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The United States is in the midst of a heroin epidemic. Drugs now kill more people than cars. Fatal overdoses surpassed shooting deaths and fatal traffic accidents years ago. Heroin-related deaths increased 439% from 1999 to 2014. As of 2014, heroin-related deaths had more than tripled in five years and quintupled in 10 years. There are many theories about how and why this happened; you may subscribe to one theory or none of these theories. Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs) are a great resource for alleviating this epidemic.

The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) establishes a comprehensive, coordinated, balanced strategy through enhanced grant programs that would expand prevention and education efforts while also promoting treatment and recovery. CARA was signed into law on July 22, 2016 by President Obama. This bill was overwhelmingly passed by 94-1 in the Senate and 400-5 in the House.

Briefly, CARA will:

- Expand prevention and educational efforts—particularly aimed at teens, parents and other caretakers, and aging populations—to prevent the abuse of methamphetamines, opioids and heroin, and to promote treatment and recovery.
- Expand the availability of naloxone to law enforcement agencies and other first responders to help in the reversal of overdoses to save lives.
- Expand resources to identify and treat incarcerated individuals suffering from addiction disorders promptly by collaborating with criminal justice stakeholders and by providing evidence-based treatment.
- Expand disposal sites for unwanted prescription medications to keep them out of the hands of our children and adolescents.
- Launch an evidence-based opioid and heroin treatment and intervention program to expand best practices throughout the country.
- Launch a medication assisted treatment and intervention demonstration program.
- Strengthen prescription drug monitoring programs to help states monitor and track prescription drug diversion and to help at-risk individuals access services.

So how can APNs help? According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a three-pronged approach is needed to impact the drug epidemic. These are to: 1) improve prescribing of opioids; 2) increase the treatment of addiction; and 3) decrease access to illegal opioids. Nurses play a crucial role in prescribing opioids as well as guiding those individuals who are addicted to drugs to available treatment options and community services. The CDC has also developed a guideline for prescribing opioids for chronic pain; it can be found here: CDC Opioid Guideline.

I ask all of you to get involved with this message by educating yourself and educating others.

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received her Doctorate of Nursing Practice at The Ohio State University in May 2011. She currently serves Coordinator of Nurse Practitioner Programs and Associate Professor at Mount Carmel College of Nursing; she has served in this role since November, 2015. She also serves as a Visiting Professor for Chamberlain University in 2014. She has been a Board Certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner since 2005 and she is also Board Certified as an Adult Nurse Practitioner. She has worked in a variety of patient settings most recently in hematology working with patients who had leukemia and lymphoma. She is licensed as a Registered Nurse in 12 states which permits her to educate students across the U.S. She has an extensive teaching history which includes Health Policy, Health Assessment, and Transition to Professional Roles for Nurse Practitioners. Dr. Beavers-Kirby is a founder, past president, and president elect for the Council for Ohio Health Care Advocacy (COHCA). She is also a devoted patient advocate and is actively involved with the Ohio Nurses Association Legislative Committee and she is an Ambassador for the Arthritis Foundation Policy.
Dr. Barbara J. Dupont has accepted our invitation to deliver the keynote address at the Tenth National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference in New Orleans, L.A., on September 13-15, 2017.

Dr. Dupont is a multi-disciplined attorney, doctor of nursing practice, registered nurse and managing partner of the Dupont Law Firm, LLP, in Stamford, Connecticut. She has 20 years of trial and appellate experience.

She has served as an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Quinnipiac University, where she taught Holistic Critical Care, Critical Thinking, Ethics, and Law and Medicine. She also served as an Adjunct Associate Professor of Nursing at Quinnipiac, after joining the Dupont Law Firm.

Dr. Dupont began her multi-disciplined career at the Burn Center at Weill Cornell-New York Hospital; and later, after obtaining her MSN, she became a director of nursing at Norrell Health Care. She has also served as a clinical instructor and lecturer at the Hospital for Special Surgery/ Cornell Medical Center, and while teaching at Quinnipiac University, she also trained nursing students rotating through Yale – New Haven Hospital. Since 2014, she has lectured nationally at meetings of advanced practice nurses and doctors of nursing practice.

Her lecture will focus on the conference theme *Celebrating 10 Years: Diversity & Inclusion in Practice.* The conference objectives seek to:

1. Reflect the progress of DNP practice through the last decade,
2. Explore the ways diversity contributes to strength and impact on health care outcomes,
3. Highlight the ways DNP prepared professionals mitigate the impact of health care disparities, and,
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To receive contact hours for this activity, the participant must:

- Attend selected breakout and plenary sessions in their entirety
- View and engage with the poster presenters
- Complete evaluation forms reflecting participation, insights and feedback

This activity has been submitted to the Western Multi-State Division for approval to award nursing contact hours. The Western Multi-State Division is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

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16 CE’s anticipated
Opinion of the American Board of Comprehensive Care By Katherine Wagner, asking for feedback on the availability of the ABCC examination leading to the DCCC designation.

Collaborative Physicians By Christie Skinner is seeking input on the challenges of locating a collaborative physician when the NP in solo practice can be viewed as competition.

Should the DNP be required for Nurse Educators? By Ellen Huenink. This conversation was started back in 2013 but is still very pertinent today.

DNP Groups of Interest:
- Dermatology Advanced Practice Group
- DNP Health Informatics
- Executive Leadership DNP
- DNP Health Policy

May Events:
- NPACE Primary Care Conference with Workshops
- Patient Safety Conference
- Nursing Informatics Boot Camp
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Exam Review and Clinical Update

American College of Nurse-Midwives 62nd Annual Meeting & Exhibition

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If you know of an event that supports the growth and development of nursing colleagues, please post it to the EVENTS page. It's free, and reaches thousands every month. Click the ADD button on this page to post an event.
April 2017 Survey Results: The cost of health care

The April 2017 survey asked for perceptions of the value of services based on the cost charged by the provider.

