

FALL 2025



Fall Newsletter

Celebrate National Nurse Practitioner Week

November 9th-15th

Sign Up

Become an NPARI member and sign up for social events and work on committees to strengthen our profession.

Members sign up for November 12th NP Celebration Dinner featuring Senator Pam Lauria as guest speaker

Help Wanted - Join a Committee!

**Education
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Government Affairs (Legislative)
Nominations
Membership
Communications (PR)
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NP Highlight

**Ashley L. Wright, MBA, MSN,
APRN-CNP, FNP-C**

**Manager of Advanced Practice Providers,
Neurological Critical Care – Rhode Island Hospital**

Ashley Wright is the Manager of Advanced Practice Providers in the Neurological Critical Care Unit at Rhode Island Hospital. She holds an MBA in Healthcare Management from Fitchburg State University, and an MSN as a Family Nurse Practitioner from Simmons College.

Ashley serves as Vice President of the Huntington's Disease Society of America (RI Chapter) and on multiple organizational committees, including the Nurse Practitioner Alliance of Rhode Island Governance Committee, APP Leadership Council, and the Neuro ICU Council.

She has been recognized with the Excellence in Mentorship and Precepting Award from Brown University Health and is a frequent speaker on neuromuscular diseases, end-of-life care and caregiver well-being. Her work focuses on advancing APP leadership, professional development, and policy alignment across Rhode Island's healthcare systems. Ashley remains active in legislative advocacy, providing written and verbal testimony on nurse practitioner practice issues and working toward modernization of state-level regulations.

In her new role as Secretary of the Nurse Practitioner Alliance of Rhode Island, Ashley is committed to bringing fresh energy to the organization—connecting NPs statewide, expanding networking opportunities, and advancing involvement in policy and legislative initiatives.



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Congrats!

**APP Award Winners at BUH
who are NPARI Members**

*Excellent in Precepting & Mentoring
Ashley Wright, NP*

*Excellence in Advanced Practice
Gino Paolucci, NP*





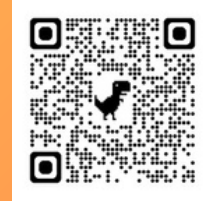
Legislative Update

Rhode Island:

- Government Affairs Committee meeting pending; will follow up on house bill: H5256, which didn't make it past committee to establish parity for NP's in private practice to receive the same reimbursement as physicians.
- **NPARI is looking for donations for our PAC!**
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Federal:

- The **2025 AANP Region 1&2 member meeting** for RI, CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, Puerto Rico and VT, will be held on **October 25th from 8am - 10:30am** via Zoom. Registration is free for all AANP members.
- The US district court for central district of California issued a ruling (in Palmer vs Bonta, doctor title lawsuit), that upheld the **limitations on nurse practitioners with doctorate degrees, using the title 'doctor'**. AANP responded with a filed amicus brief (which can be found on the website). **AANP fully supports the ability of NPs to use their earned academic credentials and will continue to do so.**
- The legislation authorized an extension of many of the Medicare telehealth flexibilities that were in place during the COVID-19 public health emergency through Sept. 30, 2025. **Without congressional action, these flexibilities were not extended beyond the Sept. 30, 2025, date.**
 - In the absence of congressional action, the agency recommends practitioners who choose to perform telehealth services that are not payable by Medicare on or after Oct. 1, 2025, may want to evaluate providing beneficiaries with an Advance Beneficiary Notice of Non-coverage.
- If any member is experiencing **issues with an agency due to the government shutdown**, please reach out to AANP federal government affairs staff by emailing governmentaffairs@aanp.org. AANP will monitor agencies for the latest guidance and stand by to assist members with any questions.



New Board Members starting 2026!



Matthew James, FNP
Treasurer

Member since 2015, Matt has been an active member with NPARI contributing to various committees. His unique perspective is valued by the organization. We are excited to see him take on this role!



