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What makes a healthy community? How does my community compare with others across the state and across the nation? How can I identify elements that would make a framework for assessing my community? Fortunately, there are a number of excellent resources available to assist us as we begin to think about our communities. I would encourage you to visit these websites, if for no other reason than to learn how Kentucky ranks on a number of health parameters. More importantly, I hope this information whets appetites and encourages many of you to take an active role in promoting health in our state:

- **Statehealthfacts.org** ([www.statehealthfacts.org](http://www.statehealthfacts.org)) is a project of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and is designed to provide free, up-to-date, and easy-to-use health data on all 50 states, covering more than 500 health topics.

- **Kentucky Health Facts** ([www.kentuckyhealthfacts.org](http://www.kentuckyhealthfacts.org)) provides ready access to key health data for Kentucky communities.

- **The Commission to Build a Healthier America** ([www.commissiononhealth.org](http://www.commissiononhealth.org)) was formed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) to investigate why Americans aren’t as healthy as they could be and to look outside the health care system for ways to improve health for all. After studying prevention, wellness and the broader factors that influence good health the Commission issued 10 recommendations to “dramatically improve health for all Americans.” The recommendations cover the areas of Nutrition, Physical Activity, Tobacco, Early Childhood, Healthy Places and Accountability.

- **The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky** ([www.healthy-ky.org](http://www.healthy-ky.org)) is a non-profit, philanthropic organization working to address the unmet health care needs of Kentuckians. [Their] “approach centers on developing and influencing health policy, to promote lasting change in the systems by which health care is provided and good health sustained, to: improve access to care, reduce health risks and disparities, and promote health equity. The Foundation makes grants, supports research, holds educational forums and convenes communities to engage and develop the capacity of the Commonwealth to improve the health and quality of life of all Kentuckians.”

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Nick Salansky
Nursing Student
Having just returned from the NCSBN’s Mid-year Meeting in Chicago, I thought I would update you concerning events occurring on a national level that would be of interest and that may affect nurses in Kentucky. The theme of this year’s meeting was “Pioneering the Path for Public Protection.”

The first day of the conference, Dr. Beason and I attended a joint session for Presidents and Executive Directors involving the development of crisis management interventions and how to effectively communicate with the news media. The entire day was devoted to this topic with hands-on interviews and discussions.

The second day was filled with reports regarding ongoing national projects. The Kentucky Board of Nursing shined! Three of the four primary reports that were given were presented by KBN members or staff. As you can see, Kentucky continues to take a very active role at the national level.

The NCLEX Examination Committee report was given by Dr. Patty Spurr, KBN’s Education Consultant and the Committee Chair. The report explained the new NCLEX-PN test plan that goes into effect April 1, 2011. As you know, the test plans are revised based upon practice analysis to keep the test plan updated with current practice within the jurisdictions of the NCSBN.

KBN’s General Counsel, Nathan Goldman, Chair of the By-laws Committee, next presented the 2010 proposed By-laws Committee report. The recommended changes involved the election of officers to the NCSBN and the role of the Leadership Succession Committee.

The third report was given by Carol Komara, KBN Board Member, regarding the NCSBN’s regulatory model for Transition to Practice. Mrs. Komara has been involved with the NCSBN on this project for over a year. Basically, this project establishes methods to assist new nurses in a smooth transition from school to work.

The other main reports were about the Uniform Licensure Requirements and Continued Competence. As you can see, there are a lot of exciting happenings at the national level in which we are involved. More information will be forthcoming as these projects develop.

Jimmy T. Isenberg, Ph.D., RN
Ann Tino: KBN’s 2010 Nurse Excellence Award Nominee

by Charlotte Beason, EdD, RN, NEA, Executive Director

KBN is pleased to honor Ann Tino, RN, Nurse Investigator as a recipient of the 2010 Kentucky Nurse Excellence Award. In her KBN role, Ann is responsible for investigating complaints of violations of the Kentucky Nursing Laws, compiling and summarizing case material to determine if a violation has occurred. Many of you will recognize Ann as the author of the KBN Connection Disciplinary Case Studies that appear in the KBN Connection. Both academic faculty and facility administrators have acknowledged her columns as excellent teaching tools for students and nursing staff.

Ann has also presented case studies to KBN board members and to staff as a learning tool.

A KBN employee since 2001, Ann holds certification in forensic investigation from the Council on Licensure Enforcement and Regulation. She is active in the NADDI organization and serves as Corresponding Secretary of the Kentucky Chapter. Ann has a baccalaureate degree from Spalding University, Louisville, Kentucky, and before coming to KBN she held positions in nursing leadership, pediatric nursing, and case management. She and her husband, Jay have four children ages three to eleven, and she is an active supporter of the school and community activities in which they are involved.

