

ACANPUS 2025 Virtual Conference

Event Agenda

Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 9:00am CT - 3:00pm CT

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9:00am - 9:15am

Call to order and introduction of the Keynote speaker

Moderator

9:15am - 9:45am

Key Note Speaker

Dr.Christian Bime

He joined the U of A College of Medicine - Tucson faculty in 2013 after completing his fellowship training at Johns Hopkins University. He completed his residency training at Detroit's Wayne State University. He holds a master's degree in epidemiology from Michigan State University and a medical doctorate from Université de Yaoundé I in Cameroon, where he was born and raised.

His translational research program has focused on acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). He has served as medical director for Critical Care Services at Banner University Medical Center for 8 years and as Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine for 3 years. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he was a key figure in ensuring patients had the best care possible as Banner and the U of A Health Sciences partnered to manage the increased demands on pulmonary and ICU care, and in resulting research from that.

He has authored or co-authored more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and participated in numerous clinical trials. His work has been supported by multiple grants from the NIH through the years. And he has served on committees with both the American Thoracic Society and American College of Chest Physicians related to that work.

9:50am - 10:50am

NP Career Pathways: Non Traditional Practice Roles

Franklin Fru, DHA, MSN, APRN, ACNP-BC MSL

1.0 CE Credit

The Advanced Practice Nursing landscape is vast, with Nurse Practitioner Concentrations leading the career pathways. The consensus is that a Nurse Practitioner (NP) is most likely a caregiver from a Healthcare provider's stance. Yes, NPs are Healthcare Providers and most times would be in clinical care settings or even remote in the case of Telemedicine. This means that NP concentration with regard to Women's Health, Neonatal Care, Acute Care, Psych/Mental Health Care, Primary Care, Adult/Gerontology, and Pediatrics Care are all Clinicians.

At the ACANPUS Virtual Conference on August 23rd, 2025, from 09 AM to 3:30 PM, come discover and let us unpack other non-traditional NP careers like Medical Science Liaisons (MSL) in both clinical and non-clinical settings. A Medical Science Liaison is a specific role that typically reports to the medical affairs department within a pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, medical diagnostic, contract research organization, or other healthcare company. MSLs typically have advanced scientific training and academic credentials usually consisting of but not limited to a doctorate (PhD, PharmD, MD, DNP, DHA, etc.) in the life sciences with a concentration in a specific therapeutic area such as, oncology, cardiology, CNS, pulmonary, hematology, surgery, women's healthcare, etc., product, diagnostic, or disease state. MSLs may have BPharm, MPharm, MS, MSc, NP, DNP, PA, or alternate advanced degrees, as well as clinical expertise in relevant therapeutic areas.

Responsibilities include development and implementation of a medical engagement strategic plan, which involves careful consideration of scientific engagement, insight gathering, Key Opinion Leader (KOL) development, response to requests for medical information, and additional opportunities for customer engagement. MSLs utilize their already gained clinical background to enhance healthcare and public health outcomes. MSLs are in a unique position to interact with clinical investigators with their deep knowledge of sciences, disease states, the scientific mechanism of action, and the available clinical data to promote clinical and medical best practices. The MSL serves as an educator for clinical peers (NPs, PAs, MDs, Laboratory, Pharmacists, Researchers, etc), responsible for providing medical and scientific education and expertise related to healthcare products such as medical devices, diagnostic solutions, and the clinical application, utility, and medical impact of these solutions on patient care in both acute/inpatient and outpatient settings.

11:00am - 12:00pm

Designing a Career Path you don't have to escape from

Sylvie Mor, FNP-BC

1.0 CE Credit

Reclaim Your Calling: *Design a Nurse Practitioner Career You'll Never Want to Escape From*!

Imagine a career where you feel energized, fulfilled, and empowered, a career perfectly aligned with your deepest values and professional aspirations. This isn't a fantasy; it's a future you can actively design.

Many dedicated NPs navigate a landscape of high workloads, blurred boundaries, and financial pressures, often feeling disconnected from the values that drew them to this vital profession.

