

2026 FNPN Annual Conference - Shaping the Future: A Whole New World of Care Event Agenda

Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 8:00am ET - Saturday, August 8, 2026 at 4:30pm ET

i All times listed in Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Thursday, August 6, 2026

7:00am - 5:00pm

*****VIRTUAL CE BUNDLE FOR 2026 CONFERENCE ATTENDEES*****

(1) Postmenopausal Care Reimagined: Practical Updates on Symptom Management, New Therapies, and Lifestyle Strategies for Nurse Practitioners (1 CE) - Presented by: Reathea Felder, DNP, MHA, APRN, FNP-C MORE COMING SOON MORE COMING SOON

7:30am - 11:00am

Pre-Conference Check In Desk OPEN

Location: Waterside Pavilion Registration

8:00am - 10:00am

Exhibitor Check In OPEN

Location: Waterside Pavilion Registration

8:00am - 11:00am

Pre-Conference Workshop 1: PRESCRIBING PREVENTION: ACLM 6 Pillars Integration into Nurse Practitioner Practice

Alicia (Ali) Craig-Rodriguez, DNP, MBA, APRN, FNP-BC, DipACLM, FACLM & Kathleen Wilson, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, BC-ADM, FAANP, FNAP, DipACLM, FAAN

3.0 CE Credits

Learning Objectives:

- 1 Perform a Provider self-assessment with the Paving the Path to Wellness Questionnaire to guide the wellness journey
- 2 Appraise Evidence: Appraise the evidence-based justification for incorporating the ACLM 6 Pillars into the prevention and treatment of common chronic diseases (e.g., Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, obesity, and heart disease) to support clinical decision-making.
- 3 Analyze Nutrition: Compare and contrast various whole-food, plant-predominant dietary patterns (e.g., Mediterranean, DASH, MIND) to construct appropriate dietary recommendations for diverse patient profiles.
- 4 Design Activity Plans: Design a specific, individualized "exercise prescription" using the FITT principle (Frequency, Intensity, Time, Type) that aligns with current physical activity guidelines for patients with chronic conditions.
- 5 Demonstrate Assessment: Demonstrate the use of validated screening tools for sleep disruption and chronic stress to accurately assess patient risk factors in the primary care setting.
- 6 Synthesize Interventions: Synthesize the 6 Pillars of Lifestyle Medicine to develop a comprehensive, patient-centered intervention plan for a complex clinical case study presented during the workshop.

Location: Waterside 5

8:00am - 11:00am

Pre-Conference Workshop 2: Basic Orthopedic Tests in Primary Care: A Practical Guide for Nursing Assessment and Clinical Decision-Making

Frank Matthew Lowe MDiv, MSN, APRN FNP-C ONC

3.0 CE Credits

Learning Objectives:

1. Analyze and interpret findings from basic orthopedic tests of the shoulder, hip, knee, ankle/foot, and lumbar spine to refine differential diagnoses in primary care patients with musculoskeletal complaints.
2. Apply evidence-based orthopedic assessment findings to develop and justify initial management plans, including diagnostic imaging decisions, conservative treatment, and referral to specialty care when indicated.

Location: Waterside 11-12

8:00am - 11:00am

Pre-Conference Workshop 3: From Licensure to Launch: A Practical Roadmap to Opening an Autonomous Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Practice in Florida & Laws & Rules for Florida APRNs

Monica Barfield, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC & Vicky Stone-Gale, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP, FNAP

3.0 CE Credits

Part 1 (2 hours): From Licensure to Launch: A Practical Roadmap to Opening an Autonomous Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Practice in Florida

Learning Objectives:

1. Analyze the regulatory, business, and payer-related requirements necessary to establish and operate an autonomous APRN-owned primary care practice in Florida.
2. Develop an initial, individualized action plan outlining the legal, operational, and financial steps required to launch or expand an autonomous primary care practice.

