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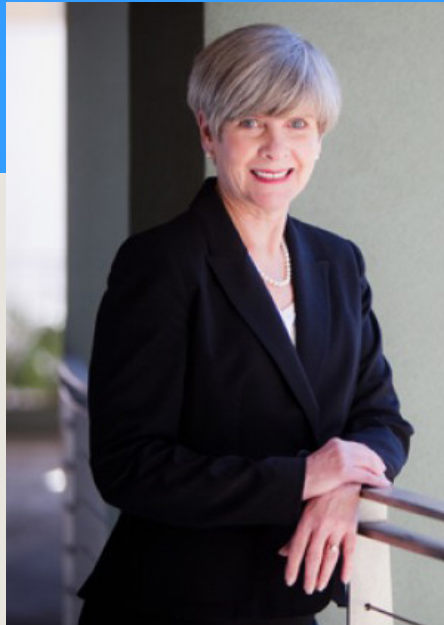


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Changing  
Landscape of  
**Advanced  
Practice  
Nursing***



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## Message from the The Chief Clinical Officer



**W**elcome to the 14th issue of the UC San Diego Health Nursing Journal. This issue will focus on the many opportunities and experiences of the Advance Practice Nurse (APN).

The road to becoming an Advanced Practice Nurse requires dedication and commitment - typically an additional 2-4 years of education and clinical hours, during which many nurses continue working while pursuing their advanced degree.

This journal will explore the roles included in Advance Practice nursing such as Nurse Practitioners (NP), Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM), Certified Nurse Educators (CNE), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA), and Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS). Many Advanced Practice Nurses are members of UC San Diego Health's Advance Practice Council. This council focuses on improving the health of patients and their families through interdisciplinary participation in clinical, educational, research and administrative activities using evidence based practice. Over the last several years the number of Advanced Practice Nurses employed at UC San Diego Health has grown, and the need for more APNs continues as the Health System expands.

Advanced Practice Nurses work alongside clinical staff nurses and other clinical staff every day to ensure our patients receive the highest level of care, and that family members and caregivers are included in the recovery process. The article "Bridging the Gap" is a great example of how a Nurse Practitioner functions in a Surgical ICU. Many of our APNs have been published, lead lectures or grand rounds, hold patient support groups, present at national conferences and partake in external volunteer excursions.

Nurses Week is a wonderful time to celebrate the dedication and commitment of our entire nursing team, including our Advanced Practice colleagues.

I hope you have a chance to attend one of our many events to celebrate during the week of May 8-11. Activities include Gourmet Food Truck events with free chair massages, Bannister House Fiesta, the PFCC Day of Gratitude symposium for CEU's, and the MAGNET focused 2017 Nursing Excellence Awards at the UCSD Faculty Club where we will announce our Nurses of the year as well as award over 120 scholarships for certification and tuition reimbursement.

Wishing you a wonderful Nurses Week.

Sincerely,

**MARGARITA BAGGETT, MSN, RN**

**CHIEF CLINICAL OFFICER**

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and Innovation  
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