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Association of California Nurse Leaders

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Arrest of Utah Nurse for Advocating for Her Patient Sparks National Outrage and Support for Nursing

Video images released last week reveal a horrifying incident where a Utah nurse is handcuffed and arrested for refusing to allow the police to draw blood from an unconscious patient.

The incident, which occurred in late July, came to light after the release of a police body cam video on August 31. Alex Wubbels, charge nurse at the burn unit at University Hospital in Salt Lake City, was following hospital policy and current law by preventing a police officer from drawing blood on an unconscious patient who had been in a traffic accident.

According to hospital policy, which was written in collaboration with the local police department, in order for the police to draw blood on a hospitalized patient at least one of three conditions must be met: 1) the patient is under arrest; 2) the police have a warrant to draw blood and/or 3) the patient gives consent. This policy also follows a 2016 Supreme Court decision about the police obtaining blood samples. In this case, none of these conditions were met.

Although Nurse Wubbels had the hospital policy in hand and an administrator on the telephone advising her, a police officer handcuffed her and shoved into a patrol car for about 20 minutes after she refused to allow the blood draw. The incident has sparked national attention as nurses, nursing organizations and

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other professional groups, the public and even some police departments have condemned the actions of the police officer.

“The behavior of this police officer is appalling and totally unacceptable,” says ACNL CEO Patricia McFarland. “As nurses, our fundamental role is to protect and advocate for our patients. We commend Nurse Wubbels for her courage in standing up for the rights of her patient, even in the face of such adversity. She exemplifies the values that are core to the practice of nursing!”

The police officer who arrested Nurse Wubbels and another officer are currently on administrative leave, pending an investigation.

Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts – How You Can Help

There are many ways to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey that devastated areas of Texas in late August. Below is a list of some of the major national and local organizations committed to helping Harvey victims.

Volunteer Your Nursing Skills

The Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency, which gives providers greater flexibility in treating patients in emergency situations. Texas Governor Greg Abbott temporarily suspended licensing rules, allowing health care providers employed by a hospital and licensed in another state to practice in Texas. Federal disaster officials are asking that health care providers not self-deploy to impacted areas. The Texas Department of State Health Services is maintaining a disaster volunteer registry for health professionals interested in coming to help.

[Texas Disaster Volunteer Registry](#)

The Texas State Board of Nursing is granting expedited temporary licenses for nurses from states that are not part of the Nurse Licensure Compact. ***California is not part of the Compact, so nurse volunteers from our state will need a temporary license.***

[Learn More About Applying for a Temporary Texas RN License to Aid with Disaster Relief](#)

The [American Red Cross](#) is seeking health and mental health professionals to volunteer.

Aid for Nurses

[The Texas Nurses Foundation](#) is taking contributions to help nurses affected by Hurricane Harvey. All money collected will be distributed directly to nurses living in any one of the Texas counties declared disaster areas.

[Disaster Relief Fund for Nursing Students](#) – Funds are administered through the Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association. Be sure to designate funds for DISASTER RELIEF when you make your tax-deductible contribution.

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It's Best to Donate Money, Not Goods

Cash donations enable charities to buy the most needed types of food, medicine, clothing and other supplies. By buying locally, charities can reduce costs and more rapidly deliver assistance.

The American Red Cross [accepts online donations](#) or text HARVEY to 90999 for donations of a least \$10 using credit cards and PayPal.

Other organizations accepting donations include:

[Direct Relief](#); [Feeding Texas Food Bank](#); [Greater Houston Community Foundation](#)

Organizations helping animals affected by the flooding:

[Harris County Animal Shelter](#); [SPCA of Brazoria County](#); [San Antonio Humane Society](#)

As Florida and islands in the Caribbean brace for Hurricane Irma we will keep you updated on ways you can help with this latest disaster.

ACNL 2017 Election Results

Join ACNL's Committee on Nominations and the 2017 Board of Directors in congratulating the following individuals who will take office at the conclusion of the 2018 Annual Conference in February. 34% of eligible members voted in the recent ACNL election.