Part 2 (1 hour): Laws & Rules for Florida APRNs

Learning Objectives:

1. Evaluate the legal and regulatory requirements for APRN involvement in medical spas, including supervision, delegation, documentation 2. Explain the disciplinary process used by the Florida Board of Nursing, including how complaints are investigated, how probable cause is determined, and the range of potential outcomes for APRNs. 3. Interpret the statutory criteria and regulatory requirements for Autonomous Practice in Florida

Location: Waterside 1-3

8:00am - 9:30am

Legislative Strategy Team Meeting

****By Invitation Only****

Location: Waterside 4

8:00am - 9:00am

APP Directors Meeting

****By Invitation Only****

Location: Waterside 6

9:30am - 11:00am

Think Tank 2026

****By Invitation Only****

Location: Waterside 6

11:00am - 12:00pm

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

11:00am - 6:00pm

FNPN 2026 Conference Registration Desk OPEN

12:00pm - 12:10pm

General Session Welcome Day 1

President Charrita Ernewein and Education Director Jenn Kuretski

0.17 CE Credits

Location: Waterside 1-3

12:10pm - 12:40pm

Innovative Device Therapies in Heart Failure: Enhancing Outcomes and Quality of Life

Sara Bierschenk, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, AACC, HF-Cert, CCRN

0.5 CE Credits

Learning Objectives:

1. Explain the Limitations of Guideline-Directed Medical Therapy (GDMT)
2. Explore Innovative Device Therapies and Their Mechanisms
3. Emphasize Patient-Centered Outcomes and Quality of Life

Location: Waterside 1-3

12:40pm - 1:40pm

Thursday Featured Speaker Presentation: Predicting the Present

Gale Adcock, MSN, FNP-BC, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN

1.0 CE Credit

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe nurse practitioners (NPs) built-in advocacy skill set
2. Explain why NPs must be advocates outside their workplaces
3. Identify individual and collective ways to increase NPs' visibility, power, and impact on policy.

Location: Waterside 1-3

1:50pm - 2:20pm

Heart Failure Made Clear: Understanding Acronyms, Phenotypes, and Modern GDMT

Michelle Wade MSN/Ed, APRN, AGNP-C, ACNPC-AG, FAANP

0.5 CE Credits

Learning Objectives:

1. Differentiate heart failure phenotypes (HFrEF, HFmrEF, HFpEF, HFimpEF) and select appropriate guideline-directed medical therapy based on ejection fraction and clinical presentation.
2. Apply evidence-based GDMT initiation and monitoring strategies to optimize heart failure management while minimizing adverse effects, drug interactions, and geriatric-specific risks.

Location: Waterside 1-3

2:20pm - 3:20pm

Exhibitors/Ribbon Cutting/Networking (no CE)

Location: Waterside 7-9

3:20pm - 4:20pm

Dysautonomia Unveiled: Enhancing Recognition and Management of Autonomic Dysfunction in Primary Care

June Bryant, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC

1.0 CE Credit

Learning Objectives:

1. Explain the pathophysiology of the autonomic nervous system and the clinical spectrum of dysautonomia presentations seen in primary care.
2. Differentiate between common autonomic disorders such as Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS), neurocardiogenic syncope, and orthostatic hypotension through focused assessment and diagnostic criteria.
3. Implement evidence-based, multidisciplinary management strategies including pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions to optimize outcomes and quality of life for patients with autonomic dysfunction.

Location: Waterside 1-3

4:20pm - 5:20pm

Optimizing the Preceptor Experience: Strategies for High-Quality NP Clinical Education

Danielle Chaplin, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC and Kimberly Castillo, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE

1.0 CE Credit

Learning Objectives:

1. Apply evidence-based precepting strategies to enhance student accountability and the development of clinical competence within their practice settings.
2. Assess current precepting approaches through self-evaluation and create an individualized action plan that integrates evidence-based strategies with available program and institutional support resources.

