

2020 2nd Quarter Newsletter

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Founder's Inspirational Message

I have been working a lot of nights lately mostly due to my colleagues getting COVID. I happen to live in the new "hot spot" for the virus. I do not understand the epidemiology, virology or number crunching that is flashing through our vision carried so fluidly via our social media. What I do understand is that you can't turn your back on this invisible menace. As an NP in the ED I have seen a lot in the last 3 decades but nothing like this...I never imagined we would be losing our jobs in some areas at the same time we are being utilized exclusively on the front line with ultimate exposure performing MSE and managing patients in PUI tents! What a dichotomy!



WOW!

AAENP has been working diligently to support our members in all ways possible during this difficult reality. I wish we could provide jobs and PPE and all the tangible and intangible needs we could imagine! There have been a few people though who have given a great deal to AAENP membership in ways we could offer support.

The COVID task force has spent endless hours preparing, educating, consulting, zooming and inquiring for our members. They have tirelessly done everything in their power to keep our membership educated, supported and acknowledged through this pandemic. I personally have been honored to work with this amazing group of volunteers.

Thank you,

- David House
- Nycole Oliver

- Brittany Hines
- Amy Meredith

You have always had our back...

Elda Ramirez
AAENP Founder

President's Message

As the nation struggles to come to terms with the senseless and tragic events of the past few months, the time has come to send a clear message that injustice, racism, and violence will no longer be tolerated. These tragic and horrific events have threatened the sense of security of many and shocked our collective consciousness. The unsettling social climate serves as a clear demonstration of the inequity that exists within our nation. The structural racism we are witnessing nationwide undermines the health of individuals, families and communities we serve. As emergency healthcare professionals, we have a public health responsibility to stand against pervasive inequities in society and move forward with empathy, inclusiveness, and collective action. We do this through continued advocacy, education, legislation, and research.



As President of AAENP, I commit on behalf of our entire organization to make every effort possible in promoting health equity within the communities we serve and to stand against all forms of injustice, racism, and violence. The immediate steps that we will be taking include:

- **Diversity and Inclusion Plan:** We will assemble a Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce to develop a plan promoting diversity and inclusion within our organization.
- **Our Mission and Vision:** Our mission and vision have always been one of inclusion beyond our defined population of emergency nurse practitioners. As such, we will be revisiting our mission and vision to ensure our continued message of diversity and inclusion.
- **Webinar:** In the coming months, we will offer a series of webinars for our membership on a variety of topics surrounding diversity and inclusion.

If you would like to be involved in the Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce or have ideas, questions, or concerns please reach out to me at president@aaenp-natl.org. Thank you all for your continued commitment to our profession and patients.

Yours in Service,
Andrea Smith-Brooks, DNP, MBA, FNP-BC, ENP-C
President, American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners



AAENP stands against all forms of injustice, racism and violence.



AAENP Announces New Executive Director and Leadership Changes



The American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners (AAENP) is pleased to announce that Jennifer Wilbeck, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, ENP-C, FAAN, FAANP has been appointed as Executive Director for AAENP. In the role of Executive Director, Dr. Wilbeck will ensure that AAENP's mission and strategic plan are supported by ongoing efforts. Having served the organization as the Founding Board Chair, her continued efforts have promoted the Emergency Nurse Practitioner (ENP) role nationally and internationally to support delivery of high-quality emergency care through education, service, collaboration with partner organizations and advocacy.

Andrea Brooks-Smith, AAENP President, remarked that "AAENP continues to grow at an astonishing rate, both in membership and in the efforts supporting our mission. As such, it was important that we positioned an executive director. Jennifer's insightful leadership and extensive experience will guide us as we work to advance the Academy. We are honored to have her serve as our executive director."

Updates on AAENP Board of Director Positions

To effectively respond to continued challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic and to provide stability in the face of heightened uncertainty, the Board of Directors has approved the following:

- President Andrea Smith-Brooks & Board Chair Amanda Comer will serve an additional one-year term. Their continued leadership until October 2021 allows for longer-term strategic oversight of efforts begun pre-pandemic and provide for additional board stability.
- Wesley Davis has accepted the position of President-Elect vacated by Wilbeck for 2020-2021. Dr. Davis will assume the role of AAENP President October 2021.