Laurie Anderson, FNP
Board Member

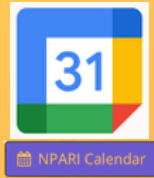
Member since 2013 and an NP since 2003, Laurie has been an active member with NPARI. She has earned multiple awards of recognition. We are thrilled to see more contributions from Laurie!



Jeanette Thibault, FNP
Board Member

Member since 2014, Jeanette, has been an active member with NPARI and former secretary. Also previously leading PR, she has been focused on newsletter production and communication.

Follow our new
Google Calendar
for Events and
Meeting Dates!



- **November 12, 2025**

NP Week Dinner Celebration

Luigi's Restaurant, Johnston, RI

Register on NPARI website

- **December 1, 2025**

NPARI Board of Directors

Meeting - 7 PM on Zoom

- **December 10, 2025**

NPARI Education Committee

Meeting - 7 PM on Zoom

- **February 8-10th, 2026**

**AANP National Health Policy
Conference - Washington, DC**

*Whether you're a seasoned advocate or
a novice in the policy arena, this is a
unique opportunity to expand your
health policy knowledge and network
with your peers. Space is limited.*

- **March 21, 2026**

**NPARI Full Day Annual
Symposium - Kirkbrae Country
Club, Lincoln, RI**

*Details of topics and CEUs to
follow*

Message from the President:



In our busy days as part of an ever-growing multidisciplinary team, it's easy to lose sight of the value that we as nurse practitioners, bring to healthcare. Our practice is unique, being rooted in nursing, blending studies in science and evidence with healing care.

The value we bring to our expanding role into all areas of our healthcare system should not be missed. As our healthcare system struggles to adapt to ever growing challenges from sicker patients, insurance constraints, and financial budgetary issues, we will face increasing work demands and likely neglect to pause to recognize the exceptional, specialized care and value we contribute.

Nurse practitioners are valued for the holistic care we bring to an increasingly complex and fragmented healthcare system. Through our proficiency in acute and preventive care, we are increasingly becoming a more vital part of the care our communities need. That value is evident in both patient satisfaction and outcomes.

With Nurse Practitioner Appreciation Week approaching on November 9-15th, I would like to encourage you to reflect on the significant contributions you make each day to your patients, their families, and your teams, drawing upon your extensive experience and professional expertise in care. Patients and their families appreciate your presence and empathy. Your ability to teach and explain. Your incredible skill and efficiency and care. Your students are in awe of you, as am I. Your colleagues value your leadership. So, with this upcoming nurse practitioner week, I hope you will join us in our celebration to appreciation and recognition for what makes our nurse practitioner practice of value to the needs of our healthcare system.

The challenges ahead will require us to continue to protect access to our care and to remind others of the value of that care, as well. NPARI values your participation and support. By becoming a member, you help advance our work. When you join committees, you share your skills and perspective with others, which helps strengthen our profession. We are also interested in and concerned about issues that affect your area of practice.

Along with challenges come opportunities. We want to be ready for both. Your support of our Government Affairs committee has never been more relevant than today. It is crucial that we maintain our commitment to developing a strong PAC. A robust PAC gives us opportunities to participate in the conversations around healthcare policy, legislation, and advocacy and the building of alliances.

We need your support. Other advanced practice professional groups in the state have a higher percentage of their members participating in their organizations. My objective for the upcoming term, together with that of the board of directors, is to further enhance NPARI's representativeness and value to our members. In doing so, we can amplify our influence on patient care and strengthen our growing role within the broader healthcare system. We will accomplish this by maintaining our commitment to providing educational and networking opportunities, as well as advocating for and safeguarding our professional standards across the State. Above all, we remain dedicated to upholding and supporting patient, family, and community access to the care we deliver.

Please continue to help us expand our reach by encouraging your colleagues to join and then contributing in any way that you can. We value you and are seeking your input and participation in making our organization stronger for facing the future growth of and challenges to our profession.

Thank you once again for all you do. We see you and value you and hope you do too. And we can't wait to celebrate with you in November!

Respectfully yours,

Anne Neuville, DNP, APRN-CNP, FNP-BC

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