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Are you enjoying the privilege of Writing Schedule II - IV Prescriptions?

Well then it is time for you to support ARNPs United of Washington State! ARNPs United has been fighting for Nurse Practitioners since 1992! It has been paying for a lobbyist to fight for Nurse Practitioner rights since 1996. In the last year alone, AUWS has passed three bills through Olympia. If you have written a prescription for Schedule II-IV medications please support the organization that made it possible. You can find membership applications at www.nurse.org/wa/au.

Do you like receiving ARNP Care?

Of course, we all do! ARNP Care keeps NPs around Washington informed about legislative issues, current action items, job opportunities, and CE classes. Only current members of ARNPs United receive ARNP Care every month. Nonmembers receive ARNP Care once every three months. Become a member of ARNPs United and never miss another issue.

Need to Sign a Death Certificate?

You can now! ARNPs United lobbied in Olympia for over a year so that Nurse Practitioners could legally sign death certificates. Become a member of the NP organization that is getting things done... ARNPs United of Washington State. For an application, go to www.nurse.org/wa/au.

A New Business Plan for ARNPs United

ARNPs United of Washington State would like to thank Kimberly Couret for her diligence and hard work on the new business plan for AUWS. Couret is a nonprofit expert and offered to help ARNPs United as a part of her masters program at Seattle University. She began writing the now 95-page business plan in May. She has donated hundreds of hours of her time to write this mammoth plan. The Board of Directors will use the business plan as a guide for the future of ARNPs United. We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Kimberly Couret for all of her hard work on this amazing business plan.

Classified Ads

Family Nurse Practitioner for Spokane

A new solo Family Practice in Spokane, Washington is looking for a Family Nurse Practitioner to oversee the clinic opening & ongoing operation. No physician on-site. Candidates must have 3+ yrs of experience as a FNP in a primary care setting, a Masters Degree, and prescribing privileges/DEA#. The successful candidate will enjoy spending some time with clinic marketing and administration, as well as providing high

quality patient care. Full time, M-F. Competitive salary & benefits package.

Fax, email, or mail resume to: Maddy Wiley, ARNP, FamilyCare of Kent, 10024 SE 240th Pl SE, Suite 201, Kent, WA 98031, Fax: 253.850.8894 Email: mwiley@nurse.net.

Neurology NP Needed

A nurse practitioner interested in developing a career in neurology is needed 20 to 40 hours a week in North Seattle. Completely flexible scheduling available. Beautiful facility. No neuro experience necessary. Helpful experience could include: 1) Assessment of acute and sub-acute needs in job and auto injuries and 2) Experience prescribing medications for pain management (non-narcotic) and/or depression. Fax resume: 206-526-2334

ARNP for Asst Dir of Clinician Services NPs/CNMs - PT

Planned Parenthood of Western Washington has built a reputation for the highest standards in reproductive healthcare, and is now recruiting for candidates that share our pursuit of perfection and professionalism.

We have a new ARNP oppty for an Asst Dir of Clinician Services to assist the Dir of Clinician Services in monitoring clinician productivity, coaching/ consultation for prof clinic staff; devel/implementation of QI programs, hire/eval of staff; initiating and participating in research studies. Time will be split between patient care and administrative tasks. Must have current WA State RN & ARNP (WHNP, FNP, Adult NP, or CNM) licenses, prescriptive authority, & 3-4 years exp as a practitioner in primary health care w/emphasis on women's health care. Demonstrates leadership skills in professional activities.

We are currently recruiting for experienced Clinicians to work per diem & Float in the Greater Seattle area! Position requires current WA State RN & ARNP (WHNP, FNP, Adult NP, or CNM) licenses, & 1+ yr women's health care exp. Prescriptive auth a plus.

To apply, fax your cover letter/resume to (206) 328-6818; email jobs@ppww.org, or mail to PPWW/HR, 2001 E. Madison, Seattle, WA 98122. JOBLINE: 1-866-PPWW-JOB. PPWW offers a solid benefit package. EOE. www.ppww.org.

Continuing Education Announcements

Using Your Palm Pilot and Other PDAs Class Schedule:

Saturday January 12th 8:30-12:30

Thursday January 17th or 24th 1:30-5:30

Friday January 18th or 25th 8:30-12:30

NP Central in Kent, WA is offering 4-hour classes for new and experienced owners of PDAs. Classes contain both the basics of using your handheld computer and how to use your PDA to enhance your clinical practice.

Registration fees are \$99 per person and may be charged on our website www.nurse.net.

