



NAPNAP NATIONAL CONFERENCE: BOSTON, MA.

The NAPNAP National Conference was held in March this year in Boston, MA. It's a great opportunity to meet other pediatric nurse practitioners from around the country, and hear updates in pediatric care.



Dr. David Mooney, the pediatric trauma director at Boston Children's Hospital, presented on the Boston Marathon Bombing for the opening session. He recounted their experience with a mass casualty incident, and how we can all learn from their experience. "Preparation for this type of situation is not if it happens, but when it happens." What practices do you have in place where you work? Does your personnel have the training and equipment necessary? Do you practice and commit your training to muscles memory? He repeated the need for practice, practice, practice. First responders were integral providing people the care they needed the day of the bombing; putting their training and practice in use. Within 18 minutes of the bombing, the first 20 critically injured people were at the hospital. In less than 45 min., less critically injured were at the hospital receiving care. While the majority of those injured were adults, there were some children that were injured. A third of the children injured were admitted to the hospital for ongoing care. A multidisciplinary team including surgeons, physicians, social work, child life, therapy, and psychiatry were a part of the recovery for these patients. Those who made it to the hospital survived due to preparation, practice, and team work.

CHAPTER NEWS

Utah Chapter Annual Conference

Dates: Sept. 18-19, 2014

Location: Shriner's Hospital, SLC

Registration is open (early registration ends August 15)

<https://utahnapnap.enpnetwork.com/>

This is the Utah Chapter of NAPNAP's 18th Annual Conference! It is a great opportunity to hear from pediatric leaders in our community and a chance to connect with other pediatric care providers.

Web Site

Have you checked out our chapter website: <https://utahnapnap.enpnetwork.com/>

We have been posting announcements, newsletters, and chapter information on this site. You will be seeing emails come from the ENP Network; this is the company managing our website. If you have not had a chance to sign up or you have not received an invitation please let us know. Beginning in September we will be making all announcements through our web page. There are other networks available through the ENP network, including Utah Nurse Practitioners and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. You can also follow other chapters of NAPNAP through ENP to hear about their conferences, announcements, and connect with members in other states.

New Board Members

Join me in welcoming our new board members for 2014:

Jen Harvey- President-Elect

Andrea Ramirez- Secretary

Caroline Hagedorn- Treasurer

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**Ann Maruri, DNP, CP**

Interview by Vanessa Yasook

Ann is an Assistant Professor, University of Utah. She also works at the State of Utah Juvenile Justice System Services and provides care to children in the Juvenile Justice System (ages 10-18). Her favorite thing about her current role is the challenge of dealing with populations at risk and working with children who come from many different backgrounds.

Ann was born and raised in Ogden, UT. She has lived in several other Utah communities, such as Sun Valley and Park City. She also lived in Bakersfield, CA for a time. She is the 2nd to last of 5 children in her family. She says she has always been very athletic and would say she was a tomboy growing up. Though higher education wasn't a priority growing up, her family has always been very supportive of her endeavors.

She received her Bachelor of Science, Nursing in 1999 from Weber State University, a Master of Science, Nursing in 2001 and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice in 2011, both from the University of Utah. She tells us that Cindy Belnap, RN was a great mentor to her; she is a talented nurse and friend she has known since she was 18; she mentored me and pushed her to this end.

Ann says the highlight of her career is her rare diagnosis case: Hypophosphatemic Rickets and Epidermal Nevus Syndrome. She has some great advice for new PNP's about to enter practice: Consult, consult, consult! Do not consider practicing in isolation; take advantage of the resources available to you. Surround yourself with smart people and take advantage of learning opportunities. Understand that the parent child relationship is an extraordinary relationship that needs to be recognized and valued in every encounter. She also has recommendations on skills that all PNP's need: Learning the ability to elicit information from parents and patients in a kind and generous manner. Confidence is the most important skill in communicating with colleagues.

In her free time Ann likes to do anything involving the outdoors and an element of danger: skiing, telemark skiing, and hiking in the Himalayas, international travel. More recently, she enjoys tennis and golf. Her favorite places to travel are Spain and Nepal. Something other may not know about Ann, "I have a very tender heart. Not many people know that because of my survival exterior; I may come across as less than gentle."

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