

Editor-in-chief's message



Dear Colleagues,

As we wrap up 2018, I am pleased to report on some of our fourth-quarter accomplishments and to introduce member opportunities for 2019. First, I am happy to share that our 21st Annual NPWH *Premier Women's Healthcare Conference* in San Antonio, Texas, was spectacular, with more than 700 attendees! The success of the conference is the result of extraordinary teamwork by the Planning Committee, Education Committee, Research Committee, Membership Committee, NPWH Board of Directors, staff members, CEO Gay Johnson, and RSG Consulting.

I always love the opportunity to meet newcomers and to reconnect with colleagues I have met over the years. As usual, the presentations and posters provided cutting-edge, evidence-based information relevant to providing healthcare for women. If you attended the conference, you may have faced the same difficulty I did in terms of choosing among the breakout sessions. Fortunately, these sessions were recorded and are available free to conference attendees on the NPWH website [E-Learning Portal^A](#). If you were unable to attend the conference, you can purchase individual sessions and obtain CE credit. Please plan to join us for the 22nd Annual NPWH *Premier Women's Healthcare Conference* in Savannah, Georgia, on October 16-19, 2019.

Second, on behalf of NPWH, I extend a sincere thank-you to everyone who completed the 2018 NPWH WHNP Workforce Demographics and Compensation Survey. The survey invitation was sent to 11,319 certified WHNPs. We received 2,374 completed surveys, for a response rate of 21%. A summary report will be available at the NPWH website in January 2019. An article in the journal will follow soon after with a more extensive survey report and description of how NPWH plans to use the survey data to support and advocate for WHNPs.

As editor-in-chief of *Women's Healthcare* and NPWH director of publications, I hope we are reaching all 11,319 WHNPs who received the survey. NPWH is *the* national organization for WHNPs. If you are a WHNP who has chosen to focus your expertise and passion on providing

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Here are some ideas for becoming involved in NPWH in the coming year. We offer opportunities for new WHNP graduates as well as seasoned WHNPs, and for those who are involved in clinical practice, academe, research, administration, policy, or some combination thereof.

- Submit a manuscript for publication consideration. See our [Guidelines for Authors^B](#) for the different formats you might consider and the submission process.
- Apply to be a peer reviewer for the journal. We need content experts, practice experts, and research methodology experts. Click on our [peer reviewer application form^C](#).
- Participate in writing or reviewing position statements.
- Explore information on the work of NPWH committees and become involved.
- Apply for a board position.
- Submit an abstract to present your research or quality improvement project at the next conference.



- Take a look at the NPWH blog, **Women's Health Wisdom^D**. Contact Julia Knox at NPWH (jknox@npwh.org) if you have a topic you'd like to see on the blog or if you would like to contribute to the blog.

VOTE

View a full list of articles and vote for your top two favorites at [SurveyMonkey^E](#)

Past 2018 issues (i.e., March, June, and September) are available at [journal website archives^F](#)

Now is the time to choose your *favorite articles* from our four 2018 issues: March, June, September, and December. This is a great way to recognize the articles (and their authors) that you found the most interesting and informative. You can view a full list of articles and vote for your top two favorites at [SurveyMonkey^E](#). If you need to refresh your memory about the articles you read in the March, June, and September issues, you can find them in our [journal website archives^F](#). Please submit your choices by January 11, 2019. We will announce the winners in the next issue of the journal.

I wish all of you happy holidays shared with family and friends!

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Web resources

- A. npwh.org/courses
- B. npwomenshealthcare.com/author-guidelines/
- C. npwomenshealthcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/WHC_PeerReviewerApplicationForm_Final.pdf
- D. thenpwhblog.wordpress.com/
- E. surveymonkey.com/r/2018WHCFAVES
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