

LCAPN APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring has arrived and with this an energy surge, which is needed after this winter, especially with the current financial challenges our country faces. It is encouraging to see that nurse practitioners continue to be a vital part of the health care system.

The American College of Physicians recently acknowledged our important role. I would encourage you to look at this article (acponline.org/advocate/where_we_stand/policy/np_pc.pdf) that talks about health care delivery systems, which require multidisciplinary teams of healthcare professionals that collaborate to provide patient-centered care. Physicians and nurse practitioners not only share a commitment to providing high-quality care, but also face similar challenges regarding reimbursement and workforce outlook. Recognizing and building on the common ground between the two professions is vital to improving collaboration to meet the complex health care needs of the population. I am curious how your collaboration with physicians and other disciplines works.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th and Dr. Wayne Weart will provide us with a new drug update. Pfizer is the sponsor. This will be at McCrady's restaurant. I look forward to seeing you there.

Annemarie Sipkes Donato
LCAPN President

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CONFERENCES

1. April 18, 2009: 4th Annual Update in Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
Columbia, SC <http://cme.med.sc.edu> or
803.434.4211
2. May 7-9, 2009: Evidence Based Drug Therapy Update
Embassy Suites Hotel & Charleston Area
Convention Center, Charleston, SC
www.musc.edu/cme or 843.876.1925

3. Friday May 15, 2009: Nursing Documentation: Legally-Proven Strategies to Keep You Out of the Courtroom. Charleston, SC Register online at www.pesihealthcare.com
4. May 27-30, 2009: **33rd Annual Cardiology Update for the Primary Physician.** During Spoleto Festival, Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, Charleston, SC. Call 843.876.1925 for more information.
5. June 8-13, 2009: An Intensive Review of Family Medicine, Kiawah Island Resort, www.musc.edu/cme
6. August 14-16, 2009: 13th Annual Conference on Hypertension: Focus on Hypertension, Diabetes, and Dyslipidemia at Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa, Savannah, GA, www.sma.org/hyp09

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

1. Family practice in Goose Creek seeking full time FNP to work with multi-disciplinary group including PA, MD, and researcher. Please contact Reamer Bushardt (PharmD, PA-C) for more details 843.792.1913 or busharrl@musc.edu
2. Seeking NP for Infections Diseases Consultants & Travel Medicine. Please contact Tami Barlow (843.571.5909) for more information.
3. Planned Parenthood seeking FNP for PRN position that initially would regularly work once or twice a month on Saturdays. The position would also cover for vacations and pick up additional time as we expand our clinical hours. The job description and application form can be found at www.pphsinc.org under employment.

POLITICAL CORNER

MEETING INVITATION

Title: New Drug Update
Location: McCrady's,
2 Unity Alley, Charleston, SC 29401
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009
Time: 6pm Cocktails & Networking

6:30pm Dinner & Presentation

Speaker: Wayne Weart, PharmD

Sponsor: Pfizer

RSVP: Susan Garro (susangarro@bellsouth.net) by
Friday, May 8, 2009.