

# NPWH 40 Years of Caring for Women



NPWH has supported Women's Health Nurse Practitioners and the patients they serve for 40 years. Take a look back at our history of caring for women.

## 1980's

### Members

- '80 20 NPs from Planned Parenthood affiliates across the country disagree with the organization developing nursing certifications come together to form The National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Family Planning (NANPFP) with a mission “to assure accessible, quality family planning services and reproductive freedom.”
- '81 Writes bylaws and sets organizational goals:
  - Advocate for the nurse practitioner role
  - Be a clearinghouse for nurse practitioner problems
  - Offer continuing education
  - Provide peer support
  - Act as a resource for clinicians
- '86 Working to preserve access to NP education, protesting ANA's plans to discontinue approval of certificate nurse practitioner programs
- '88 Members vote to change name to The National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Reproductive Health (NANPRH) to reflects broadened membership and focus
- '89 Susan Wysocki becomes first Executive Director. NANPRH moves headquarters to Washington, DC

## 1990's

- '92 Helps establish the right of NPs to insert and remove sub-dermal contraceptives
- '92 Files suit with other organizations against the “Gag Rule” which prohibits providers from honoring a client’s request for abortion information
- '93 Publishes first *Standards of Practice for the Education and Utilization of Women’s Health Nurse Practitioners*
- '95 NANPRH Council on Accreditation approves 8th WHNP education program
- '97 Helps pass medicare reimbursement for NPs into law
- '98 First National Conference: Women’s Health Care in the New Millennium
- '99 Members vote to change name to the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health (NPWH)

## 2000's

- '01 Works with AWHONN to update the *Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner: Standards for Practice and Education*

- '02 ✓ Publishes premier issue of *Women's Health Care: A Practical Journal for Nurse Practitioners*
- '03 ✓ NPWH's CE Approval Program approves 50 programs and self- study offerings. Certificates are issued to nearly 4,000 NPs
- ✓ Accreditation Council approves first masters' WHNP program at Emory University
- '04 ✓ Co-sponsors the March for Women's Lives. One million marchers participate on the National Mall
- '07 ✓ Joins other nursing organizations urging Congress to address national shortage of nurses
- '08 ✓ Represents nursing women's health providers in a summit with First Lady Michelle Obama
- ✓ Launches the Inspiration in Women's Health Award
- '09 ✓ Participates in Capitol Hill briefings on women's mental health issues, care coordination, and continence issues.

## 2010's

- '10 ✓ Creates a searchable database of NPs to help patients find NP providers
- '11 ✓ Advocates for choice in reproductive health at the FDA Office of Women's Health
- '12 ✓ Gay Johnson becomes second CEO
- ✓ Joins ACOG Council on Patient Safety as a full voting member
- '13 ✓ Joins ACOG Council on Maternal Mortality and AANP NP Roundtable
- '14 ✓ Holds the first Women's Sexual Health Course for NPs, the only continuing education on women's sexual health available for NPs
- ✓ Launches the Well Women Visit mobile app for clinicians
- '16 ✓ Holds first "Healthy at Any Age" meeting, which eventually becomes the BOlder Women's Health Coalition
- '17 ✓ Publishes a position statement on Healthcare for Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Individuals
- '18 ✓ Successfully advocates for the retaining of co-testing as the preferred method of cervical cancer screening with the United States Preventive Services Task Force
- '19 ✓ Launches H.E.R. Hub, a tool for clinicians to educate patients on women's health issues
- '20 ✓ Heather L. Maurer becomes third CEO
- ✓ Releases 8th edition of *Women's Health Nurse Practitioner: Guidelines for Practice and Education*