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President's Message

We are very excited that our next APGNN Educational Meeting is right around the corner. Hopefully, you have had an opportunity to register for "Future Trends: New Horizons" which takes place on Friday October 22 and Saturday October 23 at the Sheraton New Orleans. We are fortunate to have a wonderful keynote speaker, Dr. Kevin Stephens who is the Health Director of New Orleans. He will discuss healthcare issues facing the underserved children of his great city, a very timely topic. **Lindsay Wilson**, Chair of the Program Committee, and the committee did an outstanding job putting together another first class conference. Unfortunately for us, this is Lindsay's last term as Chair and we are eternally grateful for all of her hard work. Thank you so much Lindsay, you will be missed!

At our annual meeting each year we welcome new board members and committee chairs following fall elections. Full, active APGNN members should have received electronic ballots recently via e-mail. Please take a few minutes to review this important document and place your votes. We cannot function without you, our members. Remember, this is YOUR organization. We will take a few minutes as the conference commences to review APGNN business including our budget, what we have been working on this past year and what our upcoming goals are. We need and value everyone's input! If you are not able to make it to the meeting, please feel free to reach out to any of us. Please consider serving on one of the committees. It is a wonderful way to network and become more involved and it is not too much of a time commitment. Really!

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**Robin
Shannon,
APGNN
President**

President's Message Continued

I wish to extend a special note of thanks to our 2-term treasurer, **Patty Bierly**, who has done an amazing job in keeping our finances in order and helping to organize our recent leadership retreat. Also, many thanks to our newsletter committee chair, **Diane Kocovsky** as she gets ready to finish up this role. We will also be saying good-bye to our 2-term secretary, **Kristin Peterson** who has done a wonderful job and will be missed very much. I feel very fortunate to be working with such an incredible group of highly dedicated professionals. My thanks to the entire Board, Committee Chairs and Committee members for a great year!



**Lisa Philichi.
President
Elect**

As I approach the end of my first year as your President, I want to thank everyone for the support I have been given. My goal of updating our website and making it more user friendly is still a work in progress. It will require more financial support and we will continue to seek the most economical way of moving forward. In the meantime, the site contains accurate contact information for the leadership team and we invite all of you to contact us if you have any questions. Review our "Benefits of Membership" section to remind yourself of the opportunities which exist for members.

Looking forward to seeing many of you next month in New Orleans!

Sincerely,

**Robin Shannon, MS, RN, CPNP
APGNN President**

APGNN Annual Meeting

Future Trends: New Horizons

October 22-23, 2010

New Orleans, Louisiana

See you there!! See full program available on pg 6-8

Clinical Practice Committee Invitation

The Clinical Practice Committee is working to develop telephone triage protocols for the GI clinic nursing staff. It was decided that it would be more practical to work on these protocols, at least initially, at the upcoming APGNN Committee Meeting in October as a group. This would allow us to discuss and develop a process/format that we could use consistently and also collectively brainstorm on which protocols need to be developed, assign projects and develop time lines.

As you can see this is an exciting project, and it is very important to get several of our members involved so we will have the clinical expertise to accomplish this task in a timely manner. Therefore, I am extending an **invitation to ALL APGNN MEMBERS** to consider taking part in this project. If you are interested in working to develop these protocols please let me know by email at lvitito@unmc.edu and if you are attending the course and willing to help with the initial collaboration and development, please let me know this also. We will plan to meet on Thursday, October 22, at 4:30 during the APGNN Committee Meetings. For those who are not able to attend the upcoming meeting but are interested in being involved, I will forward minutes to you by email.

We will initially focus on protocols for abdominal pain and constipation since these are two of the most common reasons for parents to call the clinic for advise. So if you currently are using a protocol for either of these and are willing to share it with the group, please forward to my email at lvitito@unmc.edu

Looking forward to working with all of you on this exciting project.

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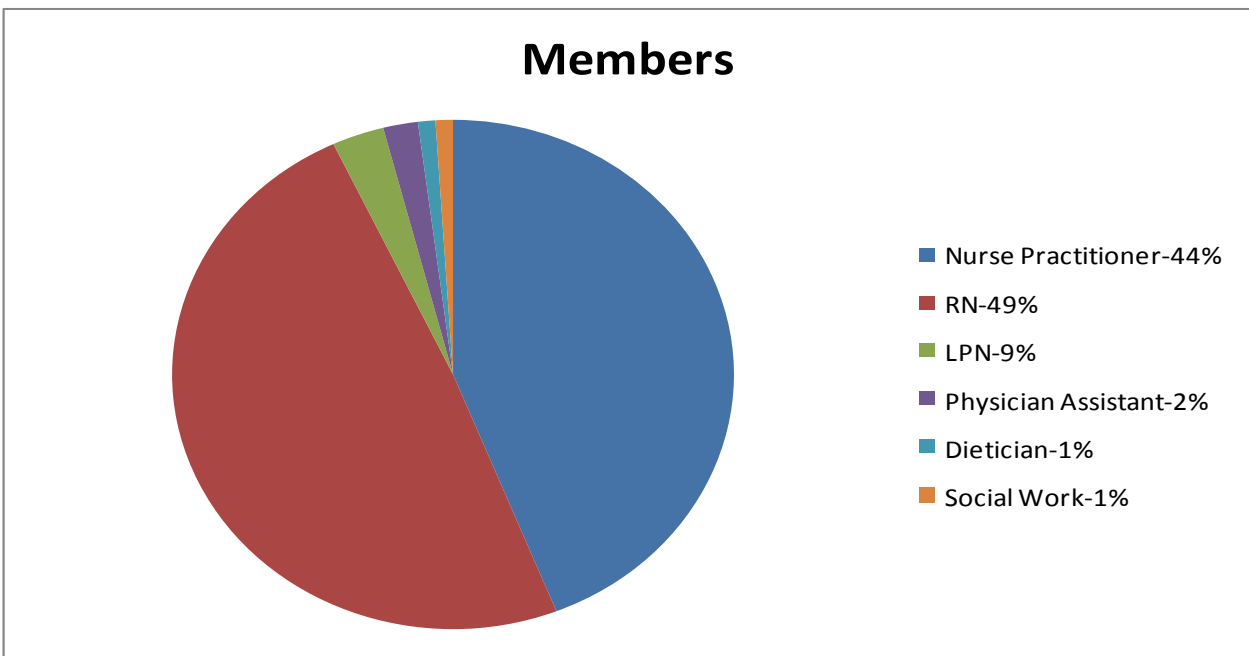
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Membership at a Glance

