, TX.





