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••• WAY TO SERVE! •••

Congratulations to Our President, Rachel Reitan!

In October, she was appointed to the Preventative Health Advisory Committee for the State of Texas — a wonderful honor for Rachel and our chapter!

In her capacity as Legislative Ambassador for TNP, she also met with Representative James Frank in September and presented him with a WCNP cap while emphasizing the priorities of NPs in Texas this year. We will be back at his office before Christmas with a small gift from WCNP.

Happy Nurse Practitioner Week!

#NPWEEK | November 8 - 14, 2026

60+	461,000+	1 BILLION
YEARS OF NP CARE	LICENSED NPS NATIONWIDE	PATIENT VISITS PER YEAR

For more than 60 years, nurse practitioners (NPs) have been providing primary, acute and specialty health care to millions of patients across the lifespan. NPs evaluate patients, order and interpret tests, make diagnoses, write prescriptions and bring a comprehensive perspective to health care in nearly 1 billion patient visits each year.

These highly educated, advanced practice providers can be found in clinics, hospitals, emergency rooms, urgent care centers, nursing homes and private practices. As clinicians who blend clinical expertise with an added emphasis on health management, NPs continually rise to meet our nation's health care challenges.

This NP Week, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners® (AANP) joins a grateful nation in recognizing NPs for their powerful work caring for their communities all across the country. Their ability to meet patients where they are — both geographically and across their health care journey — makes NPs essential to the future of health care.

Giving Back to Our Community





WCNP donated Thanksgiving Dinners to 5 families in need in our community.

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NP Spotlight



Laura Gutierrez, APRN, MSN, FNP-C, BC-ADM, CDCES

Laura's healthcare journey began as a CNA at Wichita Valley Rehab Hospital, where she discovered her deep love for helping patients. She earned a BSN from Midwestern State University in 2007, where she later completed her MSN.

She has a varied clinical foundation including nursing in the Emergency Room, Progressive Care Unit (PCU), and Critical Care/ICU at Red River Hospital, as well as public health work at the Wichita County Health Department.

Her diverse experience ultimately led her to diabetes education, where she uncovered her true clinical passion — earning certifications as a Board-Certified Advanced Diabetes Management Specialist and Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist.

As a new NP, she served at United Regional Transition Clinic offering chronic disease management, then happily returned to diabetes care at URPG Endocrinology. She recently achieved her BC-ADM credential, further strengthening her ability to provide advanced, autonomous care to individuals managing complex endocrine conditions.

Outside of her clinical practice, Laura is an avid traveler and self-proclaimed foodie who loves exploring the world with her husband and two teenagers (ages 14 and 17). Her recent travels include memorable journeys from Paris to Tokyo, alongside an epic road trip through Yellowstone.

December Events

Annual Christmas Party — December 3rd at the home of Rachel Reitan. Bring a wrapped gift for a fun gift exchange!

Parade of Lights — December 5th.

WCNP is entering a float this year! Come help decorate and ride along — family members are welcome, so bring the kids and make it a chapter outing.

Save the Dates: 2027

Join us every other month on the 2nd Thursday, 6:00 PM, for updates and social time. Check our Facebook page for locations.

January 14	**March 11**	**May 13**
July 8	**September 9**	**November 11**

Upcoming Local Events

United Regional Second Health Care Symposium

Statewide Events

Dec 1 TNP Practice Ownership Webinar

Jan 27 TNP Scope of Practice Q & A

Feb 19 TNP Capitol Day

TNP Capitol Day 2027 | February 19, 2027

Join your fellow Texas NPs at the Texas Capitol for one of the most pivotal Cap Days yet. There is no better advocate for patients and your profession than YOU!

Register at https://texasnp.org/event/CapitolDay2027



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NATIONAL AANP CONFERENCE 2027

June 15–19, 2027 • New Orleans, LA

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Please join your local Wichita County NP Chapter. Annual dues can be paid in person or online at:

wcnp.enpnetwork.com

DUES DUE BY

JANUARY 31, 2027

Pay on time for a chance to win a gift card! The winner will be announced at the March meeting.

Merchandise Available



Tumbler $30



Koozie $5



Cap $30



Tote $20