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The Year in ANNA History Looking Back: 2010-2011



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The Year in Review

- The *Nephrology Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice, 7th Edition*, with Norma Gomez serving as editor, was published in March 2011.
- The four regional corporations were successfully dissolved, and all chapters established a direct relationship with ANNA for tax-reporting purposes.
- ANNA assisted the nephrology community to better understand and implement CMS's Final Rule (published in July 2010), which defines a new bundled prospective payment system for facilities that furnish renal dialysis services and home dialysis to Medicare beneficiaries with end stage renal disease.
- ANNA's 41st National Symposium was held in May 2010 in San Antonio, TX, with more than 1,000 in attendance.
- *Nephrology Nursing Journal* audio recorded several articles originally published in the journal and posted them as downloadable audio files on the ANNA Web site.
- ANNA presented the free "Save the Vein" Webinar focusing on the importance of vein preservation in patients with chronic kidney disease.
- Webinars were implemented, replacing ANNA's audio conferences.
- More than \$100,000 in scholarships, awards, and grants was distributed by ANNA to members and chapters.
- A Task Force was created to recommend improved services for ANNA's Special Interest Groups.
- ANNA worked with CMS to help shape quality improvement programs for hospital-based and freestanding facilities that provide renal dialysis services to Medicare beneficiaries.
- YouTube videos were produced to support membership development initiatives.
- The ANNA Fall Meeting for Nephrology Nurses, Managers, and Advanced Practice Nurses was held in October 2010 at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. More than 700 attended the conference.