A call for additional AAENP Board of Directors is currently open. Appointment of new Directors will occur during the October 2020 transition.



Board Chair: Amanda Comer, DNP, FNP-BC, ACNP-BC, ENP-BC, ENP-C

Amanda Comer serves as the System Director of Advanced Practice Providers for Baptist Memorial Health Care in Memphis, Tennessee. She leads the multistate healthcare system's strategic implementation of team-based integrated clinical care models and oversees the professional standards for over one thousand practicing advanced practice providers.

Amanda received her Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree from Augusta University in Georgia following a Master of Science of Nursing from Vanderbilt University's Emergency Nurse Practitioner program. Dr. Comer is a board-certified Family, Acute Care, and Emergency Nurse Practitioner.

Amanda is a Founding Member of the American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners and an active member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. She serves on the Mississippi Board of Nursing's Emergency Scope and Practice Standards Committee.

Dr. Comer has nearly twenty years of experience in the emergency setting. She is responsible for the vision and implementation of Mississippi's first Emergency Nurse Practitioner Fellowship. Her passion remains to continue to advance the role of the emergency nurse practitioner.



President: Andrea Smith-Brooks, DNP, MBA, FNP-BC, ENP-C

Dr. Andrea Smith-Brooks received her Doctor of Nursing Practice and Master of Science degrees from University of Maryland School of Nursing in Baltimore, Maryland. She completed her Masters of Business Administration from R. H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, College Park. She is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a Family Nurse Practitioner and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board as an Emergency Nurse Practitioner. Andrea has over 14 years of experience in emergency health care including emergency department and urgent care settings.

Dr. Smith-Brooks currently works as the Director of Clinical Effectiveness at the University of Maryland Medical Center, Division of Quality and Safety. Andrea maintains clinical practice in UMMC's Adult Emergency Department, UMMC Urgent Care and University of Maryland's Midtown Campus Emergency Department.

Dr. Smith-Brooks has taught clinical classes as an adjunct professor for University of Maryland School of Nursing's MSN and DNP programs. Andrea has precepted nurse practitioner students from various nursing schools in the Maryland-DC-Pennsylvania area. Her scholarly interests include process improvement methodologies, interdisciplinary team training and leadership development. Andrea is a certified TeamSTEPPS master trainer and lean six sigma green belt. She has lectured nationally on various clinical, educational and professional topics.

President-Elect: Wesley Davis, DNP, ENP-C, FNP-C, AGACNP-BC

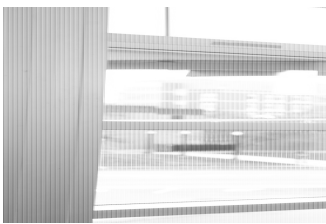
Dr. Wesley Davis is an assistant professor and the Family/Emergency Nurse Practitioner Specialty Coordinator at the University of South Alabama College of Nursing. He also has an adjunct faculty appointment at the University of Wyoming Faye Whitney School of Nursing. Dr. Davis received his Doctor of Nursing Practice and Masters of Science in Nursing from the University of South Alabama. His doctoral work focused on



improving emergency care by augmenting patient flow through emergency departments.

For over 20 years, Dr. Davis has worked in health care serving as an emergency nurse in high-acuity and inner-city trauma centers to rural and remote, critical access facilities. Currently, Dr. Davis works as an emergency nurse practitioner and acute care nurse practitioner in remote Sundance, Wyoming. His most recent work focuses on expanding the use of emergency nurse practitioners in the state of Wyoming and neighboring states to improve access to emergency care for patients living in rural areas.

Dr. Davis currently serves as the Wyoming State Representative for the American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners (AAENP). Additionally, he is the President of the Wyoming Council for Advanced Practice Nurses and an editorial board member and manuscript reviewer for the Advanced Emergency Nursing Journal, AAENP's official journal. Dr. Davis is an active member of the Emergency Nurses Association, serving as the chairman for the Emergency Nursing Education Advisory Council and as the Wyoming Government Affairs chairman.



