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ANNA Voices Support for AANP After Bloomberg's Inaccurate Depiction of NPs

PITMAN, N.J. — The American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) strongly supports the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) in response to the recent Bloomberg Businessweek article, "The Miseducation of America's Nurse Practitioners."

The article's portrayal of nurse practitioners (NPs) overlooks their essential contributions to healthcare, especially in rural and underserved areas. As highlighted by the AANP, nurse practitioners have consistently risen to meet our nation's healthcare challenges. NPs are highly trained, nationally certified professionals who provide crucial care, including in nephrology where shortages are significant.

"Given the nephrology workforce issues, particularly in areas with limited access to kidney care, Nurse Practitioners are crucial in meeting the needs of the community," said ANNA President Nancy Colobong Smith, MN, ARNP, ANP-BC, CNN.

We join AANP President Stephen Ferrara, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP in calling for balanced reporting that acknowledges the expertise and dedication of NPs. Their role in delivering high-quality, cost-effective care is indispensable to our healthcare system.

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Since it was established as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization in 1969, ANNA has been serving members who span the nephrology nursing spectrum. ANNA has a membership of thousands of registered nurses and other health care professionals at all levels of practice. Members work in a variety of settings including education and prevention, home dialysis, outpatient dialysis, continuous kidney replacement therapies in intensive care units, pediatrics, transplantation, industry, and government/regulatory agencies.

ANNA is committed to advancing the nephrology nursing specialty and nurturing every ANNA member. We achieve these goals by providing the highest quality educational products, programs, and services. Our members are leaders who advocate for patients, mentor each other, and lobby legislators, all to inspire excellence.