

NPCMD NEWSLETTER



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**Nurse Practitioner
Council of Miami Dade in
the Community**

**2024 Nurse Practitioners
Team Week**

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As nurse practitioners, we all recognize the value we bring to healthcare—our ability to provide patient-centered care, improve outcomes, and address critical gaps in the healthcare system. However, the full recognition and advancement of our profession depend on more than just our clinical expertise—it also requires strong advocacy and a united voice. That's where our **professional organizations** come in.

1. Advocating for Our Profession Local, state, and federal NP organizations are the backbone of legislative advocacy efforts. Whether we're talking about securing **full practice authority**, improving **reimbursement rates**, or addressing workplace issues like **safety and staffing**, these organizations ensure that policymakers hear our concerns.

At the local and **state levels**, organizations like the Nurse Practitioner Council of Miami Dade (NPCMD), Florida Nurse Practitioner Network (FNPN) provide a direct channel for engaging with local, state legislation, such as the fight for **full practice rights** and improved **prescriptive authority**. We are on the front lines, negotiating with lawmakers and pushing for policies that benefit us and our patients.

At the **federal level**, groups like the **American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)** work to influence national policies that impact healthcare delivery, funding, and the NP profession as a whole. They advocate for legislation that expands our role in areas such as Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, as well as access to federal resources.

By joining and supporting these organizations, you become part of this powerful advocacy. When we speak on behalf of NPs, we need NP voices—your membership and involvement strengthen our efforts.

2. Networking and Professional Development Beyond advocacy, NP organizations provide valuable opportunities for **networking, continuing education, and professional development.** Joining your local NP organization connects you with colleagues who are facing similar challenges and provides access to conferences, workshops, and mentorship that can help you advance your career.

These groups also offer **leadership opportunities** that allow you to take a more active role in shaping the future of our profession. Whether you're looking to expand your knowledge, build your leadership skills, or mentor the next generation of NPs, these organizations are key.

3. Keeping Up with Trends and Best Practices Another important role that NP organizations play is keeping us informed of the latest **evidence-based practices, clinical guidelines, and emerging healthcare trends.** They provide access to journals, research, and educational resources that help us stay at the forefront of patient care. As healthcare continues to evolve, being part of these groups ensures that we're prepared to meet new challenges and opportunities in our practice.

4. A United Voice for the Profession In healthcare, there's strength in numbers. Whether it's advocating for new laws, expanding our scope of practice, or simply raising awareness of the vital role NPs play, having a **unified voice** through our professional organizations gives us more influence. Together, we can shape the future of healthcare policy and practice.

But these organizations can only do this with our support. They rely on membership fees and active participation to continue advocating for us. By **joining or supporting** your local, state, and national NP organizations, you're not just investing in your professional development—you're investing in the future of our profession as a whole.

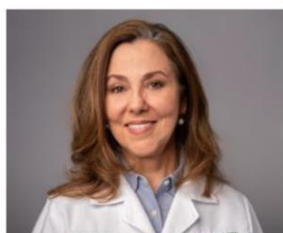
5. Call to Action I urge all of you to either join or actively support your local NP organization, such as the Nurse Practitioner Council of Miami Dade and become members. Whether it's through attending meetings, participating in advocacy efforts, or simply staying informed, your involvement makes a difference. Our collective action is what drives real change.

Conclusion Professional organizations are the lifeblood of our profession's growth and advocacy. They fight for us when it comes to legislation, support our professional development, and give us the tools to thrive in an ever-changing healthcare environment. I encourage each of you to become actively involved—because together, we are stronger

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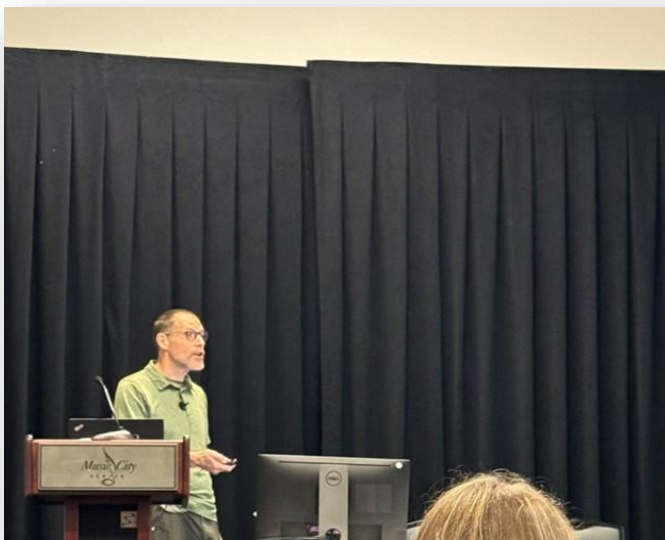


