

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN PERIANESTHESIA NURSING CERTIFICATION

- 1980** ASPAN convenes Certification Committee to investigate feasibility of specialty certification
- 1984** ASPAN supports autonomous Certification Board
- 1985** American Board of Postanesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc. incorporated in the state of Delaware with offices in Richmond, VA.
- 1986** First CPAN certification examination offered in November. 172 nurses are certified.
- 1989** Class of 1986 recertify through examination or continuing education options; CPANs exceed 1,000
- 1991** ABPANC strategic plan includes investigation of ambulatory certification; CPAN examination expands to 200 questions including content related to ambulatory postanesthesia nursing care; CPANs number over 2000.
- 1992** ABPANC votes to proceed with separate certification examination for Ambulatory Post Anesthesia Nurses; first consumer member elected to ABPANC Board of Directors
- 1993** CPANs surveyed by ABPANC to determine satisfaction with certification process; CPANs number over 3000
- 1994** Recertification program revised to streamline continuing education categories from seven to two; CPAN role delineation and validation revisited; CPAN exam practice areas condensed from five to two; First class of Ambulatory Post Anesthesia Nurses certified as CAPAs by ABPANC.
- 1995** CAPA designation changed to reflect changing health care trends after survey of CAPAs; Certified Ambulatory PeriAnesthesia nurse
- 1996** ABPANC offices moved to New York City and PES hired as management services firm. CPANs number over 4,000; CAPAs number over 1000; Strategic Planning Meeting held at Midmark, facilitated by Christine Breu - Mission Statement identified; Name of organization changed to reflect changing practice environment - American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc.
- 1997** Became associate member of ABNS; Professional ad developed and published ; Began participation in National Nursing Certification Research Coalition; Recertification Task Force convened to redesign the recertification program; Pledge 2000 campaign initiated; New board orientation implemented; First group of CAPAs renewed; Strategic Planning Retreat held with Bud Crouch.
- 1998** Recertification Reengineering Task Force convened: changes to Recertification Program approved by Board of Directors; Marketing firm selected/hired.
- 1999** Vision statement and values articulated by Board of Directors; New logo adopted. RDS Task Force convened; new conceptual model for certification approved by Board of Directors; new booth used for first time at ASPAN conference in Hawaii; Recommendations of Recertification Task Force approved by Board. Direct Care/Indirect Care concepts incorporated; ABPANC website introduced.
- 2000** Total certified: 5,517; 4,044 CPANS; 1,473 CAPAs

Results of RDS presented and approved by Board of Directors, including new framework for CPAN and CAPA test blueprints, change in clinical practice hour requirement; decrease to 150 questions. Roll out plan of newly designed test blueprints designed.

2001 Total certified: 5,439; 3933 CPANs; 1,506 CAPAs

Roll out of RDS results initiated at ASPAN National Conference in Boston; First ever Award for Advocacy given at the CPAN/CAPA Recognition Breakfast to Carolyn Bennett, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA of Phoenix, AZ; RDS article published in June 2001 issue of JOPAN. First exams based on new blueprints given in November, 2001. Passing Point Study conducted. Pass rates for each exam 77%. 388 CPAN and CAPA certified nurses added to the ranks in 2001. New marketing initiatives implemented: Grass roots campaign – Board exhibit kits; Certification Champion Program and Certification Coach Program.

2002 Total certified: 5,451; 3877 CPANs; 1,574 CAPAs

2nd Award for Advocacy given at CPAN/CAPA Recognition Breakfast to Joann Groff, RN, CAPA of Maine. Term of office for President and President-Elect increased to two years each; Grass roots initiatives continued. Saw 3.7% growth in overall CPAN and CAPA numbers; Participated in *Nursing's Agenda for the Future – A Call to the Professions*; 2nd editions of Practice Exams developed; Testing Teddy premiers at conference. Environmental analysis conducted with ASPAN Leaders prior to National Conference.

2003 Total certified: 5,651; 3,921 CPANs; 1,730 CAPAs

3rd Award for Advocacy given at CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast to Marie Dittmar, RN, CPAN of Syracuse, NY; Two new awards announced: Shining Star Award to recognize component support and recognition activities of CPAN and CAPA certification; ABPANC Leadership Circle – designed for units that achieve 100% of eligible nurses becoming CPAN and/or CAPA certified. First ever Better Leader Book Club held prior to ASPAN National Conference, with ASPAN leaders invited as guests.

2004 Total certified: 5,869; 3980 CPANs; 1,889 CAPAs

4th Award for Advocacy given at CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast to Denise Darby, RN, CAPA of New Hampshire. First Shining Star Award given to MESPAN. The following units were inducted into the ABPANC Leadership Circle: St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Day Surgery Center, Houston, TX; North County Hospital and Health Center, Inc., PACU, Newport, VT; and Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU, Aurora, IL.

The CPAN and CAPA examination programs received initial accreditation by the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS). Accreditation granted for 5 years.

2005 Total certified: 6,568; 4,348 CPANs; 2,200 CAPAs

ABPANC celebrates 20th anniversary.

5th Award for Advocacy given at CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast to Emily Allen, BSN, RN, CPN, CPAN of Oklahoma. Shining Star Awards given to AzPANA and NPANA: The following units were inducted into the ABPANC Leadership Circle: St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Day Surgery Center, Houston, TX; North County Hospital and Health Center, Inc., PACU, Newport, VT; and Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU, Aurora, IL.

RDS begins under auspices of PES.

ABPANC celebrates 20th anniversary of CPAN credential.