In our upcoming session, we're not just discussing managing burnout; we're giving you the tools to prevent it by fundamentally reshaping your professional journey. We'll dive deep into:

* Unmasking the Burnout Triggers: We'll pinpoint the systemic and personal factors contributing to dissatisfaction, helping you understand the root causes of feeling "stuck."

* Your Blueprint for Success: Discover a robust career design framework that equips you with practical strategies for setting unshakeable professional boundaries, charting a course toward financial independence, and ensuring your work is always in harmony with your values and goals.

* Your Personalized Path Forward: Walk away with a tangible, individualized action plan, one specific, measurable step you can take immediately to begin crafting a more fulfilling and sustainable NP career.

Design a Nurse Practitioner Career You'll Never Want to Escape From isn't just another continuing education session; it's an investment in your well-being, your longevity in the profession, and your ability to make a purposeful impact without sacrificing yourself.

Join us to transform your perspective and empower yourself to design a Nurse Practitioner career you truly love. You deserve a professional life that makes you feel fulfilled.

12:10pm - 1:10pm

Telemedicine: Expanding Possibilities for Nurse Practitioners

Mirabelle Nofeh-Barche DNP, APRN FNP-BC

1.0 CE Credit

We are no longer imagining the future of healthcare we are standing in it. Telemedicine is no longer an option. It's a movement. A shift that is breaking down barriers between patient and provider, between access and equity, between burnout and balance. As a Nurse Practitioner and a telemedicine practice owner, I've witnessed how this technology isn't here to replace our hands-on care, it's here to expand it. It's giving patients a voice. It's giving working parents a lifeline. It's giving us as providers the space to thrive beyond the limitations of brick-and-mortar care. This is the new frontier, with new possibilities. A space where our clinical expertise meets innovation. Where we no longer ask, 'Can I do this?' but instead declare, 'How far can I take this? I invite you to explore what this frontier means for you not just as clinicians, but as visionaries. As business owners. As advocates.

Join me. Let's talk about the impact. The opportunity. The power of presence even through a screen. Because in this new frontier, the possibilities aren't just ahead of us, they're already here and I can testify to that. Telemedicine is more than a platform. It's a promise.

A promise that healthcare can reach the unreachable, that our time can be better valued, and that patients can be seen, heard, and healed beyond four walls.

As nurse practitioners, we are not just adapting to change we are leading it. This is our moment to dream, to disrupt, and to deliver care in ways we once thought impossible.

I challenge you to step into this new frontier not with fear, but with boldness.

Because the future of healthcare needs exactly what you bring to the table, clinical excellence, and human connection, and now, technological courage.

I am looking forward to spend time with you all

Thank you and let's keep pushing the boundaries of what's possible.

1:20pm - 2:20pm

The Paths Less Travelled: NP's in Neurology

Juliana Atem, DNP ACNP-AG

1.0 CE Credit

"Nurse Practitioners in Neurology: The Path Less Traveled"

Neurology is one of medicine's most complex and fascinating frontiers—and yet, it remains one of the least explored by nurse practitioners. Why don't more NPs choose neurology? Is it the complexity... or the unknown?

Join me as we explore how NPs are breaking barriers, transforming care, and making a powerful impact in one of medicine's most complex specialties. NPs are not only capable of thriving in neurology but are essential to its future.

It's not the easiest path—but it just might be the most rewarding!

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Psychodermatology: The Skin brain interconnection

Asongtia Ntonghawah, DNP FNP-BC, PMHNP BC

Psychodermatology is a rapidly growing interdisciplinary field that focuses on the interaction between the mind and the skin, emphasizing how psychological factors influence dermatologic conditions and vice versa. In her presentation, Dr. Asongtia Ntonghawah highlights the bidirectional communication between the skin and brain through neuroendocrine, immune, and sensory pathways, known collectively as the neuro-immuno-cutaneous system. This connection explains how emotional states such as stress, anxiety, or trauma can trigger or worsen various skin disorders.