**Nurse Practitioner Council
of Miami Dade in the Community
Jackson Memorial Health Systems**

2024 Nursing Team Week

APP Award Ceremony, May 7, 2024

Nurse Practitioner Council of Miami-Dade ↓
at the AANP National Conference





Nurse Practitioner Council of Miami-Dade at the Florida Nurse Practitioner Network Conference



Meet and Greet on September 19th at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant. ↓



Happy National Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Week (September 23-27, 2024)



A look Ahead to 2024 - 2025

- **NPCMD** elections November -2024
- **Nurse Practitioner Council of Miami-Dade (NPCMD)** next meeting 11/19/24
- **ANA lobby days** - 2/19 (W) & 20 (Th), 2025, Tallahassee, FL
- **AANP Health Policy Conference** – March 2-4, 2025 Washington DC
- **Membership webinars:** Held on the 3rd Wednesday at 7pm

February 2025, May 2025, September 2025, November 2025

- **Nurse Practitioner Council of Miami-Dade** 1-day conference 2025
- **Volunteer opportunities:** Miami Rescue Mission, etc.
- **Collaborations:** AANP, FNP and PAC, Florida Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses, ANA
- **AANP Annual Conference and PAC Event 2025** - San Diego, CA - June 17, 2025 – June 22, 2025
- **FNP conference and PAC Event 2025** – Thurs August 21, 2025 - Saturday, August 23, 2025, Orlando, FL

These past weeks were a special time to recognize and celebrate the incredible work that **Advanced Practice Providers (APPs)** like you do every day. As nurse practitioners, your dedication to patient care, your expertise, and your compassion make a profound difference in the lives of so many.

Your Role in Healthcare APP are the backbone of healthcare teams across a wide variety of settings. You provide high-quality, patient-centered care, helping to fill gaps in healthcare access and ensuring that patients receive the attention, education, and treatment they need. Whether you're on the frontlines in hospitals, clinics, or community settings, or working behind the scenes in research and education, your role is indispensable.

Making a Difference Every Day During this APP Week, let's take a moment to acknowledge the challenges and triumphs you face daily. From navigating complex cases to advocating for patients' health, your contributions are vital to improving outcomes and advancing healthcare standards. You don't just treat symptoms—you bring empathy, hope, and healing to every patient interaction.

Celebrating Our Profession This week is also about celebrating our collective achievements as a profession. The impact of APPs continues to grow, and as we advocate for expanded practice authority and recognition, we are helping to shape the future of healthcare. The respect and trust that patients and colleagues place in you is well-deserved and speaks to the high standards and excellence you uphold in your practice.

A Message of Gratitude As we honor APPs across the nation, we extend our deepest gratitude to each of you. Your resilience, skill, and dedication make a difference in every community you serve. Your work truly transforms lives, and for that, we are thankful.

Looking Ahead we are part of a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape. Let's continue to support each other, share our knowledge, and advocate for our profession to ensure that we are fully empowered to provide the best care possible. This past week was a celebration of you, your hard work, and the future of advanced practice providers.

Thank you for everything you do, and Happy APP Week!"**



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Legislative
Activism

Leadership
Opportunities

Growing a
network of NPs in
Miami-Dade
County

Membership Benefits


Share Your Story



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No great story should be left untold! Thank you, Amy Chu, for sharing your story. NPs — submit your photos and written testimonies here: aanp.org/shareyourstory.



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Amy Chu

Florida | MSN, APRN

Every patient is unique and has a different background, social and medical history. Making sure they are content and making sure I answer all their questions when I visit their home is what makes me feel accomplished. This is how I can make a difference for each patient.

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Elections at NPCMD - 2024

- Three open positions.
 - ✓ **Director at Large**
 - ✓ **Vice President**
 - ✓ **Treasure**

Nominations are opened now

Director at Large

- Assists President
- Assists Vice president
- Shall act as the Mentorship and Nominating Committees Chair

Vice President

- Perform duties of the president in the event of absence.
- Shall act as the Education Committee Chair.
- Appoint members to an ad hoc program committee for the purpose of organizing and providing the educational program at meetings of the Council.

Treasurer

- Shall act as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Executive Board.
- Shall act as the Finance Committee Chair.
- Maintain account of all debits and financial credits relevant to the council



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Interested in being involved?
Call for Nominations are open for:

Treasurer

Vice President

Director at Large

(descriptions on next slide!)

Check us out and join today!
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