Secretary/Treasurer: Paula Fessler, RN, BSN, MSN, MS, FNP-C

Ms. Fessler has more than 20 years of clinical experience and a passion for leading teams to deliver high-quality, compassionate patient care. Ms. Fessler oversees all nursing operations at WMCHHealth flagship Westchester Medical Center, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital and the Behavioral Health Center in Valhalla, as well as MidHudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie. One of her primary goals is to support nursing team members at all levels with the guidance and resources to be successful in the critical work they do. She believes strongly that employee talent development and innovation are the keys to success, and she prioritizes working directly with nursing teams to meet common goals.

Most recently, Ms. Fessler served for four years as Vice President of the emergency medicine service line at Northwell Health, overseeing 17 emergency departments and numerous urgent-care facilities. Her clinical experience also includes roles at the Mayo Clinic, St. Louis Children's Hospital and the University of Rochester Medical Center. After earning an undergraduate Nursing Degree at Syracuse University, Fessler earned a Family Nurse Practitioner degree from Duke University and a Master of Science Degree with an emphasis in Healthcare from the Simon Business School at the University of Rochester.

Directors of the Board Include:

- Ken Stackhouse, Past President
- Eric Roberts
- LaMon Norton
- Wesley Davis
- Paula Tucker
- Melanie Hallman

Committee Chairs:

- Bylaws: Open
- Education: Tiffany Andrews
- Finance: Judson Smith
- Membership: Brittany Hines & Nicole Martinez
- NP Validation: Jennifer Wilbeck & Wesley Davis
- Practice: Elda Ramirez & Paula Tucker
- Policy/Advocacy: Sharon Rainer & Amy Meredith

Regional Directors:

- Lead: David House
- Western: Nicole Martinez
- Midwestern: Michael Moore
- Northeastern: Bill Nostrom
- Southeastern: Michael Gooch
- South Central: Tracy Brown

Founders:

- Elda Ramirez
- Kyle Kincaid
- Arlo Weltage

COVID-19 Task Force Update

COVID-19 Resources

As a reminder, the AAENP website is a wealth of resources to learn more about COVID-19. [Click here](#) to obtain the most up to date evidence based clinically relevant information from various professional organizations.

Multiple professional organizations have partnered with AAENP to provide COVID-19 education and support to our members. These include AAPA, AACN, AANP, AAST, ACEP, ACMT, ACP, AHA, AMA, ANA, CDC, CMS, DOD, EBMedicine, EM News, ENA, FDA, NIH, NEJM, PulmCrit, Rebel EM, SAEM, SCCM, SEMPA, WHO and others.

The COVID-19 taskforce, comprised of Brittany Hines, David House, Amy Meredith, Nycole Oliver, & Elda Ramirez, has been working tirelessly to maintain updated and clinically relevant. We extend our thanks to this group for their hard work.



Virtual Social Hours



Are you looking to connect with fellow Emergency Nurse Practitioners? Do you just want to share common experiences? Do you want to hear an uplifting story and just have a good laugh with like-minded colleagues?

Join us for the AAENP virtual happy hour. Currently, this time of relaxation occurs twice a month. The membership committee and its chair, Brittany Hines, are the virtual hosts.

On June 27th AAENP held its Comedy Social Hour to give members a chance to share a joke and network with colleagues from across the country. Our next Social Hour will be Friday, July 31st at 8pm central. Join us to learn, share and network. Members will receive an email with the link to attend.

Clinical Pearls by Jane Holston

Abdominal Pain

Presenting symptoms:

- Where is the pain located?
- Describe the pain
- When did it start?
- How severe is your pain on a scale of 1-10?
- What were you doing when it started?
- Does anything make it better or worse?
- Is it constant or does it come and go?
- Are there any associated symptoms?
- Have you ever had these symptoms before?
- Do you have a history of any abdominal problems?

