

Editor-in-chief's message



Dear Colleagues,

I hope the start of 2020 has been a good one for everyone. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever for *Women's Healthcare: A Clinical Journal for NPs*. We are planning six issues, including four regular issues and two special topics issues. As well, we now bring articles to readers in digital format on the journal website ahead of publication in the journal. We look forward to providing you with a broad selection of outstanding articles in 2020.

Looking back at 2019, it is important to recognize the many individuals on our *Women's Healthcare* journal team who helped us have an excellent year and to celebrate what we have accomplished. This team includes editors, authors, peer reviewers, editorial advisory board (EAB) members, journal publisher and publishing staff, NPWH board of directors (BOD), and NPWH CEO Gay Johnson.

Within that context, thank you to all of the authors of articles published in the 2019 issues of the journal. You have brought us a wide variety of high-quality, interesting articles brimming with information that we can use in clinical practice.

As special recognition, we invited our readers to choose their favorite article in each of our 2019 journal issues. Congratulations to these winners:

March 2019: Recommendations for intimate partner violence screening and interventions

June 2019: Insomnia across the lifespan

September 2019: Syphilis update for women's healthcare providers

BV Supplement: Making the diagnosis: Vaginal infections

December 2019: Statin treatment considerations for cardiovascular disease prevention

2019 OFFICIAL WINNERS

A special thank you is also extended to those who peer reviewed manuscripts for us in 2019:

Carola Bruflat	Ginny Moore
Kim Choma	Terri Platt
Melanie Deal	Heather Quaille
Hanna Harbison	Susan Rawlins
Ella Heitzler	Suzanne Reiter
Genevieve Hofmann	Enka Robinson
Beth Kutler	Beth Steinfeld
Shelagh Larson	Bethany Tidwell
Leigh Minchew	Ashley Wiltcher
Anne Moore	Stefani Yudasz

We rely on these reviewers' thoughtful feedback and expertise to ensure the articles we publish are the very best.

The members of our EAB provide guidance on potential topics for the journal by reviewing feedback from readers on what they want and by keeping abreast of contemporary issues in the women's health arena. As well, they contribute by peer reviewing manuscripts and submitting manuscripts of their own. Recognition and thanks go to Lorraine Byrnes, Linda Dominguez, and Wendy Grube for their important contributions as they rotate off the EAB. We are also delighted to welcome Kim Choma, Randee Masciola, and Shawana Moore as new members.

The HealthCom Media publishing team is truly outstanding. With their diverse talents, they keep us moving forward and looking our best. Their dedication to publishing a journal and creating a social media presence we can all be proud of is evident in everything they do. In particular, recognition and thanks go to Dory Greene as she retires from her position as managing editor. Her expertise, professionalism, and passion for women's health and the nurse practitioners who provide women's healthcare have been evident in every issue of the journal since its inception more than 6 years ago. We wish her the very best.

We are also delighted to welcome our new managing editor, Gretchen L. Schwenker. Gretchen comes to us with a wealth of experience as an editor and writer. I am looking forward to working with her.

Beyond the journal, thanks are also due to the individuals who participated on writing groups for NPWH positions statements created and approved by the BOD in 2019. The writing

group members bring expertise and dedication to a process that takes time, discussion, and willingness to interact in a meaningful way to create position statements that reflect the NPWH mission and values. In 2019, the NPWH BOD approved two new positions statements:

Expanding Access to Hormonal Contraception
Eliminating Preventable Maternal Deaths

The writing group members for these position statements are:

Carola Bruflat
Joyce Cappiello
Jennifer Hawn
Sue Kendig
Shawana Moore

Jamille Nagtalon-Ramos
Suzy Reiter
Susan Rawlins
Kathy Simmonds
Beth Steinfeld

As always, we invite you to submit manuscripts of your own in the multiple formats we offer. Click [here](#) or visit our journal website www.npwomenshealthcare.com to access our guidelines for authors. We welcome query letters regarding the topic and article format you are considering. You can reach Gretchen at gschwenker@healthcommedia.com or me at bkelsey@healthcommedia.com.

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The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated 2020 the “Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.” With key partners including the International Confederation of Midwives, International Council of Nurses, Nursing Now, and the United Nations Population Fund, WHO is developing a year-long campaign to:

- Celebrate the contributions of health workers, with particular focus on nurses and midwives, in improving health globally;
- Acknowledge, appreciate, and address the challenging conditions nurses and midwives face while providing care where it's needed most; and
- Advocate for increased investments in the nursing and midwifery workforce.

As WHO notes, in many areas of the world, nurses and midwives are the first and only point of care in their communities. This year-long global campaign provides a unique opportunity for *Women's Healthcare* and NPWH to highlight the critical role nurses and midwives have in improving healthcare and health outcomes for women around the world.



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