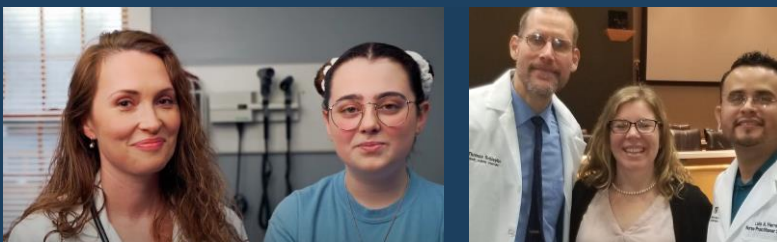




Nurse Practitioners Council of Miami Dade

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The Miami-Dade Nurse Practitioner's Council would like to invite Nurse Practitioners to its meetings every other month (next one August). Registration on the website!! Become a member, join a committee, and let your voice be heard!!! (<https://npmiami.enpnetwork.com>)

Extraordinary!!! A new commercial highlighting NP-delivered health care debuted at #AANP21 National Conference this afternoon. Hear from four patients who share their experiences with lifesaving NP care. (<https://youtu.be/yEydtQjIXkc>) #NPsLead

### The Future of Nursing 2020–2030 Recommendations and Research Priorities: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity:

Eliminating restrictions on the scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses and registered nurses so they can practice to the full extent of their education and training will increase the types and number of high-quality health care services that can be provided to those with complex health and social needs and will improve access to both healthcare and health equity.

A lack of consensus continues to exist among state boards, legislators, third-party payers, hospital administrators, health care workers, and even NPs themselves on what "autonomy" means (AANP, 2018a; Weiland, 2008). This incongruity displays the need for the development of a clear definition of NP autonomy and clear steps for the acquisition, recognition, and utilization of NP autonomy nationally.

A concept analysis of nurse practitioner autonomy: Journal of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (lww.com)

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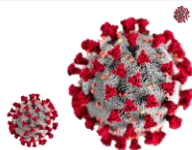
Peacock, Michelle MSN, FNP-BC (Nurse Practitioner Supervisor)<sup>1</sup>; Hernandez, Stephen PhD, RN (Associate Professor)<sup>2</sup>

Nurse practitioners (NPs) have struggled to describe their role in health care, and state regulations vary in an NP's ability to prescribe medications; diagnose, order, and interpret diagnostic tests; obtain independent reimbursement; and be allowed hospital privileges (*American Association of Nurse Practitioners [AANP], 2018b*).

Nurses have substantial and often untapped expertise to help individuals and communities' access to high-quality health care, particularly in providing care for people in underserved rural and urban areas. Improved telehealth technology and payment systems have the potential to increase access, allowing patients to obtain care in their homes and neighborhoods. However, the ability of nurses to practice fully in these and other settings is limited by state and federal laws that prohibit them from working to the full extent of their education and training.

[The Future of Nursing 2020-2030 - National Academy of Medicine \(nam.edu\)](https://www.nam.edu)

## Covid19 vaccine:



COVID-19 vaccines are by no means a silver bullet. With more COVID-19 vaccines expecting approval in the coming months, it is necessary to note that vaccine availability does not equate to vaccine accessibility, nor vaccine efficacy. Some research suggests that approximately 9 out of 10 individuals living in lower-income countries will not have access to COVID-19 vaccines until 2023 or later. For higher-income countries, such as the United States, the prevalence of vaccine hesitancy may further compound the situation. These insights combined, in turn, emphasize the fact that even though COVID-19 vaccines are becoming more available, safety measures (e.g., face masks, personal hygiene, and social distancing) are still of pivotal importance in protecting personal and public health against COVID-19. Furthermore, this paper argues for the continued imperative for health experts and government officials to communicate and emphasize the importance of COVID-19 safety measures with the public, to make sure people are protected against COVID-19 till the pandemic ceases to pose a threat to personal or public health.

### Useful Links:

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>
2. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666354621000077>
3. <https://www.aanp.org/reportnow>
4. <https://youtu.be/yEydTQjIXkc> (*Lifesaving Nurse Practitioner Care*)

### Legislation:

The implementation of the Affordable Care Act (2010) enabled more than 30 million people to have new access to primary care services. On the basis of current utilization patterns, demand for primary care providers is expected to grow more rapidly than physician supply. This imbalance is expected to worsen, as the aging population requires more health care resources. In addition, more patients are requiring critical care services and physician numbers are not keeping with this growing need. Restrictions on resident physician practice hours have impacted inpatient care as well.

Revisiting outdated state practice laws and considering Full Practice Authority (FPA) for nurse practitioners (NP), is needed for improving access to care while creating greater flexibility for development of patient-centered health care homes and other emerging models of care delivery.

**Austin, Texas** — The American Association of Nurse practitioners® (AANP) proudly announces the recipients of the 2021 AANP State Award for Excellence.

This prestigious award recognizes outstanding achievements by nurse practitioners (NPs) and NP advocates in each state and honors recipients annually during the AANP National Conference. Established in 1991, the State Award for Excellence is given to an NP in each state who demonstrates excellence in clinical practice.

In 1993, the state award for NP advocates was added to highlight the efforts of individuals who have made a significant contribution toward increasing the awareness and recognition of NPs. Congratulations and thanks are due each of the individuals listed below.

**Congratulations to Dr. Lucie Dlugasch, PhD for the 2021 AANP Award for Excellence Recipient**

**Advocate: Dr. Mai Kung**

## About the Miami Dade Nurse Practitioner Council

Miami Dade Nurse Practitioner Council joined the Florida Nurse Practitioner Coalition in 2020.

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