Include abdominal distention, pain, N/V/D, blood in stool, anal bleeding, constipation, and fever

PE: Inspect, auscultate, lightly palpate, deeply palpate (if tolerable). Perform Rosving's, Rebound tenderness, Obturator, Psoas, Murphy's, CVA tenderness

Work Up:

Labs – CBC, CMP, Lipase, Pregnancy test if female, UA

Imaging – CT ABD with IV contrast is gallbladder suspected

CT ABD/Pelvis W/O contrast if kidney stones suspected

CT ABD/Pelvis with PO contrast if obstruction suspected (consider ABD x-ray)

Do not miss: Dissecting aneurysm in elderly – Initiate AAA protocol. Add cardiac profile, chest x-ray, and BP in all 4 extremities if suspected. (May need chest CT)

Treatment options include: Pepcid, Zofran, Phenergan, Levsin, Bentyl, GI cocktail, analgesics, antibiotic if infection is suspected (fever, bloody stool)

Disposition: Depends on findings.

Pearls: If a kid can jump up and down, they probably do not have appendicitis.

Jane Holston, DNP, FNP-BC, ENP-C, COI

**Associate Professor; Emergency Nurse Practitioner Track Coordinator
Samford University**

Sepsis

Presenting symptoms:

- What are your symptoms?
- Have you had a fever? How high?
- Are you having any pain?
- When did your symptoms begin?
- Have you had these symptoms before?
- Any sick contacts?
- Any associated symptoms such as N/V/D?
- Have you taken any medications for this?

PE: Basic PE focusing on all possible sources of infection. Note appearance toxic, mottled, etc.

SIRS Criteria:

- Temp > 100.9 in adults and >101.3 or < 96.8 in children
- Tachycardia >90 in adults
- Tachypnea > 20 in adults
- WBC >12,000 or < 4,000

Sepsis – two or more SIRS criteria

Severe sepsis – Sepsis + either CV or respiratory dysfunction or dysfunction of 2 other organs

Septic shock – Persistent hypotension causing acute circulatory failure

Work Up:

Labs – CBC, CMP, UA, Pregnancy if female, blood cultures x 2, lactic acid, procalcitonin, ABGs, DIC panel, LP (if meningitis suspected), Type and cross if signs of low Hct

Imaging – Chest x-ray + any other imaging that might reveal source of infection

Treatment options include: Aggressive IVF, O2 for sat < 94%, broad spectrum antibiotics (depending on suspected source) after cultures, but do not delay if patient is critical

Disposition: Depends on severity, co-morbidities, and source of infection

Pearls: For every hour without antibiotics, mortality is increased 7.9%.

Septic neonates can deteriorate very rapidly, literally before your eyes, so treat as quickly as possible.

Jane Holston, DNP, FNP-BC, ENP-C, COI

**Associate Professor; Emergency Nurse Practitioner Track Coordinator
Samford University**

Regional Updates

Monitoring legislative issues impacting nurse practitioner practice.

A Call for State Representatives – Apply Now!

AAENP is announcing leadership opportunities for State Representatives to help pave the way for our organization in 2020! State Representatives are essential to helping us connect to our members, address regulatory issues within each state, and establish relationships with academic and healthcare institutions. We are looking for motivated leaders to represent the following states:

- Alaska
- California (2nd Representative)
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Maine
- Minnesota
- Montana
- New Hampshire
- New York (2nd Representative)
- Puerto Rico
- Texas (2nd Representative)
- Washington D.C.

If you are interested in supporting the mission of AAENP and serving as a state representative, please submit your updated Curriculum Vita, Letter of Interest, and Bio through the AAENP website at <https://www.aaenp-natl.org/get-involved>.

David House DNP, CRNP, ENP-C, FNP-BC, CNS
Lead-Regional Director

Please Welcome Our New State Representatives!

Due to the geographic size and number of members in each state, California, Florida, New York, and Texas will now have 2 new representatives. The following ENP Leaders are new AAENP representatives:



Florida: Tana Coleman, MSN, ACPN-BC

Tana Coleman is Board Certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner specializing in Adult Emergency Medicine. She has 25 years of experience in Trauma & Critical Care Transport and Emergency Medicine. Her BSN was obtained from the University of Evansville in Indiana and her MSN from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Currently, she practices clinically with

TeamHealth within the Advent Health System in Orlando, Florida. This is an urban setting with high acuity and high volume patient population. She is the Lead APC for FEP of TH which

employees approximately 100 Advanced Practice Clinicians covering 8 Emergency Departments, 3 Pediatric Emergency Departments and 4 (soon to be 6) Free Standing Emergency Departments. She is Faculty at Florida State University where she is a preceptor for PA Students throughout the year.