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In the wake of last August’s massive flash flooding, our dedicated staff put forth a truly amazing effort to first evacuate the hospital, then have it up and running again within a week. In recognition of this extraordinary accomplishment, Modern Healthcare has presented Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital with its Spirit of Excellence Award, for the category of C.A.R.E.S. (Compassion, Accountability, Respect, Enthusiasm and Service). We are certainly proud to receive this recognition. But we are even prouder to have a staff that has shown, without a doubt, just how much they really care about serving our community.
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With over 105,000 men, women and children currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant in the United States, it is imperative that people understand the need for donation. There is a national collaborative effort to help ease the donor shortage by working together and sharing best practices, and this has helped increase donation by ten percent annually. But as is often the case, the effort begins at home.

More than 90 percent of Americans believe that organ, eye and tissue donation is the right thing to do, yet only 30 percent of those same individuals have legally and properly documented their decision to donate, according to a Gallup survey commissioned by the Health Resources and Services Administration in 2005. According to a 2008 phone survey done as part of “Drive For Life” grant project in Kentucky, 95 percent of Kentuckians also believe in donation, but only 25 percent have made their wishes known.

The easiest way for an individual to document their wish to be a donor is to join the state Donor Registry, where one’s wishes regarding donation will be carried out as requested. By signing the Registry, an individual’s wishes are documented electronically in a safe and secure database.

For Kentuckians, joining the Kentucky Donor Registry is as easy as logging on the secure website (www.donatelifeky.org) or signing up when you renew your driver’s license. The Donor Registry enables your family members to know that you have chosen to save and enhance lives through donation. Kentucky has “First Person Consent” laws in effect, meaning that the wishes of an individual will be carried out as requested.

Up to seven lives can be saved with the donation of the heart, liver, lungs, kidneys and pancreas, and up to fifty lives can be enhanced with tissue donation, including restoring sight, helping burn victims and enhancing mobility through spinal and other surgeries.

April is National Donate Life Month, the perfect time to join the Donor Registry. It would also be an ideal time to show support for organ recipients and donor families by purchasing a Donate Life specialty license plate! For more information on how you can help, please log on to the KODA website (www.kyorgandonor.org).

References: 1. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), 2005. National survey of organ and tissue donation attitudes and behaviors, Rockville, MD
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
IT DOES MATTER WHAT OTHERS CALL YOU

By Suzette Scheuermann, Ph.D., RN, Nursing Practice and Research Consultant

For many years, Kentucky’s Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) have been called Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners or ARNPs. The title of ARNP is a protected title, in accordance with Kentucky Nursing Laws. The title ARNP itself does not reflect the designations of ARNP, which include the certified nurse anesthetist, certified nurse midwife, or clinical specialist. Legislation in Kentucky is about to change how we refer to ARNPs a.k.a. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

Have you ever wondered how these titles were chosen or why a particular title was used?

The nurse practitioner role was first created in 1965 by Dr. Loretta Ford, EdD, RN, a nurse educator and public health nurse. Dr. Henry Silver, M.D. and Dr. Loretta Ford, RN, are credited with creating the first nurse practitioner program at the University of Colorado. This program was a pediatric nurse practitioner program. The first nurse to enroll in the nurse practitioner program was Susan G. Stearly. The title of nurse practitioner was used to identify nurses who acquired advanced clinical training that focused on prevention and treatment of common health problems. The first program was at the master’s level, requiring a nursing license and experience in patient care for admission.

Too many titles

Since that time, a lengthy list of names has been used to describe nurse practitioners. Some of the titles were introduced by people and institutions outside of nursing. For example, names such as physician extender, physician associate, or mid-level provider have been used to refer to advanced practice registered nurses. However, these titles were not acceptable, could not be used by ARNPs, and are immediately rejected by most nurses. After all, APRNs provide nursing care, not medical care. APRNs have moved beyond these characterizations and instead have presented the APRN as a competent and educated health care professional.

What is an APRN?

An Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) is a registered nurse who has completed an accredited graduate level nursing educational program; has passed a national certification examination that matches their educational preparation; has acquired advanced clinical skills and knowledge; and has practice experience built upon the competencies of a RN. An APRN practices direct patient care in at least one of four roles:

- APRN-CNP: Certified Nurse Practitioner
- APRN-CNM: Certified Nurse Midwife
- APRN-CRN: Certified Nurse Anesthetist
- APRN-CNS: Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist

The APRN practices in at least one population foci e.g. neonatal, women’s health, pediatrics, adult/gerontology, psych/mental health, and family (across the lifespan).

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

APRN will become the new title for advanced practice registered nurses in Kentucky. Recently passed legislation changing the title to APRN aligns advanced practice registered nursing in Kentucky to a consensus shared by 36 other states that have legislatively adopted and protected the APRN title. The APRN must legally represent him or herself (including in a legal signature) as an APRN and by their role (e.g. APRN-CNP). The title of APRN and role titles are legally protected titles and may not be used by any individual who does not hold the proper credentials.

Please do not use the title APRN until the KBN has informed you to do so. Regulations based on the new legislation must first be put into place.

