

## *New MN NACNS Website Coming Soon*

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The MN NACNS Board Members voted unanimously to transition our website to a membership software platform. During the time of transition, the domain name, [www.mnnacns.org](http://www.mnnacns.org), will be temporarily unavailable. The goal is to have the new webpage up and running by the end of August which will allow time to register for the

fall conference and annual meeting.

The switch is being made because the new software has the ability to manage a website, events, email, and membership rosters while costing less than our current platform. For example, if you register for the fall conference and are not a member, you will automatically

be prompted to become a member or pay the non-member rate. When your membership expires, you will automatically be sent an email reminding you it is time to renew. The board is also hoping the software will provide functionality to enhance our ability to network with other members.

## *“Mary Fran Tracy Award of Excellence” Nominate a Colleague for this MN Affiliate NACNS Award!*

A co-founder and charter president of the Minnesota Affiliate of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (MN NACNS), Dr. Tracy has worked tirelessly throughout her distinguished career to advocate for advancing the role of the Clinical Nurse Specialist. From her clinical practice as a Critical Care CNS at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, through work on the Minnesota Board of Nursing CNS Certification Waiver Panel, and serving as president of the

American Association of Critical Care Nurses, Dr. Tracy has earned a well-deserved reputation as a leader and role model in all spheres of the CNS role. Her accomplishments are numerous.

Additional information about this award, including nomination criteria and how YOU can submit a nomination for a deserving CNS, is available in a separate attachment and will be on the MN NACNS website in the future.



Dr. Mary Fran Tracy



## *Report from the CNS Educator's Forum and Summit*

The 4th Annual CNS Educator's Forum and 16th annual CNS Summit was held in the greater Washington, D.C., area on July 17 and 18. There was a diverse group of nursing leaders in attendance. The 70 attendees represented the American Colleges of Nursing, American Nurses Credentialing Center, American Nurses Association, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), American

Association of Critical-Care Nurses, Emergency Nurses Association, Oncology Nursing Society, NACNS Board Members and executive director as well as CNSs and CNS educators from across the country. The day was extremely interactive as the goal of the summit is to provide an opportunity to discuss issues that affect the CNS profession with NACNS leadership. Topics included information to assist states working to modernize APRN scope of practice laws, updating the NACNS Core Competencies, and the future of specialty for the CNS.

*A few thoughts as I leave the summit.....*

If you have not reviewed the documents related to the APRN Consensus Model and CNS Core Competencies in the past or if it has been a few years, I would recommend taking a look.

Related to the APRN Consensus Model:

[Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Legislation, Accreditation, Certification and Education](#)

[Achieving Specialty Competency for Clinical Nurse Specialists](#)

Related to CNS Core Competencies:

[Clinical Nurse Specialists Core Competencies \(2010\)](#)

What is a specialty and how does a CNS assure they are competent in a specialty? There was much discussion with the outcome being CNSs asked NACNS to define the word specialty as it applies to CNSs. As an interesting side note, Did you know the American Nurses Association (ANA) has a process and standards they use to recognize new specialties? More information can be found at: [Apply for ANA specialty recognition](#).

Finally, as mentioned in the Spring newsletter, the [CNS Core Competencies](#) are in the process of being updated. One item that has delayed the groups work is the American Association of Colleges of Nursing is expected to put out an APRN competency document for public comment in the coming months. This information will be used by the CNS Core Competency work group. MN NACNS members will be alerted to the start of the public comment period as soon as we are made aware of it.

The final thought I would impart as I leave the summit is a sense of gratitude for the APRNs leading the [Minnesota APRN Coalition](#). There are many states attempting to modernize their APRN licensing legislation and they are using Minnesota verbiage as a model. Our Minnesota affiliate of NACNS has supported and continues to support the important work of the MN APRN coalition.

-Kristin Negley, MN NACNS President

## *Call for Posters for the MN NACNS Annual Meeting and Conference*

- The purpose of the poster display and discussion is to share the work of the Minnesota NACNS group with each other.
- Because of the acceptance of new and previously viewed posters, there will not be strict limits on size or subject matter.
- CNS faculty and student posters are welcomed.

Send abstracts (300 word limit) electronically **by September 5, 2017** to:

Penny Messner

Email: Messner.Penny@mayo.edu

Conference: October 27, 2017

Radisson Hotel in Roseville

7:30am to 5:00pm

## *Updates from NACNS\**

### **CNS Census**

Three in four clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) specialize in adult health or gerontology, most CNSs work in acute care hospitals that have or are seeking ANCC's Magnet™ Recognition, more than half have nursing clinical-related responsibility for an entire health system, but only 1 in 5 CNSs are authorized to prescribe medications. These are among the key findings of the [second nationwide survey of CNSs](#), conducted by the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists.

### **Cost Analysis Toolkit: A Business Guide for the CNS**

Today's health care landscape is ever-changing. Initiatives to improve patient care and safety must take cost savings into account. Through their direct work with patients and families, nurses at the bedside and hospital and health system leaders, clinical nurse specialists are uniquely prepared to assess, analyze and improve the business of health care while continuing to put the patient first. The CNSs ability to translate value impact in the clinical setting is crucial.

**MN NACNS recognizes our own Stacy Jepson who was on the NACNS Practice Committee that created this toolkit. Way to go!!**

To address this gap, the NACNS Practice Committee created a resource to help CNSs employ key business and cost analysis tools to better describe and quantify CNS contributions to health care.

The Cost Analysis Toolkit includes:

- A checklist describing a Six Sigma process to guide CNSs in a cost analysis change strategy,
- An extensive literature review with assessment and grading of each articles and direct access to resources ; and
- A thorough FAQ.

[Download the Cost Analysis Toolkit today for a small fee, \\$10 for NACNS members and \\$50 for non-members.](#)

\*These updates are taken directly from the NACNS webpage

## Save the Date!

**MN NACNS Annual Meeting and Conference**  
*Growing stronger together: Influence of the Clinical Nurse Specialist*

**Preconference: October 26, 2017**  
Radisson Hotel in Roseville  
6pm to 9pm

**Conference: October 27, 2017**  
Radisson Hotel in Roseville  
7:30am to 5:00pm

## Join the Team!

**Join the Minneapolis Walk for Alzheimer's MN NACNS Team**

**September 9th**  
Registration at 0730 and walk at 0925  
Target Field

**Contact Sue Schumacher at**  
[susan.schumacher@parknicollet.com](mailto:susan.schumacher@parknicollet.com) to join the team!

**If you are interested in serving as the Treasurer or President-Elect for the MN NACNS, please contact Kris Negley at [Kris3719@aol.com](mailto:Kris3719@aol.com).**

## A Bit of History.....



What is your role?

*"In addition to the distinction of becoming the first state affiliate of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists in 1999, the Minnesota Affiliate of NACNS was honored as the "National Affiliate of the Year" by NACNS in 2004. In 2010, Sue Sendelbach became the first Minnesota CNS to serve as the President of NACNS. In 2012, Carol Manchester became President-Elect of NACNS and served her term as president of NACNS in 2013-2014.*

*Minnesota has a strong CNS organization and its members continue to be involved at the national level. The organization's past has been illustrious. Based on the accomplishments and foundation of leadership traditions of the past, the future of the organization -- and the role of CNSs in Minnesota -- is bright. CNS members of the organization hold a key to the future development of the CNS role and the role of advanced practice nursing in the State of Minnesota. Their work, and the work of the organization, will guarantee that CNSs will help to shape and will have a significant role in the evolving healthcare system in Minnesota."*

*-Ruth Lindquist, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC*