

ANNA

The Year in ANNA History

Looking Back: 2008-2009

The Year in Review



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- ANNA continued its health policy advocacy efforts, which contributed to the passage of key dialysis-related provisions within the *Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act*.
- ANNA provided comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on issues important to nephrology care providers and patients, including the implementation of the Conditions for Coverage for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Facilities Final Rule; the Draft Interpretive Guidance for the survey process of the Conditions for Coverage for ESRD Facilities; and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Stakeholders' meeting regarding medicare coverage of kidney disease education services. ANNA is cited in the Interpretive Guidelines, V715.
- ANNA members collaborated with the National Kidney Foundation to develop the *Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Patient Assessment Tool*, designed to assist ESRD facilities in their efforts to comply with the Conditions for Coverage for ESRD Facilities.
- ANNA continued to expand its Virtual World components: the ANNA Web site, the ANNA Online Library, and the new social networking service, ANNA Connected.
- ANNA's Online Library features online CNE processing and access to a variety of ANNA educational programs, including national conferences, audio conferences, and learning modules. The Online Library offers free CNE credit for selected programs. Attendees of ANNA's 2008 Fall Meeting and 2009 National Symposium have free access to the meeting content in the Online Library.
- ANNA launched a social networking service and invited members to participate in the process of naming this new resource. Based on member feedback, ANNA's social networking service is known as ANNA Connected.
- Bylaws changes were made by the ANNA membership to allow for electronic voting in the future.
- Three Thesis and Dissertation Research Grants up to \$10,000 were approved.
- ANNA members reviewed and made recommendations for KDIGO Clinical Practice Guidelines for Nutrition in Children with CKD, Bone Disease, and Transplant.
- New publications included:
 - *Applying Continuous Quality Improvement in Clinical Practice* (2nd Edition)
 - *Scope and Standards of Advanced Practice in Nephrology Nursing* (2nd Edition)
- ANNA hosted the "Free for 3" Membership Campaign in 2008, during which 727 sponsors recruited a total of 1,047 new ANNA members!
- The 2008 Fall Meeting for Nephrology Nurses, Managers, and Advanced Practice Nurses in Chicago was a well-attended program with over 600 registrants.
- ANNA hosted the association's 40th National Symposium in San Diego in 2009. This special anniversary meeting was planned around the theme *Mentoring Generations Today for Tomorrow's Leaders*.