President-Elect: Kimberly Horton
Secretary-Treasurer: Jami de Santiago
Director-Academia: Chris Latham
Director-North: Ryan Fuller
Director-Central: Jeffrey Hudson
Director-South: Giancarlo Lyle-Edrosolo
Director-San Diego: Dante Segundo

To all the members who ran for office this year – ***Thank You!*** It is the engagement of our members that makes ACNL the professional organization for nurse leaders in California!

BRN's Project Green

This September, the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) is making strides to reduce their use of paper by requiring license applications and renewals to be submitted online for RNs and advanced practice licensees. Pocket identification cards are also being eliminated.

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Rationale for this modification: An individual's license status can change from active to inactive at any time during the 2-year renewal cycle for a multitude of reasons. The most current information about the status of a license or certificate is only available through the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) online verification system, BreZE. Through this system, employers can verify license status online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via the *License Search* button available on the home page of the BRN and DCA websites.

[Learn More About the BRN's Project Green](#)

Deadlines Extended: Don't Miss These Opportunities!

Call for Podium and Poster Presenters for ACNL's Conference

Share your innovative work and best practices with colleagues at ACNL's Conference in February. Submit applications using our online system. Choose one of the following tracks: New Knowledge and Innovations in Leadership, Patient Safety and Quality, Healthy Work Environment, Leader Role Development and Patient Engagement. **New Application Deadline: September 11, 2017**

[View Submission Instructions](#)

[Submit Your Online Application](#)

Recognize Excellence! Nominate a Colleague for an ACNL Award

ACNL's Awards Program recognizes the outstanding contributions of nurse leaders in advancing nursing excellence and improving the health of our patients and communities. Recognize a nurse leader who is serving our profession with distinction! Nominate a colleague for a prestigious ACNL award.

[Online Nomination Application](#)

New Deadline: September 15, 2017

Scholarship Opportunities from ACNL

This year, ACNL will award three \$5000 scholarships and one \$7500 scholarship. To further support ACNL members advancing their education, our longtime partners will award two additional scholarships: Catalyst Systems will present the \$2,500 Barbara Brantley Scholarship; and Alpha Consulting Group will award a \$2,000 scholarship. Scholarships will be presented at ACNL's 40th Annual Conference, February 4-7, 2018 in Monterey.

New Scholarship Application Deadline: September 15, 2017.

[ACNL Scholarship Information and Online Application](#)

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Nurses Float Scholarship



The Nurses Float Scholarship Fund was created from monies remaining from the Nurses Float in the 2013 Rose Parade. ACNL, in partnership with Bare Root, Inc., presents the Nurses

Float Scholarship annually to a registered nurse pursuing either an ADN to BSN or BSN to MSN degree. This scholarship will be presented at ACNL's 2018 Conference in February.

Membership in ACNL or California residency is NOT required to apply for the Nurses Float Scholarship.

Application Deadline for Nurses Float Scholarship is September 15, 2017.

[Nurses Float Scholarship Information and Online Application](#)

ACNL Webinar – Free for Members

Suicide Prevention: Identifying and Treating Nurses at Risk

September 19, 2017, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Presenter: Judy Davidson, DNP, RN, FCCM, FAAN
EBP/Research Nurse Liaison
UC San Diego Health

[More Information and Webinar Registration](#)

[Visit ACNL's Webinar Library](#)

Upcoming Foundation for Leadership Excellence Courses

ACNL's *Foundation for Leadership Excellence Course* is a five-day intensive program to help you develop long-lasting, effective leadership skills. Whether it's human resource issues, customer-service concerns, implementation of quality and patient safety initiatives, budget analysis, cost-saving mandates or building your influence as a leader, you will gain new perspectives and solutions for the difficult challenges you face on a daily basis.

