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## **AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING (AAN) - EXPERT PANEL ON AGING**

The Academy serves the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. Within the organization are a number of expert panels. The Expert Panel on Aging reviews current research and makes recommendations on projects and /or initiatives the academy should undertake to transform health care policy and practice related to aging issues.

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## **AMERICAN ASSISTED LIVING NURSES ASSOCIATION (AALNA)**

The American Assisted Living Nurses is the only national non-profit association dedicated exclusively to nursing in assisted living. Operated by nurses, for nurses, AALNAs mission is to promote effective nursing practice in assisted living such that nurses as well as residents benefit.

It is the vision of AALNA that assisted living nurses practice within a holistic framework that can maximize and maintain the assisted living resident's well-being and pursuit of quality of life. AALNAs goals are to promote professional growth of assisted living nurses through education research and participation in public policy forums; provide access to a nationwide network of assisted living nurses; promote an active interest in assisted living nursing practice among professionals; improve information dissemination on current state-specific regulatory requirements and cost-effective methods for exemplary compliance; share evidence – based best practices and other insights with assisted living nurses and the public; and develop and maintain credentials for specialty practice that include a specialty examination.

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## **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR LONG TERM CARE NURSING (AALTCN)**

serves all levels of long-term care nursing staff for the purpose of advancing excellence in the specialty of long-term care nursing by: fostering community among various categories of long-term care nursing staff for common goals and needs; providing relevant educational resources that bridge current best practices with bedside practice; promoting a positive image of long-term care nursing; advocating for long-term care nursing caregivers and the specialty of long term care nursing; supporting and promoting excellence in nursing services for consumers of long-term care. AALTCN offers specialty educational resources for every level of staff, certificate programs, workshops, train the trainer programs, e-newsletters, regulatory and practice updates, and more. AALTCN represents the voice of all levels of nursing staff on national projects and committees.

AALTCN's intent is to help bring the well-deserved recognition and respect to the specialty of long term care nursing to yield benefits in recruitment and retention and advancement of the specialty and its practitioners. Membership includes the entire nursing department; individual memberships are available, also.

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## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ASSESSMENT COORDINATION (AANAC)

AANAC is a non-profit organization, dedicated to improving the quality of life and care for residents/patients by providing accurate and timely information, education, networking and advocacy opportunities for nurses and other members of the interdisciplinary team. AANAC formed in 1999 has 13,000 members and sets the standard for long-term care nursing education when it comes to resident voice and choice, MDS 3.0 assessment, facility reimbursement, quality improvement, risk management, quality measures, and driving resident voice throughout facility operations. We also offer the premier courses on leadership and management, survey readiness and survey management and enforcement. Membership services include a bi-weekly online newsletter, the leading on-line nursing discussion group in LTC, an archive of frequently asked questions, experts corner, immediate and daily postings of the latest regulatory information under "Need to Know" and "What's New," management and in-service aids, and continuing education. We offer two national conferences yearly featuring top experts from CMS and the long term care field. In addition, AANAC offers the national recognized Resident Assessment Coordinator-Certified (RAC-CT) Program, the Nurse Executive Certified (C-NE) Program, and Medicare University. Courses are written by national experts on: clinical assessment; regulation and policy, and are reviewed by a national advisory group and other expert reviewers. Our courses are available online, by hardcopy and in workshop format.

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## GERONTOLOGICAL ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES ASSOCIATION (GAPNA)

The Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA), formerly the National Conference of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners (NCGNP), is a national organization of advanced practice nurses dedicated to improving the quality of care for older adults. GAPNA represents the interests of advanced practice nurses who work with older adults in a wide variety of practice settings. GAPNA has become the organization of choice for advanced practice nurses who want to pursue continuing education in geriatric care and seek peer support from experienced clinicians. Organizational goals are to advocate quality of care for older adults, promote professional development, provide continuing gerontological education, enhance communication and professional collaboration among healthcare providers, and educate consumers regarding issues of aging. GAPNA supports research related to the care of older adults and sponsors the only annual national convention devoted exclusively to advanced practice nurses in gerontology.

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## THE HARTFORD INSTITUTE FOR GERIATRIC NURSING

Housed at the New York, University College of Nursing, the mission of the Hartford Institute is to shape the quality of health care for older Americans by raising the standards of nursing care. The Institute seeks to influence two arenas: 1) Geriatric practice skills within the nursing profession and 2) Nursing care within the interdisciplinary and integrated delivery system of care to the older adults. The Institute has four strategic initiatives in geriatric nursing: education, practice, research, and policy/consumer education.

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## **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF NURSING ADMINISTRATION IN LONG TERM CARE (NADONA/LTC)**

NADONA was organized over 20 years ago to support and assist Directors of Nursing in the long-term care continuum. NADONA/LTC has grown from 40 members to over 6000 with 31 state chapters throughout the U. S. and Canada. NADONA provides its members with mentoring services, quarterly journal, annual symposia journal, three certification exams, (DON/ADON in skilled care, the RN in Assisted Living, and the LPN in the Long Term Care continuum) resource manuals for the exams, a website with a forum for active members and one on one assistance for urgent services, educational meetings including Boot Camps at the Annual meetings to train our members who may be new to LTC, webinars, educational scholarships and subscriptions to five resource publications, to name a few of NADONA's benefits.

We are active in numerous groups and in initiatives such as; The Pressure Ulcer Quality Improvement with the QIO's, Advancing Excellence, National Council for State Boards of Nursing, The Long Term Care Professional Leadership Counsel, Sigma Theta Tau's Leadership Institute, The Tiger Initiative, Senior Care Digest, Nursing Home Collaborative Steering Committee, LTC Quality Alliance, as well as the American Medical Directors Associations Clinical Practice Steering Committee. We are an independent non-profit organization, and are a member of the Nursing Home Collaboration.

We participate on the JCAHO PTAC committee, participate with CMS reviewing and commented on regulations related to long-term care, on issues related to the nurse leaders in the long term care continuum. Our overall mission- to Communicate, Educate and Serve and has been successful since NADONA's birth. We continue to grow and service our members, the "rank and file" Directors and Assistant Directors of Nursing, Wellness Nurses, Nursing Supervisors, Vice Presidents of Nursing, Nurse Managers, Head Nurses, Clinical Care Coordinators, in skilled as well as Assisted Living Facilities throughout the long term care continuum.

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## **NATIONAL GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING ASSOCIATION (NGNA)**

NGNA is comprised of approximately 1500 nurses dedicated to improving the quality of nursing care to older adults. With over 20 chapters throughout the U.S., NGNA reaches out to nurses who provide care to older adults in long-term, acute, and community care settings. National and local members are staff nurses, clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, managers, administrators,, clinical and academic educators, and researchers who share a vision--*nurses prepared in gerontological nursing are key to achieving quality health care for older adults*. The organization believes that all older adults should: 1) have access to high quality health care with positive experiences; and 2) have a sufficient and well-prepared health care workforce. NGNA promotes evidence-based care and specialty certification. Through annual educational conferences, newsletters, the web, and publications, NGNA works to define, educate and recognize successful practice in gerontological nursing. The organization provides scholarships for students and awards for outstanding research and innovations in clinical practice. NGNA supports legislation and policy initiatives directed at improving health care for older adults. .

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