Florida: Lisa Slusher

Lisa M. Slusher is board certified as a family and emergency nurse practitioner. She is also certified through the State of Florida as a medical provider for the Florida child protection teams. She began her nursing career as a Registered Nurse in Athens, Georgia in 1995. She received her Masters Degree in Nursing in 2011.

Lisa and her family relocated from Athens, Georgia to Ocala, Florida in 2000. She remains a die-hard Georgia Bulldog fan and visits Athens as frequently as possible.

She has worked in emergency medicine for over 15 years. She is an active member of the American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners and is currently serving as a State Representative for Florida as well as a member of the Practice Committee. She currently works for Envision Physician Services providing emergency care through one of the busiest emergency departments in Florida – Ocala Health Systems, which includes both hospital based and free-standing emergency departments.

In her spare time, she works as a medical provider for her local child protection team at Kimberly's Center for Child Protection. Kimberly's Center is a non-profit facility that provides a compassionate response to victims of child abuse and neglect.

Her passions and interests include emergency medicine, educating medical professionals on the recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect, and providing education on the utilization of nurse practitioners in the emergency care setting. Her goal is to practice at the top of her license as well as to support the goals and mission of the AAENP.



Missouri: Lisa Gilmore

Dr. Lisa Gilmore began her healthcare career by chance but quickly realized this was her predetermined path. In 1986 Lisa attended an EMT course and, upon graduation, began work with a busy EMS service—literally the day the state licensed her. From there, she quickly returned to school and obtained her Associates Degree in Paramedic Technology and Paramedic licensure. In 1988, Lisa transferred to another EMS service to commence her Paramedic role and develop her skill set.

In 1993, Lisa began work for a hospital-based EMS program. While working ground EMS, she participated in a Fire Service/EMS Instructor program and tentatively began teaching other healthcare providers. As a result, she developed a love for education and has continued teaching for her entire healthcare career.

In 1994, she moved to flight medicine as a Flight Paramedic, became certified, and continued flying while attending nursing school. After nursing school graduation, and while continuing to fly as a Paramedic, she gained experience as an ED Nurse and within the Neuro Trauma ICU. Within three years, she was back flying—but this time as a Flight Nurse. During her flight time, Lisa acquired additional certifications, enjoyed hundreds of flight hours, and managed hundreds of patients. She continued her Flight Nurse status until August of 2018.

Along her nursing path, Lisa obtained nursing experience as a Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse where she became adept at managing the smallest patients and developed a lifelong love for pediatrics. She coupled this with her passion for emergency services and returned to the ED as a bedside Nurse, Charge Nurse, and ED Educator. Lisa continued in the Nurse Educator role for ten years, and while working full time, she incessantly attended school, obtaining her master's degree, doctoral degree, and APRN certifications. Her nursing certifications include dual Clinical Nurse Specialist Certifications (Adult/Ped) and a Family Nurse Practitioner Certification.

Lisa has not only collected degrees and certifications, but she has also been involved in many Paramedic and Nursing organizations. She has had, and maintains, active involvement in the local, state, and national levels. After leaving her ED Educator position, Lisa transitioned into advanced practice nursing and has worked with Pediatric Surgery, Trauma, Urgent Care, and the ED. She is currently working full time in an urban ED and per diem for two critical access EDs while working towards additional certification as an Emergency Nurse Practitioner. In April, Lisa was accepted for induction as a Fellow for the Academy of Emergency Nursing.



Texas: Kevin Lene

My name is Kevin Lene and I have been in nursing since 2007. My career started at Ben Taub General Hospital where I started as a graduate nurse working in the level one Trauma center. I worked there for many years and grew to appreciate the challenges that the emergency department offered. My next job took me in a different direction, I worked as a vascular access specialist placing PICC lines for a traveling team all over the greater Houston area. This job laid the foundation for my autonomy and working in a different role helped to shape my choice to start graduate school. I graduated from UTHSC- Houston with my family nurse practitioner while concurrently completing my Post Master's certificate in emergency/trauma care. I was fortunate to be mentored by many excellent emergency nurse

practitioners as I went through my rotations and this furthered my excitement at what was ahead of me for my career. I currently work for UTMB as an emergency nurse practitioner. In this role, I have had the chance to work at different locations that makes for a diversity in the patients I treat and the teams I work with. As I move forward in my career, I am hoping to be a mentor for new nurse practitioners coming to the emergency room setting and a voice to those currently working there. I am married to Heather Lene who is also an emergency nurse practitioner and the mother of our two daughters, Abigail and Audrey.

