



North Dakota Nurse Practitioner Association

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2019 North Dakota Legislative Session

President's Message

by Adam Hohman

As I reflect on the state of rural healthcare in America, excerpts from the book "Team of Teams" by General McChrystal come to mind. In his book, Team of Teams, General Stanley McChrystal discusses how the traditional "heroic" leader on the battlefield or boardroom has fundamentally changed due to the accelerating speed of technology and the complexities and independence of the modern world which requires leaders to adapt. He also describes "the need to scale the adaptability and cohesiveness of small teams up to the enterprise level by creating a team of teams to foster collaboration."

As nurse practitioners (NPs) continue to address the needs of rural healthcare, especially emergency care, General McChrystal's thoughts are inspirational and describe the future of rural healthcare, particularly when we think about continuing to provide access to emergency care in the rural setting. Many people with medical emergencies in rural areas would go untreated without the presence of critical access hospitals and the care provided by NPs in rural facilities. Rural NPs commonly assume the role of primary care providers, hospitalists and emergency room providers in a critical access hospital (CAH). As we face ongoing resource-constrained environments in our rural communities, we must lead our

organizations to facilitate the building and maintenance of a culture that promotes flexibility and durability and supports the NP in providing access to quality healthcare. One area in which I believe NPs should be encouraged to lead and build a "team of teams" is with the development and promotion of increased initial emergency care education and the continued sustainment of rural nurse practitioners' emergency skills. Increased initial training and continuing medical education in CAHs must be present to support rural NPs and ensure they feel confident and able to provide high-quality rural emergency healthcare.

As we move forward, our "Team of Teams" will be monumental on the battlefield of providing care in rural and underserved areas, whether in our local communities or abroad. As I wind down my final four months as the NDNPA President, I hope you will take a moment and consider how you will adapt during our current healthcare battlefield and meet the complex needs of rural healthcare. I look forward to hearing from you!

NDNPA MISSION:

The mission of NDNPA is to promote quality healthcare in North Dakota by support, advocacy, leadership and continued education of nurse practitioners.

YOU'RE INVITED

Annual Meeting - September 25, 2019
11th Annual Pharmacology Conference

SAVE THE DATE:

11th Annual NDNPA Pharmacology Conference

September 26-27, 2019

Bismarck, ND

Registration is Now OPEN!!!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/11th-annual-ndnpa-pharmacology-conference-tickets-60848861583>.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The North Dakota Nurse Practitioner Association will soon be accepting abstracts for poster presentations at our Eleventh Annual Pharmacology Conference that will be held in Bismarck, ND on September 26-27, 2019, at the Bismarck Convention Center. NDNPA anticipates there will be more than 250 nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other prescribers attending the conference.

The targeted audience for this conference is advanced practice prescribers.

The body of the abstracts should be limited to 300 words. The abstract should be typed or pasted within the space allotted on abstract form and should include the following:

- **TITLE OF THE ABSTRACT.**
- **LEAVE ONE BLANK LINE BEFORE THE MAIN TEXT.**
- **BODY OF THE TEXT (MAXIMUM OF 300 WORDS).**
- **USE SINGLE SPACING THROUGHOUT BODY OF ABSTRACT.**
 - **PREFERRED FONT: ARIAL, FONT SIZE 11 POINT.**

Abstracts should be submitted for review/approval before the poster presentation at the conference. Submissions are due on **August 25, 2019**.

At this year's conference we will be voting on the posters, and two winners will each receive a \$100.00 VISA gift card. Those presenting need to be present at the conference with their poster boards to answer any questions and to be eligible for the gift card.

May is
Stop the Bleed Month

 **Get involved**



SAVE A LIFE

The only thing more tragic than a death from bleeding...

is if that death could have been prevented.

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What's Been Happening

The NDNPA Legislative Team has been busy this past legislative session following and testifying on bills relating to Nurse Practitioners. Below is a summary of the bills which passed that we had followed and monitored during the past legislative session.

NDNPA supported

SENATE BILL NO. 2138- Special hunting permits

- A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 10 of section 20.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to allowing advanced practice registered nurses to verify the physical conditions necessary for special hunting permits to be issued to individuals to shoot from stationary motor vehicles.

SENATE BILL NO. 2184- Definition of allied health care professional and health care provider with respect to workers' compensation claims and benefits.

- A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 23-07.5-02, sections 65-01-02, 65-01-11, 65-01-15, 65-02-20, 65-02-21.1, 65-05-07, 65-05-08.1, and 65-05-08.3, subsections 5 and 12 of section 65-05-12.2, section 65-05-28, subsection 2 of section 65-05-29, section 65-05-30, subsection 3 of section 65-05-32, subsection 5 of section 65-05.1-01, subsection 6 of section 65-05.1-02, and subsection 1 of section 65-07-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of allied health care professional and health care provider with respect to workers' compensation claims and benefits.

HOUSE BILL NO.1126-Admission of residents to basic care facility and remain while on hospice.

