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Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation (NPHF) Announces Procter & Gamble Scholarship Program

The Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation today announced the inauguration of the "NPHF/Procter and Gamble Endowed Scholarship Program". This program will provide two \$1,000 awards for the 2006-2007 academic year for nurse practitioner students engaged in significant leadership endeavors or in clinical or research activities in gastroenterology.

The Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation is an IRS 501 (c)(3) organization established in 2004 by a volunteer board of nurse practitioner leaders and corporate professionals as an independent organization. NPHF's mission is to improve health status and quality of care through nurse practitioner innovations in education, research, health policy, service, and philanthropy. Additional information about the NPHF may be found on our website at www.nphealthcarefoundation.org.

Award and Criteria: Applications are now being accepted for the first NPHF/Procter & Gamble scholarships.

The 2006 **NPHF/Procter and Gamble Endowed Scholarships** will provide one \$1000 award in each of two categories: Leadership and Gastroenterology. The award in Leadership will be made to an NP student who has made a significant, positive leadership contribution on campus, in the community, or in patient care while in the pursuit of an advanced degree. The award in Gastroenterology will be given to a NP student whose clinical and/or research interests are in the field of gastroenterology. Scholarships will be awarded to students on the basis of information provided on the official application form (see below) and the NPHF scholarship selection committee will make selection.

Eligibility and Submission Process: To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled and in good standing in a US nationally accredited NP program. Applicants may not be family members of the Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation staff or its board of trustees, or be an employee or relative of a Procter & Gamble employee.

Applicants may download the scholarship application from www.nphealthcarefoundation.org. Applicants will also be required to submit an essay of 350 words describing how they will use the scholarship to help advance their skills in NP leadership, or how the scholarship will help them in the field of gastroenterology.

Applications are now being accepted for the first Procter & Gamble scholarships. They must be postmarked by

June 1, 2006. CONTACT: Fiona Shannon 360.297.1274 or e-mail: Fiona@nphealthcarefoundation.org

Atypical Medication Review to Continue In June

On April 19, 2006, the Washington State Health Care Authority Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee began reviewing the atypical antipsychotics for the state's preferred drug list (PDL). The committee heard a report from OHSU's Evidence-based Practice Center. The report took a look at clinical research and data for on-label usages of the atypicals. The committee also took input from key stakeholders that included concerned nurse practitioners, consumers who could be affected by the decisions of the committee and an Eastern Washington psychiatrist. Manufacturers of the different atypical antipsychotics presented testimony as well.

The committee did not make any decisions on what drugs should be on the list. It will continue the discussion at its meeting on June 21, 2006. At that time, the committee will also be considering off-label uses of the atypicals. The location of the meeting is still to be determined.

Stakeholders will once again have an opportunity to make their case to protect open access to this class of medications. You can attend the meeting in person (check to get the location) or you can write to the P & T Committee. Address your letters of concern to: Dr. Daniel Lessler, Chair – Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee and/or Duane Thurman, Director of Prescription Drug Programs, PO Box 91132, Seattle, WA 98111. Get involved in the fight to keep open access to these life saving.

Help To Protect Your ARNP Practice Urge Your U.S. Senators to Oppose S. 1955

Urge your U.S. Senators to oppose S. 1955, a bill that would take away the states' autonomy to regulate health insurance, and would thwart years of state efforts to make sure that consumers have adequate health care coverage. ANA is deeply concerned about the impact of S 1955 on APRN practice, patient access to primary and preventative care, and the cost of insurance for those most in need. A vote is expected in early May. Get more information and contact your Senators... www.nursingworld.org/news/ananeews.htm#S1955 Here is the message to send to your Senators: I am writing to urge your opposition to the Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act of 2005 (S. 1955). Although the bill is intended to help workers in small businesses get health insurance, in reality it would do more harm than good by endangering the

quality of health care for the 68 million Americans in state-regulated group health plans and 16.5 million with individual coverage. S. 1955 would take away the states' autonomy to regulate health insurance. The bill preempts state insurance rating rules, as well as vital state benefit, service and provider laws that states have enacted to ensure that consumers have adequate health coverage. Moreover, S. 1955 would preempt state insurance laws, not just in the small group market (as is done by Association Health Plan legislation), but also in the individual and large group markets. S. 1955 would thwart years of state efforts to make sure that consumers have adequate health coverage. Under S. 1955, insurance companies, instead of state-elected legislators, would now decide the benefits that consumers should have when they purchase health care. States would have no recourse to protect their own residents and react to state specific needs, and they would lose their incentives to enact laws in the future and be laboratories for healthcare innovation. As I Registered Nurse, I believe firmly in the importance of expanding access to health insurance, but I also believe firmly that this coverage must be meaningful. S. 1955 places access to primary and preventative health care at risk, would result in higher insurance costs for those most in need of care, and offers no evidence that it will lead to more affordable coverage or increase the number of Americans with adequate health insurance. I strongly urge you to oppose this legislation.

Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be conducted on April 25, 2006 at 9:00 AM on a proposed amendment to WAC 246-08-400, allowable fees for searching and duplicating medical records. The purpose of the proposal is to correct the statutory authority referenced from RCW 70.02.020 (12) to 70.02.010 (14) to alleviate confusion. The subsection number was changed by ESSB 5158, during the 2005 session. You may view details about the hearing and proposed rule and make comments at the following link: <http://www3.doh.wa.gov/policyreview/>.

Medicare to Stop Mailing Standard Paper

Beginning June 1, 2006, the Standard Paper Remittance Advice (SPR) received through the mail will no longer be available to providers/suppliers who also receive an Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA), whether the ERA is received directly or through a billing agent, clearinghouse, or other entity representing a provider/supplier. In response to the provider/supplier communities continued need for SPRs, CMS has developed free software called Medicare Remit Easy Print (MREP) that gives providers/suppliers a tool to read and print a remittance advice (RA) from the HIPAA compli-

ant Health Care Claim Payment/Advice (835) file. The MREP software was designed to incorporate new functionality to save providers/suppliers time and money. The paper output generated by MREP is similar to the SPR format. The CMS has worked with other payers to insure their acceptance of the SPR generated by the MREP software for Coordination of Benefit claim submission. Additionally, CMS has worked with clearinghouses to assure similar software is available to read and print an ERA for those providers/suppliers that utilize clearinghouse services.

CMS encourages providers/suppliers currently receiving the ERA, who don't use software to read and print RAs from these files, to begin using MREP or other similar software before the June 1st cutoff. Please go to your Medicare carrier or DMERC's website for further information regarding MREP software. We appreciate your continued cooperation as the Medicare program moves toward a more electronic environment.

For more information, click on the Medicare Learning Network (MLN) Matters article at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4376.pdf>

Classified Ads

Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant - Certified

Full-time opening for a nurse practitioner or physician assistant to work at multiple urgent care centers with a primary home base 70% of the time in Covington, WA. Primary responsibility is to provide quality healthcare to patients of all ages. Flexibility in work location required. Experience in urgent care and family practice is preferred. Candidates must be, or qualified for licensure & certification in Washington State a PA or NP. Competitive salary, flexible shift work and comprehensive benefit package. Please email your CV to MultiCare Health System Provider Services at providerservices@multicare.org or fax your CV to 866.264.2818. Please refer to opportunity #393. Website: www.multicare.org. "MultiCare Health System is a drug free workplace"

Adult Psychiatric ARNP - Burien, WA

Seeking adult psychiatric ARNP with an interest in geriatrics to join a collaborative practice. This opportunity includes both an inpatient and outpatient practice. Competitive salary and benefits. Located just 20 minutes from downtown Seattle. Please email CV to gumma@HighlineMedical.org or fax to 206.242.4625.

MultiCare MultiCare Health System - Tacoma, WA Clinical Nurse Specialists

Full-time opportunities for CNS positions are currently available. The CNS is responsible for providing consultation, education, research and administration for the management of patients and staff in his/her area of clinical practice. We are currently accepting applications for the Emergency Department, the Neonatal ICU and Orthopedics. Requirements for this position include a current Washington State RN license, MSN and five years of relevant clinical experience. Visit us and apply online at www.multicarejobs.org or contact Sandi Squires at sandi.squires@multicare.org, 253.403.1176 and Pat Terenzi at pat.terenzi@multicare.org, 253.403.4862. EOE.

Internal Medicine Practice – Kingston, WA

Internal Medicine Practice in Kingston, WA has immediate opening for full-time ARNP with at least 2 years experience providing care to adult and elderly. Position includes the clinic setting as well as Skilled Nursing Facilities. WA licensure required. Send CV to Kingston Medical, PO Box 1114, Kingston, WA 98346 or contact Donald Sharman MD at 360.731.1800.

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Pediatric Emergency Department ARNP

Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle is seeking 2 Nurse Practitioners – either new ARNPs with strong clinical pediatric RN backgrounds or very experienced PNPs – to establish a new ARNP role in the Emergency Department. Provide direct clinical.