It does matter what others call you

The title of APRN is used to distinguish the practice of the advanced practice registered nurse. The APRN title provides a unique and identifiable designation of advanced nursing practice that includes the four different roles. It does matter what nurses call themselves and how the public is educated about the role of APRNs. APRNs may not adopt or use titles created by others.

During this transition, APRNs must promote respectful collaboration among their peers about their change in title and inform their patients about the nursing care that they provide by sharing their title. The KBN will publish informative updates and practice guidelines to assist APRNs during these important changes in their title and practice.

Making the title consistent for all advanced practice designations will reduce the confusion and assist practitioners with informing the public about the important role they provide consumers.

The APRN will see you now....

DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN (DT) CREDENTIALING: UPCOMING CHANGES

On December 10, 2009, the Kentucky Board of Nursing approved revisions to 201 KAR 20:470 Dialysis Technician credentialing requirements and training program standards. Updates to the regulation were recommended to the Board by the Dialysis Technician Advisory Council. The major changes included: submission of a background check for all DT applicants applying in Kentucky, evidence of National Certification in Dialysis at first renewal and thereafter, and changes to fees for reinstatement of the credential.

Criminal Record Report Required from Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Once the changes are promulgated, all individuals who wish to be credentialed as Dialysis Technicians will be required to provide an Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Criminal Records Report with their application. This request form and other information regarding DT credentialing are available on our website (www.kbn.ky.gov).

To be initially credentialed, the applicant is required to complete an approved Dialysis Technician course. After successful completion of the course, the Dialysis Technician submits an “Application for Dialysis Technician Credential”, pays the initial credential fee of $70, submits the AOC Criminal Record Report, and reports any misdemeanors or felony convictions within 90 days of final judgment. Once all requirements for application are met, the Dialysis Technician will be credentialed for 24 months.

National Certification Requirement at Renewal

Effective October 14, 2008, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services established new national certification rules governing Dialysis Technicians working in renal dialysis centers. Federal Regulation 42 CFR 494.140 states all newly employed technicians must obtain national certification within 18 months of hire date. All currently employed Dialysis technicians have 18 months from the effective date, October 14, 2008, to obtain certification.

According to 201 KAR 20:470, a dialysis technician shall report to the Board the name of the national certification program that has issued his certification and provide a copy of the certification certificate to the Board. A copy of the certification certificate must be provided to the Board at renewal of the Kentucky Dialysis Technician Credential.

Information about National Certification is available below:

- Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technician (CCHT) offered by the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC) – $195.00 effective 1/1/2010
- East Holly Avenue, Box 56 Pittman, NJ 08071-0056
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If you have questions about the changes, please contact the Kentucky Board of Nursing at 502-429-3300 for additional information.

DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Call for nominations: Pursuant to KRS 314.145, KBN is seeking nominations for appointments to the Dialysis Technician (DT) Advisory Council. The council advises the KBN regarding qualifications, standards for training, competency determination of DT, and all other matters related to DTs. There are currently two vacancies: a Registered Nurse who regularly performs dialysis care for patients and a practicing DT. The appointment term is 4 years. Interested parties can download the nomination form from the KBN website (www.kbn.ky.gov) or send an email request to Suzette Scheuermann PHD, RN (suzette.scheuermann@ky.gov). Nomination forms can be submitted via mail to the KBN office or faxed to 502-696-5524.
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Follow the prompts as instructed to reach the staff person you are calling
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Administrative Services Section
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Accountant
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Joyce A. Bonick
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Diane N. Thomas
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By Sue Derouen, RN, Operations Manager

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Did you know that the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) is the regulatory board for all Dialysis Technicians (DTs) practicing in the state of Kentucky? In 2001, the Kentucky General Assembly passed House Bill 184 which established authority for the KBN to regulate DT practice, training, and credentialing. The DT Credentialing Requirements and Training Program Standards promulgated in 201 KAR 20:470 govern the training program standards and set forth criteria for Board approval of training programs. Many of the statutes and regulations mirror those which govern the practice of nursing in Kentucky. The Board has developed the scope of practice for DTs as well as guidelines for disciplining DTs. These are also similar to the rules and regulations that we as nurses are held to.

As of March 2010, there were 13 approved DT training programs in the Commonwealth and approximately 535 active DTs. Just like nurses, DTs must report any criminal conviction upon initial application for the credential or otherwise within ninety (90) days of entry of the final judgment while maintaining an active DT credential. KRS 314.109 specifically requires the Board to be notified in writing of any misdemeanor or felony criminal conviction, except traffic related misdemeanors other than operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol, in this or any other jurisdiction. The person must submit a certified copy of the order and a letter of explanation for the Board’s review. Depending on the nature of the conviction as well as other mitigating circumstances, the Board has the authority to take no further action, resolve the complaint by entering into an agreed order (terms agreed to by both parties which specifies conditions under which the person would be allowed to practice as a DT), or the person can request an administrative hearing if the parties are unable to reach an agreement.

Since the Board began to regulate and monitor DTs, approximately 31 original applicants, renewals, and/or

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