You may also phone your registration to 800.467.7701

Gift Certificates for classes available - Check our website for

Secret NP Society

Dedicated to hiding nurse practitioners from consumers

Greetings:

As chairman of our society I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your membership. As you are undoubtedly aware patients who get the chance to see a nurse practitioner generally prefer their care to that of traditional “assembly line” medicine. The article “**Patient Power: ‘Above and Beyond Just Doctoring’**” in the November 5, 2001 issue of *Newsweek* was a case in point. Fortunately for us, the article did not make it easy for consumers to find a nurse practitioner for their care.

Thus far nurse practitioners have rarely advertised and have been invisible. According to Dr. Keep M. Secret “NPs need to be discouraged from advertising and telling consumers where they are at all costs!” “If the word gets out about NPs there will be a dramatic shift in care favoring their practices!”

Continued vigilance is necessary to quietly, but firmly, control nurse practitioners and keep them from being listed in the phone book, in insurance directories, and at all costs they must be kept from getting listed on the Internet. **Particularly problematic is the new National Nurse Practitioner Directory at www.npclinics.com where consumers can easily locate a nurse practitioner for care.** So far, we are winning the battle with less than one percent of NPs in the United States participating. However, if this number creeps up, consumers will have their choice of nurse practitioners.

Some nurse practitioners are even choosing to have their own web sites at www.npclinics.com/theirname. When this occurs there is more information available to patients and it is even easier to locate the nurse practitioner’s practice. Always keep in mind that once a patient sees a nurse practitioner they are no longer satisfied with traditional practice styles. This will impact our profits if patients expect us to actually spend time with them and listen to their concerns.

We must continue to keep nurse practitioners the best kept secret in health care. Your firm but subtle guidance away from advertising in the phone book, on-line in the National Nurse Practitioner Directory, in practice brochures and web sites, in the paper and in insurance directories is needed now more than ever. If we can keep the few uppity NPs from convincing the rest that they should come out of hiding we can maintain our status quo.

Fortunately NPs do not realize the power and influence they would have if they were easily found. My friend, we must continue to keep them in the dark! If you should have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

D. O. Nottell
Chairman

**Don’t listen to D.O. Nottell! Come out of hiding.
Fill out the application on the reverse side.
Join the ranks of NPs that consumers can find!
It’s also a great Holiday Gift for a friend.**

Working tirelessly to keep NPs hidden from consumers

Professional and Practice Information: Please enter information exactly as you would like it to appear. **Bold** items are required.

Name & Credentials: _____

First, middle and last names, highest degree, licensure, and then other. (MSN NP FAAN). 15 characters are allowed for credentials.

Nickname: _____

If you like to use a nickname you can include it here. It will display after your formal name. For example: Robert T. Smithing, MSN NP "Bob"

Type of NP program: _____ **Year Graduated:** _____ **Degree Granted:** _____
Adult, Family, Pediatric, etc From NP Program By NP Program

Highest Earned Degree: _____ **Gender:** Female Male

Certified Specialty: _____ **Certifying Body:** _____

Practice Name: _____

Practice Address: _____
This is the address you give to your clients when they want to come and see you.

Postal Address: _____
Use this only if your mailing address is different from the above address. E.g., P.O. Box 123.

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Practice Specialty: _____ Primary Care Specialty Care

Email: _____
Required so directory administrator can reach you. Will not be released to consumers unless you want it released.

Practice web address: _____

Professional Status Information: This information will not be released to consumers. It will be used to help identify and correct duplicate entries, to resolve other administrative issues, and selectively for research.

Prior Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Practice Status: Active Student Not Practicing as NP Looking for NP Position

Can you prescribe medications: Yes Yes, using formulary No

Mail Preferences: Select as many as you desire. Occasional mailings occur. We don't want to send anything you don't want.

- No restrictions at this time Do **not** send CE information Do **not** send Product information
 Do **not** send Employment information Do **not** send Legislative info Do **not** send NP organization info
 At this time I am **not** interested in receiving any professional information

User Name and Password: Pick a User Name and Password so that you can come back and update your information at anytime. You can log-in at www.npclinics.com. If you forget your password it can be emailed to the email address you listed.

User Name: _____ **Password:** _____
6-15 characters in length, case counts.

Payment Information: I've enclosed a check for \$25.00 payable to NPSS (Nurse Practitioner Support Services)
Please charge \$25.00 to MasterCard VISA
Your credit card statement will list NPSS Internet Wizards as the vendor

Cardholder Name: _____

Card Number: _____ **Expiration Date:** _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Send or fax the completed form to the address below or complete it on-line at www.npclinics.com

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Greetings:

First, if you are a *current member* of ARNPs United of Washington State, thank you for your support. There is a membership application on the reverse side of this letter. Instead of recycling this application, **give it to someone who is not yet a member** of our organization.

If you are *not a member* of ARNPs United of Washington State then it is time for you to join and support your continued freedom to practice as an ARNP.

