

LCAPN JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

During these cold days of winter I hope you will be able to come to our next dinner meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at Peninsula Grill. It promises to be a great meeting sponsored by Sanofi-Aventis and a member of our group, Cindy McDonald APRN, will speak about HTN. Please check the invitation and RSVP as soon as possible. I am excited that she will be our speaker and we hope to schedule dinners with APRN's as speaker once or twice a year. After this meeting we will have one more meeting in May before the summer break. We have secured Wayne Weart, PharmD, sponsored by Pfizer, to do a drug update for us.

I look forward to seeing you on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Have a good week.

Annemarie Sipkes Donato, MSN FNP  
LCAPN President

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Lowcountry Orphan Relief will share volunteer opportunities and an update on their services at our next meeting. Visit their website <http://www.lowcountryorphanrelief.com/> to learn more!

**CONFERENCES**

1. February 6-7, 2009: **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Geriatric Symposium for Primary Care Providers.** Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, Columbia, SC. Call 803.434.4211 or visit <http://cme.med.sc.edu> for more information.
2. February 7-8, 2009: Management of Obesity: The Healthcare Epidemic. Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, Charleston, SC. Contact MUSC Office of CME: 843.876.1925
3. February 18-20, 2009: 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Pharmacology in Advanced Practice Conference.. The Mills House, Charleston, SC. Contact SCNA: 803.252.4781
4. March 6-8, 2009: Updates in General Internal Medicine for Primary Care 2009. Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, Charleston, SC. <http://gimCME.musc.edu> for more information.

5. March 12-14, 2009: **Integrated Stroke & Cerebrovascular Conference 2009: The Latest Medical, Radiological, Surgical, and Nursing Care.** Wild Dunes Resort, Charleston, SC. Call 843.876.0925 for more information.
6. Saturday, March 14, 2009: **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Management of Chronic Kidney Disease: An Update for the Primary Care Provider.** Charleston Marriott Hotel, 170 Lockwood Blvd., Charleston, SC. Call 843.876.1925 for more information.
7. March 20-21, 2009: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Pediatric Neuroscience Update. Kiawah Island Resort, Kiawah, SC. Contact MUSC Office of CME: 843.876.1925
8. March 23-25, 2009: **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Ob/Gyn Spring Symposium: Azaleas, Dogwoods, Gyn Benign and Cancer Controversies.** Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, Charleston, SC. Call 843.876.1925 for more information.
9. Friday May 15, 2009: Nursing Documentation: Legally-Proven Strategies to Keep You Out of the Courtroom. Charleston, SC Register online at [www.pesihealthcare.com](http://www.pesihealthcare.com)
10. May 27-30, 2009: **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cardiology Update for the Primary Physician.** During Spoleto Festival, Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, Charleston, SC. Call 843.876.1925 for more information.
11. April 18, 2009: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Update in Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine  
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center  
Columbia, SC  
<http://cme.med.sc.edu> or 803.434.4211
12. May 7-9, 2009: Evidence Based Drug Therapy Update  
Embassy Suites Hotel & Charleston Area  
Convention Center, Charleston, SC  
[www.musc.edu/cme](http://www.musc.edu/cme) or 843.876.1925

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

1. POSITION: Director of Education & Research at a not-for-profit hospital (600+ beds) with numerous responsibilities

**EDUCATION:** Completion of Master's degree program with emphasis on Nursing Education.

**EXPERIENCE:** Seven or more years of nursing education experience. Must have a strong managerial background, preferably with full administrative and operational responsibility for a department, which includes: strategic planning, budgeting, and staffing. Must have a consistent track record of successful management in a fast-paced, high-acuity environment.

**LICENSURE:** Registered Nurse licensure in the State of South Carolina.

**SKILLS:** Must have strong experience and knowledge of Joint Commission requirements.

**COMPENSATION:** excellent with an annual salary of \$100K, eligibility for bonus, and the relocation package is excellent!!!

**CONTACT:** Elizabeth Carper, Sr. Healthcare Specialist, MRI Columbus International Group

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2. Seeking NPs to conduct H&P assessments on senior citizens in SC. Each assessment takes approximately 45 minutes. You are compensated at a rate of 75.00 per assessment. This position offers complete flexibility and you design your schedule. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Joshua Bloomfield with Proplacements at 815-356-7900
3. Part time opportunity for NP some weekend coverage for diabetes management in the hospital. If interested please contact Pam Mazza at 720-8438.
4. DHEC is looking to hire an APRN for Family Planning. They want someone to work as an hourly employee for 4-5 days per week. No benefits with that.
5. Seeking Family Nurse Practitioner for established medical practice in central South Carolina. Currently we have one physician and one Adult Nurse Practitioner and need a Family Nurse Practitioner. No weekends, no call. New graduates welcome. We are located 1 1/2 hours from the coast and 2 1/2

hours from the mountains. Please submit your curriculum vitae to

[smoakpractice@hotmail.com](mailto:smoakpractice@hotmail.com)

<mailto:smoakpractice@hotmail.com> or fax to 803-531-8810, attn: M. Traynham.

6. Dr. Germain in MT Pleasant is looking for a kind and honest NP Full time. Her Office # 881-4440, FX 884-8540

#### POLITICAL CORNER

#### Physicians group issues policy on NPs in primary care

The American College of Physicians released a new policy on nurse practitioners in primary care that says doctors and NPs must work together, with mutual respect, to improve access to patient-centered health care. "The College recognizes the important role that NPs play in meeting the current and growing demand for primary care, especially in underserved areas. As trained healthcare professionals, physicians and NPs share a commitment to providing high-quality care," a monograph co-author said. [Medscape](http://www.medscape.com) (free registration)

#### MEETING INVITATION

Title: Hypertension and it's Effects on the Diabetic Kidney

Location: Peninsula Grill, 112 N. Market St., Charleston

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Time: 6:00pm Cocktails and Networking  
6:15pm: Lowcountry Orphan Relief  
6:30pm: Dinner and Presentation

Speaker: Cindy McDonald, APRN

Sponsor: Sanofi-Aventis

RSVP: Susan Garro ([susangarro@bellsouth.net](mailto:susangarro@bellsouth.net)) by Friday, March 6