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POLICY & PROCEDURE

FORMATION OF SPECIALTY PRACTICE NETWORKS (SPN)

POLICY

Interested ANNA members may petition to form a new Specialty Practice Network (SPN). The Board of Directors (BOD), in conjunction with the existing SPN leadership, will establish the criteria to form a new SPN. SPN leadership will review petitions against established criteria and make recommendations to the BOD. The BOD will review the recommendation(s) and determine whether to allow the new SPN to form, subject to financial considerations.

PROCEDURE

1. ANNA members wishing to form a new SPN must follow the *Steps to Specialty Practice Network Formation* (Appendix 7.02). This information is also available from the Membership Services Coordinator at the National Office upon request. The assessment of interest and commitment must address the following criteria in writing:
 - a. The clinical or functional focus of the proposed new SPN.
 - b. The patient population, professional practice group and/or new modality of therapy that will benefit from the creation of the new SPN.
 - c. The source for new members for the SPN for the next three (3) to five (5) years.
 - d. How the formation of the new SPN will contribute to the continued growth of professionalism in nephrology nursing and membership of ANNA.
 - e. How creation of the new SPN supports the mission and strategic plan of ANNA and the current overall SPNs' Statement of Purpose.
 - f. Identification of at least one (1) active member who is willing to assume the role of Team Facilitator of the new SPN for at least two (2) years.
 - g. Identification of at least three (3) full members of existing SPNs who are willing to assume team leader positions in the new SPN for at least two (2) years.

2. Contact the National Office to provide notification of intent to form a new SPN.

3. The National Office will notify the National President and National President-Elect of the submitted intent to form. The National Office will notify the ANNA member(s) wishing to form the new SPN and the SPN Chairperson.

4. Submit the written assessment outlined in 1.a.-g. (above) to the SPN Chairperson, who will forward to the Board Liaison for review by the BOD.
5. Additional information in consideration of formation of a new SPN may be requested. The BOD will review the information for implementation of a new SPN and make the final determination. If a new SPN is approved, the BOD will also approve the Leaders and Advisors.