

Editor-in-chief's message



Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are all enjoying a happy and healthy new year and are looking forward to the upcoming spring season!

The year 2016 was an excellent one for *Women's Healthcare: A Clinical Journal for NPs*. Our feature-length articles, as well as our shorter department articles, covered a wide variety of topics important to women's health. I heartily thank all the authors who wrote articles published in 2016. I also extend a special thank-you to the individuals who peer-reviewed manuscripts for us in 2016. The work of these peer reviewers helps ensure that the articles we publish are the very best:

Kelly Ackerson	Beth Kutler
Carola Bruflat	Patrice Malena
Lorraine Byrnes	Anne Moore
Joyce Cappiello	Ginny Moore
Stefani Davis	Charlotte Peavie
Melanie Deal	Heather Quaile
Brenda Deeser	Suzy Reiter
Rebecca Fay	Beth Steinfeld
Lauren Hansen	Joyce Tow

In addition, I want to recognize Joyce Cappiello and Michele R. Davidson, who are leaving our Editorial Advisory Board. I thank both of them for the important contributions that they have made to our journal. And I am pleased to welcome Barb Dehn and Amy Levi as new members of the advisory board.

We have other accomplishments to celebrate as well, with four NPWH position statements approved by the board of directors in the past year:

- The Doctor of Nursing Practice for Women's Health Nurse Practitioners
- Prevention of Alcohol-Exposed Pregnancies
- Prevention and Management of Opioid Misuse and Opioid Use Disorder Among Women Across the Lifespan
- Human Sex Trafficking

The writing group members for these NPWH position statements deserve special recognition. I extend a huge thank-you to these individuals for the time and hard work they contributed to make our position statements robust and relevant to NPs who provide healthcare to women:

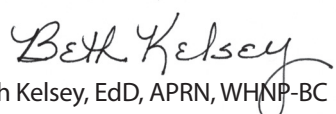
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Aimee Chism Holland	Susan Rawlins
Debra Ilchak	Amanda Reynolds
Sue Kendig	Rebecca Sarabia
Ginny Moore	Diane Schadowald
Sylvia Poe-Valesco	

I also thank all the individuals who reviewed the position statements and those who provided feedback as part of the public comment process.

Now, as we begin a brand-new year of publication of the journal, we have many outstanding articles in store for you. As always, we invite you to help us to maintain our momentum by submitting a manuscript in one of the multiple formats offered.

In case you need some topic ideas to get you started, I have some suggestions. Consider writing about bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder, Alzheimer's disease, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, bariatric surgery, asthma, gastroesophageal reflux disease, or ulcerative colitis—from a women's health perspective, of course—or about endometriosis, genital herpes, vaginal infections, breastfeeding issues, or autoimmune disorders in pregnancy.

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