*In an effort to keep our members informed, AAENP reports current policy & advocacy initiatives which have previously, are currently, or are potentially occurring across the country. Unless otherwise specified, AAENP neither supports or opposed these initiatives but simply shares for member awareness

Membership Committee Update

Thank you to all who attended the Quarterly Townhall on May 13th. At the May Townhall, the Student Forum was announced as a place for students to collaborate, learn, and network. If you are a student member you can reach the forum by logging into the AAENP website than look under Community Forums. Our next Townhall will be August 13th 8pm EDT.

Lastly, the 2018 Membership Survey has been released to members-only and can be found by logging in to the AAENP website, under the publications tab. The survey will ask about specialty certifications held, education, experience, and regional salary data.

Questions for AAENP leadership can be submitted to info@aaenp-natl.org.

Brittany K Hines, MSN AGACNP-BC FNP-C ENP-C
Membership Committee Co-Chair

Finance Committee Update

The finance committee is finalizing the fiscal year 2021 budget and plans to have it to the Board of Directors by November. Recently, the finance committee had a brainstorming session on how the committee can add value to AAENP membership. Many ideas were discussed with three ideas planned for further development over the year.

Judson R. Smith MSN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC,
Chair- Finance Committee

**National Organization Nurse Practitioner
Faculty Emergency Specialty Interest Group**

Eric Roberts and Nicole Martinez are the new Chair and Co- Chair for the Emergency Special Interest Group (SIG) for National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty (NONPF). This SIG held an open house on June 25th to provide attendees with a quick overview of the goals slated for the year as well as an overview of past accomplishments. This is a wonderful platform for all ENP faculty around the national to network and share ideas. We hope to see you at the next meeting.

Eric Roberts, DNP, FNP-BC, ENP-BC- Chair

Nicole Martinez, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, ENP-C, PHN- Co-Chair

Interested in Having AAENP Support Your Research?

Aligning with AAENP's strategic plan to support research and evidence-based practice in emergency care, AAENP will now distribute research and evidence-based practice surveys to members on a quarterly basis. Applicants can submit their work for consideration at the AAENP website . This is open to all professional researchers and PhD/DNP students.

We highly encourage members to participate in these research and evidence-based practice opportunities to increase the knowledge base about nurse practitioners working in emergency care.

[Click Here to Submit an Application](#)

The Kincaid Rural Emergency Care Memorial Scholarship

The Kincaid Rural Emergency Care Memorial Scholarship offers annual scholarships (in the amount of \$1000) to graduate students in pursuit of specialty education in emergency care. Established in 2020, this award is offered in memory of Kyle Kincaid, DNP, FNP, ENP for his long-standing efforts in ENP leadership, innovation & advocacy.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

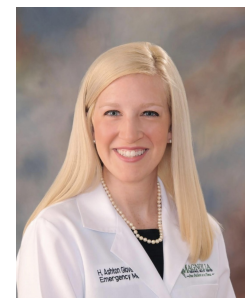
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) recently announced the recipient of the [Frank L. Cole Nurse Practitioner Award](#). Wesley D. Davis, DNP, ENP-C, FNP-C, AGACNP-BC, CEN is recognized for his excellence as a nurse practitioner in emergency care.

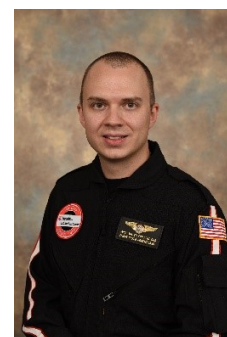


The ENA Frank L. Cole Nurse Practitioner Award is a recognition made by peers, nursing and physician colleagues, and patients as a clinical expert who delivers compassionate, competent care in an emergency care setting. The recipient is actively involved in promoting the role of NPs and strengthening the image of NPs in emergency care.