8-Year ARNP Private Practice For Sale

Established Primary Care practice in the East Valley of Spokane, WA is for sale. If you are an entrepreneur with the desire to provide "Health care like it used to be" this is a great opportunity for you. My patients are working on changing their lifestyles to enhance their health and prevent disease. Body, mind and spirit are respected and cared for here. All insurance companies are gladly paying me to take good care of their subscribers. Life is good here, the pace is slower, the people in the community know you are "The Nurse Practitioner", and being a part of their lives is meaningful to them and you. I am ready to spend a year transitioning with a new provider here at Greenacres Health Care Center. Is this the opportunity you have been waiting for? If so, call me in the evening at 509.255.5210 or e-mail at chrisamuth@aol.com.

NP/CNMA/PA-Cs**You may be eligible for a sign-on bonus!**

Ever wonder why Planned Parenthood Western WA runs so many ads for NPs???

- We are the LARGEST employer of NPs in Washington State
- Our practice is built on NPs
- In the last 5 years, we have added 7 new clinics & expanded service in all 24
- We have promoted our most exp'd NPs to help train those we've just hired

Come be part of an organization that respects the role of NPs in providing the highest quality care to patients in Western Washington! We are currently hiring for:

- per diem Saturdays
- PT Longview (.2)
- PT & FT Federal Way (.4 & 1 FTE)
- PT & FT Floats to work in the Federal Way to Centralia corridor (5 clinic max).

Candidates must have a WA State ARNP/FNP/WHNP/CNM w/presc authority, current cert & CPR card. Prior women's h/c exp a +. Bilingual Spanish skills a +. To apply, submit your cover ltr/resume to Emailjobs@ppww.org; Fax 206.328.6818; or Mail to PPWW/HR, 2001

E Madison, Seattle, WA, 98122. PPWW offers a solid benefit pkg. www.ppww.org. EOE.

Adult ARNP

Seeking Adult ARNP for busy out-patient practice opportunity in Burien, WA. Work with patient's musculoskeletal ailments, some general Internal Medicine and participate in exciting clinical research programs. Intellectually stimulating environment. For more information, send cover letter and CV to gmumma@HighlineMedical.org or Fax to 206.242.4625.

**Pain Consultants of Washington, PLLC
is looking for Nurse Practitioner**

We are a sole practitioner practice specializing in Interventional Pain Management, located on the Eastside. Our physician is board certified in Anesthesiology and pain Management. He has practiced in the area for over ten years, has a stellar reputation and is highly skilled in his profession. He is extremely pleasant and easy to work with. Qualifications and Requirements: This is an exciting opportunity for the right candidate. The area of Interventional Pain Management is extremely underserved. This is an opportunity to enter a specialty that is growing immensely and to develop valuable skills. The candidate will receive the necessary training to perform some of the duties below. The right candidate must be a self-starter, has good bedside manner and a compassionate person with excellent people skills. The candidate must also be teachable, a team player with experience working directly with patients and able to handle challenging patients. Description of responsibilities and duties: The individual selected will be responsible for, but not limited to, the following: Initial office visits, including history and physical exams; Follow-up visits; Trigger point Injections; Pump Refills (Intrathecal drug delivery system); Pump Reprogramming; Stimulator Programming; Prescription Refills; Patient Education; "On Call" coverage while doctor is out of town; Some Practice marketing; Some administrative and supervisory duties. Please email your CV to Bnelson@painconsultantswa.com.

Want to Own Your Own Clinic?

Interested in owning a unique clinic that is the wave of the future? We are looking for the right ARNP, someone who is energetic, mission minded and has > 2yrs experience that would be interested in purchasing/taking over The Mobile Medical Clinic in Spokane. Traci Pelchat ARNP/Owner is moving to New York for husband's career. The clinic is growing rapidly and is the only Mobile Family practice (sees patients in their homes) in eastern WA. Currently there is, 1 MD, 2 part time NPs, 1 MA and 3 office staff. There are approximately 550 patients currently getting services. It is a true blessing for the underserved. If you have a passion for serving underprivileged people and want to run a unique type of Family practice call 216.6804 or 468.2543 or email at tmpelchat@hotmail.com

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 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 of less than 65 words are \$70, of 66 to 130 words are \$105, or 131 words or greater are \$130. 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 \$550 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 253.852.7725. Email care@nurse.net.

Healthy Humor

Get Well Quick - Humor Alert!

A motorcycle patrolman was rushed to the hospital with an inflamed appendix. The doctors operated and advised him that all was well. However, the patrolman kept feeling something pulling at the hairs on his chest. Worried that it might be a second surgery the doctors hadn't told him about, he finally got the energy to pull his hospital gown down enough so he could look at what was making him so uncomfortable. Taped firmly across his hairy chest were three wide strips of adhesive tape, the kind that doesn't come off easily. Written in large black letters was the sentence. "Get well quick... from the nurse you gave a ticket to last week."

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