Location: Waterside 1-3

5:20pm - 5:50pm

Evidence Meets Policy: Vaccine Counseling in a Changing Landscape

Duellyn Pandis, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, CTMÂ®, AFTM RCPS(Glasg), FAANP, FATHNA

0.5 CE Credits

Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will evaluate the strength of evidence for vaccine benefits versus risks in specific populations
2. Participants create patient education plan or counseling framework that integrates current vaccine evidence, 2025 policy changes, and shared decision-making approaches for at least one vaccine scenario

Location: Waterside 1-3

5:50pm - 6:00pm

Closing Day 1

Education Director Jenn Kuretski

0.17 CE Credits

Location: Waterside 1-3

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Exhibitors/Networking (no CE)

Location: Waterside 7-9

7:00pm - 8:00pm

SOS Meeting

****By Invitation Only****

1.0 CE Credit

Location: Waterside 6

7:00pm - 8:00pm

SAL Meeting

****By Invitation Only****

1.0 CE Credit

Location: Waterside 5

Friday, August 7, 2026

7:00am - 6:30pm

Registration Desk Open

Location: Waterside Pavilion

7:45am - 8:00am

Welcome Day 2

President Charrita Ernewein and Education Director Jenn Kuretski

0.25 CE Credits

Location: Waterside 1-3

8:00am - 9:15am

Breakfast Product Theater

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Product Theater Presentation: 8:15am - 9:15am

Location: Waterside 1-3

9:15am - 9:55am

Exhibitors/Networking (no CE)

Location: Waterside 7-9

9:55am - 10:55am

Keynote Presentation - " Shaping the Future of Care: Practical AI for Nurse Practitioners"

Christopher Hickman, MSIS

1.0 CE Credit

Learning Objectives:

1. Explain how artificial intelligence is currently being used to support clinical decision-making, workflow efficiency, and population health in NP practice.
2. Identify practical, real-world AI use cases that nurse practitioners can safely integrate into clinical and administrative workflows.
3. Discuss ethical, regulatory, and professional considerations for responsible AI adoption in advanced practice nursing.

Location: Waterside 1-3

10:55am - 11:25am

Recognizing Sepsis

Susan L. Smith, PhD, APRN, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, RN, CHSE, CBRN, WCC, RNFA, FNAP, FAANP

0.5 CE Credits

Learning Objectives:

1. Discuss historical definitions for sepsis
2. Review current criteria for sepsis recognition
3. Identify immediate interventions essential to patient survival

Location: Waterside 1-3

11:30am - 12:45pm

Lunch Product Theater

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Product Theater Presentation: 11:45am - 12:45pm

Location: Waterside 1-3

12:45pm - 1:45pm

Exhibitors/Networking (No CE)

Location: Waterside 7-9

1:45pm - 3:45pm

FNPN Annual Membership Meeting

FNPN Board of Directors

2.0 CE Credits

Location: Waterside 1-3

3:55pm - 4:55pm

Legislative Panel Discussion

Join us for a dynamic panel discussion facilitated by our Vice President of Legislation, Arlene Wright, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FNAP, FAANP

1.0 CE Credit

Learning Objectives:

1. Recall current or recent bills in the Florida Legislature that directly impacted Nurse Practitioner practice.
2. Discuss which pending legislative priorities, based on data, will have the greatest positive impact on patient access to care in underserved Florida communities.
3. Articulate the effectiveness of different grassroots advocacy methods utilizing social media, personal meetings and organized advocacy days shared by the panelists based on success stories and challenges.
4. Create an action plan detailing specific grassroots actions they will take prior to the next legislative session to support ongoing or new NP legislation.

