



MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS

2026 Conference

October 2-3

AGENDA

Friday, October 2

7:00am	Registration Opens	
7:00 - 8:00am	Registration with Exhibitor & Product Theater	
8:00 - 9:00am	General Session CGM in Primary Care: From Data to Decisions Speaker: Davida Kruger, MSN, APRN-BC, BC-AMD	1.00 CE
9:00 - 10:00am	Exhibitor Break	
10:00 - 11:00am	• Lymphadenopathy: When to Worry & When to Wait Speaker: Chelsea Honstain, MS, FNP-C, BMTCN, CPHON • Adult Medicine: Unpacking Polypharmacy: A Roadmap to Safer Medication Use in Older Adults Speaker: Julie Bekius, APRN, DNP, FNP-BC • Mental Health/Psychosocial: Trauma Informed Pelvic Exam for Nurse Practitioners Speaker: Elizabeth Kuzma, DNP, FNP-BC • Pediatrics: Pediatric Acute Sickle Cell Complications Speaker: Katelyn DeBiasi, MSN, CNNP	1.00 CE
11:15am - 12:15pm	• HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis in Primary Care: Yes You Can! Speakers: Michelle Thorne, MSN, FNP-BC; Vanessa Stadel, MSN, FNP-BC • Adult Medicine: Reframing Hormone Replacement Therapy for Nurse Practitioners Speaker: Maria Gahry, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FMAPS • Mental Health/Psychosocial: Their Story, Their Wishes: A Simulation-Based Approach to Building Confidence in Approaching Serious Illness Conversation Speakers: Lynn Alexanders-Klima, DNP, CNE, CPAFH, APRN, ANP-BC; Susan J. Vos, BSN, RN, CCM • Pediatrics: Tiny Tummys, Big Problems Speakers: Jenna Lang, MSN, RN, CPNP-AC, CPN; Ann Miller, CPNP-A	1.00 CE
12:15 - 1:15pm	Lunch with Exhibitors & Product Theater	

1:30 - 2:30pm	• Michigan's Approach to Eliminating Hepatitis C Through Telehealth Speaker: Elaine A. Engelsman, DNP, FNP-C • Artificial Intelligence: AI Tools Every Nurse Practitioner Should Know Before Everyone Else Does Speaker: Justin Hooks, DNP, FNP-BC, AAHIVS • Mental Health/Psychosocial: Gender Affirming Medical Care for the Nurse Practitioner Speaker: Elizabeth Kuzma, DNP, FNP-BC • Pediatrics: How To Recognize Child Maltreatment & What To Do Next Speaker: Andrea Duncan, MSN, CPNP	1.00 CE
2:45 - 3:45pm	• Advocacy: Policy Sprint Workshop for NPs Speakers: Laura Calamos, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FHEA; Naila Russell, DNP, FNP-BC • Adult Medicine: From Dependence to Independence: Navigating the Transition to Adult Care Speaker: Andrea Craven, MS, RN, FNP-BC • Mental Health/Psychosocial: Staying Therapeutic When It Gets Hard: Emotional Skills Every NP Needs Speaker: Carter Doyle, MSN, PMHNP-BC, EMT-P, IC • Pediatrics: Pediatric Sepsis Speaker: Stacey Sears, DNP, RN, CPNP-AC	1.00 CE
4:00 - 5:00pm	General Session: Beyond the Surface: Challenging Assumptions, Advancing Equity <i>[LARA Compliant for required Implicit Bias Training]</i> Speaker: Kayleigh Schwartz, MSN, RN, CPNP-PC	1.00 CE
6:00 - 10:00pm	Gala & Poster Presentation	1.00 CE

Saturday, October 3

7:30am	Registration Opens	
7:30 - 9:00am	Registration with Exhibitor, Product Theater & Legislative Session	.5 CE
9:00 - 9:45am	Annual Business Meeting	.75 CE
9:45 - 10:45am	Keynote Optimizing T2D Outcomes With GLP-1-Centered Treatment Speaker: Wendy Wright, DNP, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, FNAP	1.00 CE
10:45 - 11:30am	Exhibitor Break	

11:30am - 12:30pm	• Gender-Specific Care: Menopause Playbook: A Practical Patient-Centered Approach for Primary Care Speaker: Alexis Phillips, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, MSCP • Adult Medicine: Management of Cardiovascular Risk: Guideline Updates Speaker: Tomasz Jurga, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP, BCCP, HF-Cert, CDCES • Mental Health/Psychosocial: Pharmacology Update in Anxiety Management Across the Lifespan Speakers: Kristen Munyan, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC; Natalie Jones-Brown, DNP, PMHNP-BC, AGPCNP-BC • Professional Development: Building Something Bigger: Entrepreneurship & Lessons Learned Speaker: Jordana Latozas, MSN, ACNP	1.00 CE
12:30 - 1:30pm	Lunch with Exhibitors & Product Theater	
1:30 - 2:30pm	• Adult Medicine: Chest Pain Without Immediate Diagnostics: A Structured Assessment Framework for Differentiating Cardiac & Non-Cardiac Etiologies in Resource-Limited Settings Speaker: Jessica Smith, DNP, MSN, ACNP-BC • Mental Health/Psychosocial: Reaching Remission: Using Novel Pharmacology & Neurostimulation to Fully Treat Depression Speaker: Carter Doyle, MSN, PMHNP-BC, EMT-P, IC • Radiology: Mastering Point of Care Ultrasound: Landmarks, Techniques & Artifact Awareness to Enhance Critical Decisions Speaker: Mary Anne McCoy, PhD, ACNS, ACNP-BC, FAANP	1.00 CE
2:30 - 3:00pm	Exhibitor Break	
3:00 - 4:00pm	• Gender-Specific Care: The Testosterone Debate: Hype Vs Health Speaker: Susanne Quallich, PhD, ANP-BC, NP-C, CUNP, CMHE, FAUNA, FAANP • Adult Medicine: Michigan's Approach to Eliminating Hepatitis C Through Telehealth Speaker: Elaine A. Engelsman, DNP, FNP-C • Mental Health/Psychosocial: Not Just Confusion: Practical Strategies for Managing Acute Delirium in Hospitalized Adults Speaker: Louis Davis, DNP, FNP-C • Health & Wellness: Guide to Dietary & Natural Supplements: Focus on the Heart Speaker: Tomasz Jurga, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP, BCCP, HF-Cert, CDCES	1.00 CE