Question 1: The cost of services where I work encourages all economic levels to participate (as patients, customers, students, etc.).
29% very much to absolutely, 71% somewhat to not at all

Question 2: The cost of the services we charge in my work environment affordable by most that wish to access them.
25% very much to absolutely, 75% somewhat to not at all

Question 3: Affordable services are not a concern where I work.
25% very much to absolutely, 75% somewhat to not at all

Question 4: If prices were lower, we could meet the needs of more patients/customers/students.
30% very much to absolutely, 70% somewhat to not at all

Question 5: The cost for health care delivery is improving allowing better access to services.
21% very much to absolutely, 79% somewhat to not at all

It seems that respondents agree that the cost of health care services where they work is expensive, though even if prices were lowered access to services may not increase.

What do you think? Do these findings reflect your experiences?

Click HERE to take the May 2017 survey
Applications are open for student volunteers for the 2017 National Conference in New Orleans. Candidates criteria:
1. Enrolled in a DNP program at the time of the event
2. Availability to attend all three days

The Abstract Review Team is reviewing all qualifying abstracts and invitations to present at this year’s National DNP Conference are slated to go out by the middle of May 2017. There were 51 qualifying abstracts submitted for a maximum of 21 breakout sessions, and 55 submissions for a maximum of 24 mini-podium presentations. The conference can accommodate a maximum of 84 digital poster presentations and 63 abstracts have been submitted for this category. We anticipate that those that receive a recommendation for presentation in either the breakout or mini-podium presentation may consider providing a poster. The abstract review process is a double-blinded peer review. Scores and feedback from reviewers will help determine the selection process.

The National DNP Conferences is the only venue dedicated to demonstrating the outcomes of DNP and doctorally prepared nurses to health care, administration, policy, informatics and education. We look forward to seeing you at the 10th National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference, September 13-15, 2017 in New Orleans. This is shaping up to be a great event that reflects the best of the best in health care delivery by your nursing colleagues. Be a part of this process and grow professionally as we continue to impact health care.
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When reviewing discussions, literature, student assignments, and comments from nursing and medical colleagues, I see that the nursing profession and the evolution of the DNP degree is still enduring a checkered past and a future that is not crystal clear.

Did you know that what is now known as the DNP degree was originally created around 1960 by psychiatrists and psychiatric mental health nurses at Boston University? They agreed that it would be ideal to develop a terminal practice degree with the goal of developing nursing theory. Fast-forward to 1979 to reflect on the efforts of Case Western Reserve university that created the Nursing Doctorate (ND) degree. Soon the University of Colorado, Rush University, and University of South Carolina also developed ND degrees. These can be considered the first generation of what is now the DNP degree. Other schools began to focus on practice doctorate programs. The University of Kentucky and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, and Columbia University were all working on these issues at about the same time. These can be considered the second generation of what is now the DNP degree.

In the 2007 Inaugural DNP National Conference we had a presentation of Deans and Directors of “The seven sisters” universities: Case Western University of Colorado, Rush University, University of South Carolina, University of Tennessee, University of Kentucky, and Columbia University. Soon the fire caught on and now we have moved from 7 DNP programs in 2007 to close to 300 in ten short years. Amazing isn’t it?

As a discipline we have had many discussions about the strengths and weaknesses of the DNP degree. Influential organizations impacted the development of these programs and the evolution of expectations continues. Still, the foundation of the terminal practice degree in nursing is to improve health care outcomes regardless of the practice setting.

The DNP degree is now on par with many other professional practice degrees including Medicine, Pharmacy, Osteopathy, Optometry, Law, Public Health, Physical Therapy, Psychology, Speech Therapy, Social Work, Chiropractic, Naturopathy, and Audiology. Did we leave any out? The DNP degree reflects the expectations that the nursing discipline will practice to its highest level of competence, and these competencies are based on research and the body of knowledge that has been developed by nurses in the past. We are truly standing on the shoulders of giants.

Examples of how the DNP prepared professional is impacting health care are a work in progress. Way back in 2007 we had glimmers of what could happen. Now, 10 years later we have demonstrated in somewhat isolated examples what the DNP can do to change practice and improve outcomes. Have we truly arrived? Are we in a place to say that the DNP is crystal clear in its capabilities to folks both within and outside of the discipline? I submit that we are not yet there, but we are indeed moving that direction.

Preliminary results of the 2017 DNP National Outcomes Survey shows the following:

Top 4 reasons that respondents pursued a DNP degree:
1. Personal goal (91%)
2. Clinical Advancement (44%)
3. Academic Advancement (39%)
4. Administrative Advancement (15%)

Salary as a result of earning the DNP degree:
35% about the same
26% showed a slight increase in with same employer
21% showed a slight increase in with a different employer

By-and-large nursing colleagues did not earn this degree to be rich. We are committed to a cause that is bigger than the sum of our many diverse parts. What will the future hold? Obviously that is impossible to predict but we have the commitment of many powerful and influential colleagues building even taller giants and shoulder for the future. Together we have amazing opportunities ahead of us.

David G. Campbell-O’Dell is the president of Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc.
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The DNP Inc. organization has conducted national outcome surveys in 2011, 2013 and 2015. The 2017 national survey will help to reflect the trends in practice outcomes of the DNP prepared nursing professional.

Please participate in this IRB approved survey and share it with DNP prepared friends and colleagues.

Forward this survey to former classmates and DNP colleagues in your respective networks.

Results will be shared at the 10th National DNP Conference
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