2006 Total certified: 6,865; 4,389 CPANs; 2,476 CAPAs

Award of Advocacy given at CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast to Sara Waldron, RN, CPAN of Tucson, Az. Shining Star Awards given to AzPANA, MeSPAN and OSPAN: The following units were inducted into the ABPANC Leadership Circle: St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Day Surgery Center, Houston, TX; Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU, Aurora, IL.

RDS completed; minor changes to blueprints approved by BOD.

On-line Practice Exams launched!

2007 Total certified: 7,480; 4,729 CPANs; 2,751 CAPAs

Award of Advocacy given at CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast to Eileen Dalton, RN, BSN, CPAN of Tucson Arizona. Shining Star Awards given to AzPANA and MeSPAN. The following units were inducted into the ABPANC Leadership Circle: Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU, Aurora, IL and PACU at North Country Health System in Newport, Vermont.

ABPANC Leader Resource Team created – comprised of former ABPANC board members whose role it is to support the current board in its exhibiting and promotion of certification activities.

Number of board members increased from 9 to 11.

ABPANC one of 20 organizations participating in the ABNS study – The Perceived Value of Specialty Nursing Certification. ABNS and ABPANC results presented at 2007 ASPAN National Conference.

Conducted Environmental Scan and Trends survey in collaboration with ASPAN.

Passing Point Study conducted in March, 2007.
Launched new exhibit booth at conference.

ABPANC website completely redesigned.

Clinical practice eligibility requirement for initial certification changed to require direct hands-on patient care.

2008 We reached the 8,000 mark! Total certified: 8,076: 5,063 CPANs; 3,013 CAPAs; 297 dually certified.

Award for Advocacy given at CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast to Judy Duersch, BSN, RN, CPAN of Salt Lake City, UT. Shining Star Awards given to AzPANA, MeSPAN, MASPAN, and NAPAN. The following continued their membership in the ABPANC Leadership Circle - Rush Copley Medical Center, Day Surgery Unit and PACU, Aurora, IL.

Work towards launching on-line application process for both examination and recertification programs and initiating computer-based testing in April 2009 continued.

ABNS reaccreditation application to be submitted in September, 2008.

New marketing campaign launched.

An exciting “first” for ABPANC – Public member, Patrick Jones, PhD, elected to the President-Elect position!

2009 Total certified: 8,577; 5,325 CPANs; 3,252 CAPAs; 298 dually certified.

Award for Advocacy given at CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast to Jonah Enriquez, RN, BSN, CPAN, CAPA, Plano, Texas. Shining Star Awards given to AZPANA CBSPAN, FLASPAN, MESPAN, MASPAN. The following continued their membership in the ABPANC Leadership Circle - The Day Surgery Unit and PACU of Rush Copley Medical Center, Aurora, Illinois and the PACU of North Country Health System, Newport, Vermont. Two new units were inducted into the Leadership Circle - the PACU of Phoenix Integrated Health Care System, located in Phoenix, Arizona and the Providence Surgery Center located in Missoula, Montana.

A new online examination application was launched January, 2009 and CBT began in April, 2009. An online recertification system launched August, 2009.

ABNS reaccreditation of the CPAN and CAPA certification programs was granted until February 2014.

2010 Total certified: 8,847; 5,484 CPANs; 3,363 CAPAs; 349 dually certified.

Award for Advocacy given at CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast to Vonda Kay Fitch, RN, CPAN, CAPA, who works in the Same Day Unit, of Carlsbad Medical Center, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Shining Star Awards given to AZPANA, FLASPAN, MESPAN, MASPAN, NAPAN, NPANA, OPANA, PAPAN, TAPAN. The following continued their membership in the ABPANC Leadership Circle - The Day Surgery Unit and PACU of Rush Copley Medical Center, Aurora, Illinois and the PACU of North Country Health System, Newport, Vermont.

Beginning with the fall 2010 examination registration window, the window will be increased from 6 weeks to 8 weeks.

New CPAN and CAPA Practice Examinations launch July 1, 2010.

Newly designed ABPANC website launched – www.cpancapa.org.

ABPANC celebrates 25th anniversary!

2011 Total certified: 9,177; 5,654 CPANs; 3,523 CAPAs; 391 dually certified.

Award for Advocacy given at CPAN/CAPA Celebration Luncheon to Kundry Grove, BSN, RN, CAPA, Staff Nurse, who works in the Outpatient Surgery Unit of Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill, PA. Shining Star Awards given to AzPANA, CBSPAN, FLASPAN, KSPAN, MASPAN, MeSPAN, MO KAN PANA, NPANA, OPANA, PAPAN, SCAPAN, TAPAN.

The Spring, 2011 registration for the CPAN and CAPA examinations is the largest ever! Over 800 candidates have registered to take the examinations April 5 – May 15, 2011!

ABPANC, in collaboration with ASPAN, conducted a survey of the environment in Spring 2010. 11,244 ASPAN Members were sent a link to a survey and 2,774 completed the survey for a 24.7% return rate.

ABPANC, along with 26 other specialty nursing certification organizations, are participating in a National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI) Research Project which began in November 2010.

The 2010-2011 Role Delineation Study (also known as a Study of Practice or Job Analysis) was completed in March, 2011 and changes to the CPAN® and CAPA® test blueprints will be announced beginning in April. Changes to the blueprints will be effective beginning with the Fall 2012 CPAN® and CAPA® examinations.

ABPANC celebrates 25 year anniversary of CPAN® credential. 23 CPAN certified nurses have maintained CPAN certification since its inception.