

NYSENA CONSIDERS DEVELOPING COMMITTEE FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES

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This year, in the **EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION PROCEDURES** are suggested that state councils develop an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) committee. The primary mission of the committee would be to advocate for and address the needs of advanced practice emergency nurses in New York State.

The term APRN refers to both Nurse Practitioners & Clinical Nurse Specialists, and although APRNS have been in emergency departments in New York for at least twenty eight years, up until now our state council has not had an official dedicated forum to address practice issues, plan educational programs, and network with other APRNS within the structure of our organization. The National Association for Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS), The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), The American College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP), and the Nurse Practitioner Association of New York (NPA) are groups that address the role of APRNS; however none of these organizations work specifically for the APRN's in emergency departments.

The Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Future of Nursing Report has stated that in order to improve patient care and strengthen the nursing profession, nurses must be able to work within the full scope of their education and training. The Emergency Nurses Association has endorsed this report and is actively moving to see that the recommendations of the report are addressed. Over the past five years core competencies for Clinical Nurse Specialists and Nurse Practitioners working in the ED have been developed though our national organization now is the time for our

state to take on the challenge of advocating and encouraging APRNs in New York State to become proactive regarding the development of our roles in the ED.

In order to move ahead with developing this committee, there are questions that need to be answered:

1. Is there interest among our members to form such a committee?
2. Are there members who would be willing to take the lead in developing this committee?

If you are interested in being part of shaping the future of APRNs that work in ED's in New

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