

Jacksonville Association of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (JAAPRN)

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Join Us for the Next

JAAPRN Meeting: [April 9, 2019](#)

Our next meeting will be held April 9th starting at 7:00 pm at **Ackerman Cancer Center**, located at [10881 San Jose Boulevard | Jacksonville, Florida 32223](#). Dr. Scot Ackerman will be presenting a talk on “The Benefits of Proton Therapy.” One (1) AANP contact hour has been applied for accredited education and will be free for JAAPRN members (\$10 for non-members). *Must [register online](#) prior to event for CME credit.*



Upcoming Florida Legislation

On February 12th, SB 972 was filed by Senator Jeff Brandes and would enable Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to practice autonomously after meeting certain requirements. APRNs may also choose to continue to practice under the current protocol arrangement. This bill is a joint effort of the Florida Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses (FLCAPN) and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN).

SB 972: Innovation in the Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Workforce **GENERAL BILL by Brandes**

Innovation in the Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Workforce; Revising the definition of the term “advanced or specialized nursing practice” to expand the scope of practice; authorizing an advanced practice registered nurse to perform certain functions and acts within his or her specialty without a protocol agreement or

supervision if specified requirements are met; authorizing a qualified advanced practice registered nurse to admit, manage care for, and discharge certain patients and to provide an endorsement that is otherwise required to be provided by a physician, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Last Action: 2/12/2019 Senate - Filed

<http://m.flsenate.gov/session/bill/2019/972/billtext/filed/pdf>

Following this bill filing, on February 14, 2019, the *Orlando Sentinel* posted an article entitled, [“Do Florida nurse practitioners need a doctor looking over their shoulders? Lawmakers to decide”](#), highlighting some of the pros and cons that were brought up to the House Health Care Quality Subcommittee two days prior.

Georgia Lawmakers May Further Restrict APRN Scope of Practice

Georgia NP Imaging Bill Takes Problematic Amendment

[Senate Bill 109](#) took additional amendments in committee last week that would require APRNs to be licensed for five years before a physician could delegate the authority to order radiographic imaging tests in other than life-threatening situations. Patients and health care systems in Georgia are already disenfranchised from timely diagnostic care that 49 states, D.C. and the U.S. territories already authorize NPs to order at the point of initial licensure. This weighty amendment adds more unnecessary red tape. The House companion was heard in committee last week but received no vote. [House Bill 409](#) retains the original language to lift the emergency restriction without requiring years in practice prior to physician delegation and updates Georgia’s APRN/physician ratio requirements. AANP continues to evaluate the Georgia landscape around these issues.

Upcoming State Events

Rheumatology Review for Primary Care 2019

Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6:45am ET

Amelia Island, FL

This event offers 15.75 contact hours to attendees.

CE accredited by ANCC, ACCME, ACPE

For more info and to register, click [here](#).

Florida Nurse Practitioner Network (FNPN) Annual Conference-NPs: Leading the Way and Sharing the Vision to Shape the Future.

Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 8:00am ET - Saturday,

August 17, 2019 at 5:00pm ET

Orlando, FL

For more info and to register, click [here](#).

Upcoming National Events

AANP 2019 National Conference

June 18, 2019 – June 23, 2019

Indianapolis, Indiana

CE: Up to 38 hours

For more info and to register, click [here](#).

Membership dues

Membership dues will be \$35 per year for APRNs and \$25 per year for APRN students and retirees. These dues include at least two CME events annually. For more information, see the JAAPRN website at this [link](#).

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