

## *The Year in ANNA History*

# Looking Back: 2021-2022

### *The Year in Review*



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- ANNA conducted strategic planning and introduced a new 3-year plan for the association's future focused on Our People, Infrastructure, and Brand.
- ANNA joined the Nurses on Boards Coalition as a new member organization.
- ANNA created the role of Emerging Nephrology Nurse Professional Fellow, a 1-year non-voting position on the national Board of Directors.
- ANNA passed a bylaws amendment for 3-year terms for all voting positions on the national Board of Directors.
- ANNA hosted its first hybrid educational event – the Nephrology Nursing Practice, Management, and Leadership Conference – September 17-19, 2021, in Hollywood, FL. The hybrid format enabled in-person *and* virtual participation. The Health Policy Workshop was offered as a preconference.
- ANNA hosted the 2022 National Symposium May 22-25 in Fort Worth, TX, as a hybrid event.
- ANNA launched an online, self-paced Nephrology Nursing Certification Review Course to prepare nurses for the Certified Nephrology Nurse (CNN), Certified Dialysis Nurse (CDN), or the Certified Nephrology Nurse-Nurse Practitioner (CNN-NP) exams.
- ANNA formed a Home Dialysis Task Force to explore opportunities and barriers to improving access to home dialysis therapies.
- ANNA joined with the Nursing Community Coalition, Kidney Care Partners, Alliance for Home Dialysis, and other nursing and kidney health advocacy groups to lobby Congress on health policy issues.
- ANNA received a \$10,000 grant from the American Nurses Association to disseminate infection prevention resources as part of the “Project Firstline” initiative.
- ANNA released updated clinical resources on venous needle dislodgement and access-bloodline separation.
- ANNA published the fourth edition of *Contemporary Nephrology Nursing*.
- ANNA continued a cooperation with the *Dialysis of Drugs* for a second year.
- ANNA expanded the collection of *Nephrology Nursing Perspectives* podcasts.
- ANNA produced the “Why We Must Lead” video series featuring members in Leadership; Research and Evidence-Based Practice; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; and Health Policy. A Leadership Challenge was issued in spring 2022.
- ANNA launched the “Way into Nephrology Nursing” webinar series for nursing students and new-to-practices nurses.