- A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-09.3-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to basic care facility end-of-life services

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We were a supporting agency.

House Bill 1175 PA bill

Did pass House and Senate and sent to the Governor.

Failed Bills

HOUSE BILL NO.1509-Paid family medical leave

- A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 65-05.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a paid family medical leave program; to provide an appropriation; and to provide for a transfer.
- Referred to House Industry, Business, and Labor. Will testify January 28th at 2:30pm
- Out of committee do not pass 9-3-2 place on calendar
- 2/5/2019 failed the House 17 yeas/ 75 nays

HOUSE BILL NO.1456-Compensable Injury

- A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 65-01, a new section to chapter 65-05, a new section to chapter 65-06, and a new section to chapter 65-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to presumption of the treating physician, presumption of compensability, and disputing the denial of a claim; and to amend and reenact subsection 10 of section 65-01-02, and sections 65-06-03, 65-10-01, and 65-10-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of a compensable injury, how compensation benefits are determined, and the cost of an appeal.

SENATE BILL NO.2233- Infertility care and cancer preservation

- A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-36 and a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to health insurance coverage for infertility treatment; and to provide for application.
- NDNPA did testify in favor January 22nd 10:30am – Senate Industry, Business, and Labor.
- Cost analysis refused by Employee Benefits Committee. Will be sent back to Senate Industry, Business, and Labor committee. Communication has been made with chairman to keep bill moving forward.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1508-Common process for applying to nursing programs

- A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a common process for applying to nursing programs at state institutions of higher education.

HOUSE BILL NO.1063- Opioid therapy, benzodiazepine, and muscle relaxant duration limits -Termination of coverage.

- A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 65-05-40 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to duration limits for opioid therapy, benzodiazepine, and muscle relaxants; and to provide for application.

SCR 4018

- A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Management to consider studying the feasibility and desirability of implementing a paid family leave program structured to be beneficial to both families and businesses, including an analysis of how to make the program financially sound while being affordable for families and businesses; and a review of the data on usage rates from other states that have programs, which state agency would be best suited to administer the program, and policies required to ensure program success.

SENATE BILL NO. 2353-Relating to uniform regulation of occupations and professions

- A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapter 43-63 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to uniform regulation of occupations and professions; to amend and reenact subsection 4 of section 54-10-01 and section 54-10-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to duties of the state auditor; to provide a penalty; to provide for a legislative management study; and to provide an effective date.

Input Needed

Prescribing Barriers for Biologicals

Over the past year, many of you have contacted the NDNPA about concerns with barriers to prescribing medications such as the biologics for rheumatologic, GI and dermatologic disorders. Many NPs have been receiving denials from insurance companies for their biological prescriptions due to the need for a consulting specialist, etc. in order to prescribe or renew a patient's prescription for biological agents. Most times, a Rheumatologist, Gastroenterologist or Dermatologist is not available in our rural communities and barriers such as these delay access to a patient's therapy. According to our representatives at AANP, very similar prescribing trends seems to be occurring in other states as well. To supply data for AANP, we would like to ask you to take 10-15 minutes and complete the attached survey link regarding prescribing barriers in North Dakota. Here is the attached link, https://ndstate.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bfSbrpti5xxrlgV.

Your responses will remain anonymous and only cohort data will be shared with AANP. Thank you for your time and dedication in keeping NP practice and our patients at the forefront.

Call for Scholarships

The NDNPA networks on a state, regional, and national level to affect legislative issues important to nurse practitioners. The success of the NDNPA has enabled the development of a scholarship fund to extend their mission of promoting quality healthcare in North Dakota by support, advocacy, leadership, and continued education of nurse practitioners. The NDNPA annual scholarship is awarded annually to a North Dakota resident, pursuing a graduate degree with a nurse practitioner focus, who is planning to practice in ND after graduation.

Scholarship applications are subject to review by the NDNPA board members for accuracy, applicant qualification, application completeness, and proof of enrollment. Qualified applications are sent to a neutral organization, The North Dakota Community Foundation, for review of the applicants' essays and selection of the scholarship recipient based on predetermined criteria.

The Scholarship recipient will be notified prior to the NDNPA Annual Pharmacology Conference and will be honored at the conference. A stipulation of the scholarship is that the recipient is expected to attend the conference.

2019 Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:

- Current ND Resident
 - Cumulative graduate program GPA of 3.0 or greater
 - Current enrollment in a nurse practitioner program of study
 - Evidence of completion of 12 credits hours or more of graduate coursework
 - Plan to practice in North Dakota as a nurse practitioner
 - Completed application, program coordinator attestation, and 1-2-page scholarship essay.
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News & Announcements

Announcements from Around the State:



Keep NDNPA up to date on what's going on in your area!

1. What you are up to professionally?
2. What conferences have you attended and recommend to others?
3. Any practice pearls to share with everyone?
4. Any NPs you feel deserve recognition for their efforts or other fun facts you want to share regarding our profession

Let us know!
Information can be sent to
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