Ashton Glover, DNP, FNP-C, ENP-C graduated from Samford University with her Doctorate in Nursing Practice this month. Her change project studied Emergency Nurse Practitioners' Knowledge and Skill Competence in Point-of-Care Ultrasound for the Diagnosis of Skin and Soft Tissue Infections. Dr. Glover is employed by Magnolia Regional Health Center, Corinth, MS as an Emergency Nurse Practitioner.

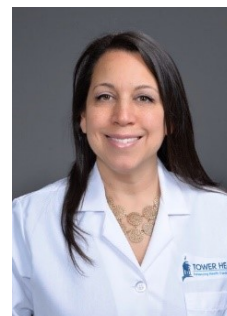


Flight Nurse Practitioner Jacob Miller MS, FNP, ACNP, CNS, CCRN, CFRN, NRP, FP-C was part of one of the first national EMS and Critical Care Transport virtual conference in the COVID era. Content experts from emergency medicine and critical care disciplines across the country came together for the ICON conference hosted by IA MED in early June.



Mr. Miller will also be a speaker at the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) EN20X conference this fall. He is a Flight Nurse Practitioner at UC Health- Air & Mobile Care.

AAENP member, Julie Rich, has spent over 20 years as an Emergency Nurse Practitioner at Pottstown Hospital in Pottstown PA. Since February of this year Julie has literally been on the front line of diagnosing and treating countless critically ill COVID19 patients in her suburban Philadelphia hospital emergency department. But her efforts to save lives of numerous people with this affliction has reached far beyond the PA border.



Frank J. Poliafico, RN,BSN recently wrote as a “proud papa,” a beautiful tribute to his daughter Julie Poliafico Rich. Frank is a retired emergency care clinician, manager and educator (for over 50 years), and in awe of the amazing dedication, talent and caring shown during this terrible pandemic by so many of his younger colleague nurses and

Frank wrote the following: "Julie Rich and her husband Brian became alarmed when they were unable to reach their close friend Tae, who had recently moved to NYC. They knew he lived alone and had not been feeling well. In the midst of the COVID19 pandemic in NYC, they feared for his health and safety. After a week of numerous unanswered texts and messages to him, as well as networking with mutual friends, they began an intense effort to solicit apartment building staff and then NYC police to do a welfare check on their friend who lived alone.

For the first two days their efforts were unproductive, but finally Julie was able to find the phone number for the nearest NYPD precinct, and prevailed to ask to send an officer to enter Tae's apartment. The responding officers found Tae to be incoherent and seriously ill; EMS was summoned, and he was transported to a NYC hospital. Diagnosed with COVID19 infection, acute respiratory distress, and kidney failure; he was intubated, placed on a ventilator, and admitted to ICU in extremely critical condition.

The only initial report Julie received from the doorman at Tae's apartment building in which he was transported by EMS. But she needed to know more regarding what hospital and his condition, so Julie began to call around to NYC ERs. On the very first call (to NY Presbyterian Hospital), she learned that he was in fact admitted there. Since Tae is a native of Thailand and has no family in the U.S., the hospital staff asked Julie to be their point of contact until family could be located and notified. Having no idea where in Thailand his family lived nor how to reach them, Julie and Brian began "tracking them down" through phone calls, texts and email exchanges with several of Tae's friends from and in Thailand.

Once contacted, the family asked Julie to serve as "power of attorney", and Julie began receiving daily briefings from ICU staff, as well as helping to make decisions re Tae's care. After ten days on a ventilator and although his prognosis looked bleak, Tae has made a remarkable recovery. On April 23rd he was transferred out of ICU and 4 days later to a COVID rehab center to continue his recovery. On May 4th he was discharged and is continuing outpatient therapies and his miraculous recovery while back in his apartment. Daily, very happy "face time" calls continue between Tae, his "Pennsylvania family".