The Washington State Medical Association does not want you to join ARNPs United of Washington. In fact, a former WSMA president would like to see most ARNPs join the Medical Association. On page 4 of the July 27, 2001 WSMA Membership Memo he endorsed membership for ARNPs, well not all ARNPs just "*physician-sponsored ARNPs*" he would "*...exclude the 'physician wannabees' and embrace the majority of ARNPs...*" He singles out ARNPs United of Washington for special mention: "*The ARNP organization, representing what I believe to be a radical fringe, has taken antagonistic stances and has forced us to spend valuable time and resources bickering over scope of practice issues.*"

This "*radical fringe*" working on behalf of ARNPs is proud of the fact that **through our efforts Washington State ARNPs can write prescriptions for narcotics and other medications in schedules II-IV.** This was a win for our patients. **Our ability to sign Death Certificates, and to have ARNP prescriptions accepted by the schools was a direct result of the work done by ARNPs United of Washington,** and it never would have happened without the broad-based membership from *ARNPs throughout Washington.*

Part of the membership dues goes directly to support our professional lobbyist. Having a lobbyist in Olympia has been one of our most successful endeavors to promote independence of Nurse Practitioners and to address statewide clinical practice issues.

Membership will require very little on your part. **You can involve yourself, as much as you wish,** but essentially you are lending your name and voice to a movement that is critical to Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners.

Please take just a moment now while my invitation is before you to become a member today. Fill out the enclosed membership form and mail it back to ARNPs United of Washington State. Let me restate the fact that we need your act of membership to build upon our past successes and continue our momentum for the future.

I look forward to welcoming you as a member of *ARNPs United of Washington State.*

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert T. Smithing, MSN, ARNP
Founding President, of the "*Radical Fringe*"

Join ARNPs United Of Washington State Today! Working Hard For You

Successes

Three bills passed in the 2000 Legislative session:

- Completion of Prescriptive Authority Bill
- Authority to sign Death certificates
- ARNP prescriptions accepted by school nurses

Current Legislative Agenda

- L&I Independent Medical Examination
- Authority to complete written documentation for Guardian-ad-Litem
- Regulatory changes regarding signing off Metro passes, misc. licenses

Action plan

- Participate in legislative process designed to remove barrier to ARNP practice.
- Coordinate activities and efforts among ARNPs and across specialty groups.
- Implement and integrate e-mail communication systems among ARNPs in Washington State.
- Hold annual Clinician Symposium to address ARNP clinic practice issues.
- Act as a liaison for ARNPs to the Washington State Nurses Association, other disciplines and community groups.

Membership Benefits

- Our own professional lobbyist working on legislation that affects and benefits you.
- Affiliate member of ACNP (American College of Nurse Practitioners).
- Up to date, and informative monthly newsletter *ARNP Care*.
- ARNPs United of Washington State active web site.
- Central office for information exchange.
- Everyone invited to become actively involved in ARNPs United of Washington State leadership positions and Legislative Committee.

I am interested in joining ARNPs United of Washington State

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Practice Specialty: _____

Email: _____ Send ARNP Care to me by email

Please check all that apply:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life time Membership \$1000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership \$150 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Membership \$100 per year
(Reduced fee for an active member of another Washington ARNP professional organization) | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Membership \$50 per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donation for ARNPs United | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure contact me with more information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Can not join at this time | |

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other class opportunities. Group discounts for 10 or more students also available. A 48-hour notice of cancellation required for refunds

Getting or Giving A Palm Pilot or Other PDA This Holiday Season? Then This Class is for You.

Nurse Legislative Day

Monday January 28, 2002. This is the 20th Annual Nurse Legis-lative day sponsored by the Washington State Nurses Association. For additional information contact WSNA at 206.575.7979 or on the web at www.wsna.org.

Ad Information

Copy deadline is the second Tuesday of the month prior to publication. Ads may be accepted later than this on a space-available basis. Position Available Ads & Continuing Education Announcements of less than 66 words are \$45, of 66 to 130 words are \$75, and greater than 130 words are \$105. Position Available Ads are priced per insertion. Continuing Education Announcements are per offering for up to three (3) consecutive insertions. New Product Announcements per product for one insertion of 130 words or less are \$75. Ad Inserts are \$540 for one issue. All ads are subject to space limitations and editing. Call for detailed rate information. Mail copy to *ARNP Care*, 10024 SE 240th St, #102, Kent, WA 98031. Phone 253.852.9042. Fax 253.480.0002. Email care@nurse.net

Healthy Humor

Q: What type of coffee was served on the Titanic?
A: Sanka.

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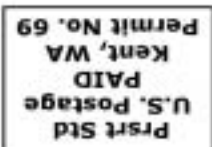
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