October 23-27, 2017

The Plaza at St. Agnes Medical Center
1111 E. Spruce Avenue, Fresno, CA

[Information and Online Registration](#)

November 6-10, 2017

Embassy Suites - Anaheim South
11767 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA

[Information and Online Registration](#)

[Program Brochure and Registration Form](#)

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Plan to Attend ACNL's Regional Meeting in Stockton

Co-Sponsored by the Member Experience Committee, local ACNL Chapters and ACNL's Philanthropic Program - the Circles of Giving

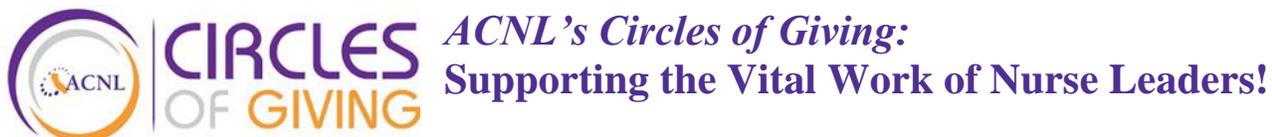
September 15, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

San Joaquin Agricultural Center

Stockton, CA

[Sept. Meeting – Information & Registration](#)



The *Circles of Giving* program generates funds to further ANCL's work and actualize our vision of creating and influencing the future of health care. Your generous support enables ACNL to expand vital programs fostering innovation, professional development, mentorship, research, health policy advocacy and lifelong learning. This is an exciting and challenging goal that begins with each of us!

"I cherish being a nurse leader because it gives me even more opportunity to guide, support, mentor, teach, and be a role model for those who care for the diverse needs of the people in the communities we serve... My dad, Jack Green, was very proud of me as a nurse and as a nurse leader, so I made the decision to give some of the money he left me as a donation to ACNL's *Circles of Giving* as one small way of honoring him and, at the same time, giving back to the profession I love."

Kathy Dawson, MSN, NEA-BC
VP, Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer
Saddleback Memorial Hospital

"ACNL is my family! To be able to give back to ACNL and our profession through the *Circles of Giving* is a tremendous gift enabling me to further support this amazing professional organization."

Beth Eichenberger, DNP, MPA/HSA, RN, CNML

[Learn More About ACNL's Circles of Giving Or Make a Contribution](#)

ACNL is a 501c3 nonprofit organization - all donations to our Philanthropic Program are tax deductible.

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Health Care Research and Education Conference at Stanford

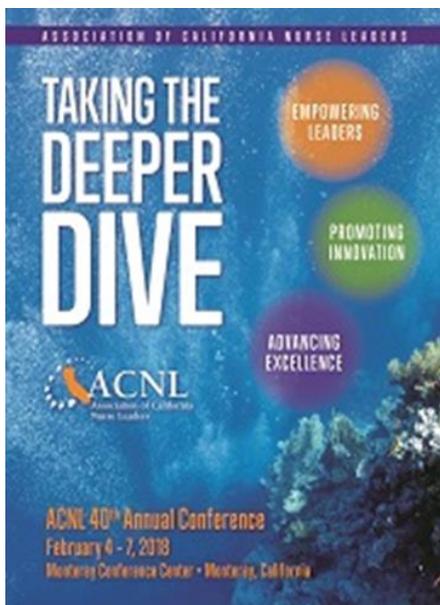
March 26 - 27, 2018

Deadline for Abstract Submissions: October 30, 2017

Stanford Health Care and the Bay Area Magnet Convening (10 Bay Area Hospitals) are hosting a two-day Healthcare Research & Education Conference, March 26- 27, 2018 at Stanford University.

Healthcare Con is an interdisciplinary conference developed to showcase the latest in research, innovation, quality and evidence-based health care improvement projects. This two-day event will feature a wide-range of exciting lectures, discussions, networking opportunities and education forums aimed to teach & inspire clinicians of all career stages.

[Learn More About the Conference and Abstract Submission Requirements](#)



ACNL's 40th Annual Conference

Taking The Deeper Dive!

**Empowering Leaders | Promoting Innovation |
Advancing Excellence**

February 4-7, 2018

At the Monterey Conference Center

[Learn more about ACNL's 40th Annual Conference](#)

Conference brochures and registration coming soon!



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