APGNN members practice in a variety of disciplines all of which are involved in providing care to children with gastrointestinal and nutritional needs. Here is our current membership at a glance. Look at the map in the newsletter to see state by state how APGNN is represented.



Membership by State

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APGNN Annual Meeting
Future Trends: New Horizons
October 22-23, 2010
New Orleans, Louisiana

7:30am – 8:15am **Registration/ Breakfast/Welcome/Board Introduction /Business Meeting**
Robin Shannon, RN, MS, CPNP – APGNN President

8:15am – 9:00am **Keynote Address**
Future HealthCare Issues Facing Underserved children in New Orleans
Kevin Stephens, MD.....45 minutes = .75 contact hours
Health Director of New Orleans

9:00am- 9:45am **Emerging Therapies in IBD**
Ryan Carvalho, MD.....45 minutes = .75contact hours

Break 15 minutes

10:00am – 10:50am **Reproductive Issues in Teens with IBD**
Sharon Dudley-Brown, PhD, CRNP.....50 minutes = .8 contact hours

10:50am– 12 noon **Zebras** 70 minutes = 1.2 contact hours
Janice Tendler, MS, PNP
Jody Weckwerth, PA-C
Teresa Carroll, RN, MSN, CPNP

12noon -1:30pm ***View Posters/ Lunch on your own*** *Exhibition Hall*

1:30pm – 3:00pm **Hepatology** 90 minutes...1.5 contact hours
Update on Alagille’s Syndrome *David Piccoli, MD*

What's New in Hepatitis B and C? Judy O'Connor, MD

Current Research in Liver Disease Jean Molleston, MD

Break 15 minutes

3:15 pm - 4:00pm **FAP: Update on Rome Criteria**45 minutes...0.75 contact hours
Carlo D'lorenzo, MD

4:00 pm - 4:15pm **Conference Wrap-up**.....15 minutes....0.25 contact hours

4:30pm **APGNN Committee Meetings** – Open to all interested APGNN members

6:00pm **Social Event:**
(All registered APGNN conference attendees invited)
APGNN Excellence in Mentoring Award presentation
APGNN Newsletter Award presentation

8: 00am Breakfast /Registration

8:30am - 9:30am **Diarrhea**..... 60 minutes = 1.0 contact hours
Acute Diarrhea Ilana Fortgang,MD
Chronic Diarrhea. Carmen Cuffari, MD

9:30am- 10:00am **Probiotics**
Maria Oliva-Hemker, MD.....30 minutes = 0.5 contact hours

Break 15 minutes

10am – 10:45am **Cyclic Vomiting**.....45 minutes = 0.75 contact hours
John Boyle, MD

10: 45 – 11:15am Research Presentation.....30 minutes= 0.5 contact hours
CDHNF/APGNN M. Susan Moyer Nursing Research Award
2009 Recipient

11:15am – 11:30pm Award Presentations:-
Clare Ceballos, MA, BC-PNP - moderator
APGNN Excellence in Education
Poster of Distinction Award

11:30pm -12 noon Posters of Distinction Presentations.....30 minutes = 0.5 contact hours
Lilian Sablan, RN, BSN
Sandra Matthews, RN, BSN
Ryan Shonce, RN, MSN, FNP-C

12:00pm – 2:00pm ***NASPGHAN Business Meeting Luncheon***

2:00pm – 3:30pm **Pancreatitis**90 minutes = 1.5 contact hours
Acute Pancreatitis. Maria Mascarenhas, MD
Chronic Pancreatitis, Mark Lowe, MD
ERCP, Michael Manfredi, MD

Break - 15 minutes

3: 45pm- 4:45pm **Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disease**.....60 minutes = 1 contact hour
Eitan Rubinstein, MD
Julia M. Perkins, RN, CPNP

4:45PM -5:00PM **Conference Wrap-up**15 minutes =0.25 contact hours



**Diane
Kocovsky
Newsletter
Chair**

Editor's Note

I want to thank everyone who has supported me in my role as Newsletter Chair. I also want to thank all the contributing author over the past few years. I have enjoyed my position as it has allowed me the opportunity to work closely with the Board and membership at large. I would encourage every one to become as involved as possible. This is *our* organization and it is the members that make it great.

See you in New Orleans!

Diane Kocovsky
Newsletter Chair
