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

- **'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 (NANFPFP) 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

- **'93** Files suit with other organizations against the “Gag Rule” which prohibits providers from honoring a client’s request for abortion information

- **'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*