Franks continues his story with "the parable of a boy surrounded by starfish on the beach. He recognizes that the starfish are in need of rescue as they has been washed ashore by the high tide. He begins throwing each starfish back into the ocean. A man comes across this boy surrounded by starfish. He thinks the boy is foolish because surely he cannot save every starfish. The man says to the boy "There are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish. You can't make any difference". The boy tosses another starfish into the ocean and says, "It makes a difference to this one". There is little doubt that Julie's education, experience and instincts as a Nurse Practitioner – and her determined persistence – played a vital role in her friend's survival."

The Journal for Nurse Practitioners editorial board selected Dr. Cinthya Sotelo's article titled, "Ovarian Ectopic Pregnancy: A Clinical Analysis" for the Marilyn Edmunds Journal of Nurse Practitioners Writing Award for 2019. This award honors excellence in scholarly work and encourages writing for publication. Dr. Sotelo, DNP, FNP-C, ENP-C has also achieved tenure as an Associate Professor of Nursing at California State University, Los Angeles.



The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) recently announced the winners of the ANCC Certified Nurse Yearly Awards. According to the ANCC, the awards demonstrate value and impact that specialty certification has on nursing practice and patient outcomes. Certification demonstrates superior

patient care and greater assets to healthcare organizations.

Dr. Jennifer Wilbeck was recognized for her mentorship of emergency and acute care nurse practitioner students as a Professor and Emergency NP Academic Director at Vanderbilt University. She continues to practice in the ED with foreign born and non-English speaking patients. This helps support her education, research and advocacy efforts, according to the ANCC.

<https://www.nursingworld.org/education-events/certified-nurses-day/award-winners/>



Editor's Corner



Writing this newsletter reminded me of a wonderful exemplar in the emergency nurse practitioner world. Many who are new to the emergency nurse practitioner community are not aware of some trailblazers who shaped what we do now as a profession. Dr. Frank Cole, along with Dr. Elda Ramirez were the team who started the first ENP program in the nation in 1994 at UT-Health, Houston. Dr. Cole died after a lengthy battle with cancer.

As one of the students in their 3rd class, I was blessed to learn from these architects of this noble profession. I came across Dr. Cole's obituary and wanted to share it, so we would remember pioneers from the ENP past. Dr. Cole would be humbled with awards named after him like the one that Dr. Wesley Davis was given by the National ENA. I was also privileged to be selected for a Texas ENA Scholarship in Dr. Cole's name and I know I speak for all those who have awards in Dr. Coles name that we are deeply grateful for his dedication to where the profession has advance through the years.

His obituary remembrance:

- Frank L. Cole, PhD, of Houston, Texas passed away June 1, 2006 after a long battle with cancer. He was 50 years old. Frank was born in Brockton, Massachusetts in 1955. He grew up and spent much of his adult life in nearby East Bridgewater, Massachusetts finally moving to Houston in 1992. He is survived by his life partner, John Hillin; parents George and Hedy Cole of East Bridgewater; sister Kelly Torres of East Bridgewater; brother-in-law Tom Torres; and nephew Kyle Torres of East Bridgewater; John's sons Jason, Jeff and Joel Hillin of Sugar Land, and numerous other family and friends.
- Dr. Cole was the assistant dean of the UT Houston School of Nursing and Chairman of the Department of Acute and Continuing Care. He was a man who accomplished many things in his life. Most notable was the conceptualization and development of the role of Emergency Nurse Practitioner (ENP). Not content with merely having the idea and a plan for implementation, Dr. Cole undertook the task for obtaining certification for graduates from two national certifying agencies, acceptance of the ENP role from the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners and ultimately saw the material he developed become the national standard. All of this contributed to a redefinition of the practice of emergency nursing in the United States and abroad.
- Dr. Cole is a graduate of the Brockton Hospital School of Nursing and received his BSN from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. He later obtained his Masters Degree in Nursing from the University of Virginia and in 1988 a PhD in Nursing from the University of Texas at Austin. He has received numerous national awards and recognitions, including induction as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN), the Emergency Nurses Association (FAEN) and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP).
- Frank has also authored and co-authored dozens of articles, given presentations and consulted with other universities on emergency nursing and the practice of nursing. Frank was an avid photographer and naturalist, photographing the ducks and flowers at Hermann

Park and the nearby wildlife refuges as well as those in the Northeastern US, Hawaii and Florida. He was a man of simple tastes who pursued his interests with a passion for excellence.

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