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The Year in ANNA History

Looking Back: 2002-2003



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The Year in Review

- Beth Ulrich, EdD, RN, CHE, was appointed as the fifth Editor of *Nephrology Nursing Journal* in June 2002.
- ANNA hosted a landmark meeting of the renal community, "Nephrology Nursing Shortage and Solutions: An Invitational Summit," in March 2003 in Baltimore.
- Sally Russell, MN, RN, was appointed as ANNA's Director of Educational Services in late 2002.
- Under the authorship of Nancy Syzmanski, Nancy Sharp, and Kathleen Smith, ANNA published the well-received *ESRD Briefing Book for State and Federal Policymakers*.
- The Hemodialysis, Peritoneal Dialysis and Pediatrics SIGs developed and distributed a series of fact sheets that provided essential information on the care of adults and children.
- The Work Environment Survey (WES), a first of its kind survey of staff nurses in outpatient dialysis settings, was published and will allow ANNA to more accurately advocate for nephrology nurses in that setting.
- The ANNA Strategic Plan was revised, simplified and operationalized at all levels of the organization. Strategic actions for 2003-2005 were reached by consensus of the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 ANNA boards.
- Four new position papers were added and all remaining statements were revised, allowing ANNA to communicate the position of nephrology nursing on a number of important issues while facilitating our role in the public policy arena.
- The 34th National Symposium, held in Chicago, proved to be another highly successful educational and networking event!