Location: Waterside 1-3

4:55pm - 5:10pm

Closing Day 2

Education Director: Jenn Kuretski

0.25 CE Credits

Location: Waterside 1-3

5:15pm - 6:15pm

President's Networking Event, Exhibitors & Posters

Poster Presentations: (1) "Advancing Organizational Outcomes Through Evidence-based Advanced Practice Provider Leadership: A Collaborative Development of National Principles" - Presented By: Dawn Mutchko, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, CENP, CGNC, EBP-C, CPHQ, CLSS-GB, FNAP (2) "PCOS as an Endocrine Spectrum Disorder: More Than a Syndrome" - Presented by: Jenn Fleigelman DNP, APRN, NP-C (3) "Impact of Discharge Teach-Back Education on Heart Failure Patients' Knowledge/Self-Care Behaviors and 30-Day Readmissions." - Presented by: Sara Bierschenk, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, AACC, HF-Cert, CCRN (4) "Uncovering the Invisible: Insulin Resistance Shows Up Years Before High Glucose" - Presented by: Elena Khaidov, BSN, RN, MSN-NP Student, Karen Laing, DNP, APRN, AGPCNP-BC, DipACLM, HWNC-BC, CHES, FPCNA (5) "Impact of Provider Early Food Exposure Education for High-Risk Children" - Presented by: Olenka Vergaray, BSN, RN, SFNP. Carlee Masters, BSN, RN, SFNP

1.0 CE Credit

Location: Waterside 1-3

7:30pm - 9:30pm

PC Event

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Location: Waterside 11-12

Saturday, August 8, 2026

7:00am - 10:00am

Registration Desk Open

Location: Waterside Pavilion

7:30am - 7:45am

Welcome Day 3

President Charrita Ernewein and Education Director Jenn Kuretski

0.25 CE Credits

Location: Waterside 1-3

7:45am - 8:15am

Are You Bugging Out? Protecting Your Patients. Infectious Disease Prevention

Duellyn Pandis, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, CTMÂ®, AFTM RCPS(Glasg), FAANP, FATHNA

0.5 CE Credits

Learning Objectives:

1. Evaluate- At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to identify arboviral disease risk factors and evidence-based selection of prevention strategies and vaccines for diverse patient travel destinations
2. At the end of the presentation, the learner will be able to create individualized, comprehensive pretravel consultation plans integrating risk assessment frameworks and personalized health interventions.

Location: Waterside 1-3

8:15am - 9:30am

Breakfast Product Theater

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Product Theater Presentation: 8:30am - 9:30am

Location: Waterside 1-3

9:30am - 9:45am

Networking Break

Location: Waterside Pavilion

9:45am - 10:45am

Saturday Featured Presentation - "Are You Hormone Curious? The Science of Hormone Therapy for Men and Women Explained"

Caroline Zaumeyer MSN, APRN

1.0 CE Credit

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand Bio-Identical Hormone Replacement Therapy
2. Identify potential symptoms in future patients that may be hormone derived.
3. List the different delivery systems for Bio-Identical Hormone Therapy.

Location: Waterside 1-3

10:45am - 11:15am

Lipedema: Recognition, Diagnosis, and Management Across the Lifespan

Deborah Tedesco, DNP, APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP, FNAP

0.5 CE Credits

Learning Objectives:

1. Apply diagnostic criteria and clinical reasoning to distinguish lipedema from obesity, lymphedema, and other adipose tissue disorders in patient case scenarios.
2. Evaluate evidence-based treatment options including conservative therapy and surgical interventions to determine the most appropriate management plan for patients across different stages of lipedema.

Location: Waterside 1-3

11:15am - 12:15pm

Expanding End-of-Life Options in Florida: Understanding Medical Aid In Dying

Tony Ray, President, Florida End of Life Options

1.0 CE Credit

Learning Objectives:

1. Learn the history of medical aid in dying in the US.
2. Examine the differences between the US model and other countries.
3. Analyze the requirements and safeguards of the Florida End of Life Options Act.

Location: Waterside 1-3

12:15pm - 12:30pm

Conference Closing Remarks

Education Director Jenn Kuretski

0.5 CE Credits

Location: Waterside 1-3