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The Role of Advanced Practices Nursing in Patient Care

The role of advanced practice nurses (APNs) with post baccalaureate graduate education in providing high quality patient care is increasingly recognized around the world. In the context of an aging population, technological advances, and highly specialized patient care, it is vital for nurses to be prepared for an advanced role with greater scope of practice and complexity. In many countries, the role of advanced practice nursing is well established while in others it is still developing. While some countries have adopted the American model of APN, other countries have developed its own path in establishing the role of advanced practice nursing based on specific legislative and local requirements.

This presentation will allow an audience to take a brief glance at the author's personal journey into the role of a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner and learn about:

- APN background
- APN educational preparation and educational requirements for APN in different countries
- APN scope of practice

- APN specialties
- Comparison of the APN role in different countries
- Comparison of the care provided by APNs and physicians
- Future of APN.

Speaker Biography

Aksana Waskosky has practiced as a neonatal nurse since 2007. She completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Texas at Austin and received her Neonatal Nurse Practitioner and Master's in Science of Nursing from the University of South Alabama. In 2013, she graduated with a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of South Alabama and accepted a neonatal nurse practitioner position at University of Indiana where she still has been practicing as an NNP. She started teaching at the University of Indianapolis in 2016, and, currently, is a track coordinator of NNP program and a full-time graduate faculty at the University of Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. Waskosky has been published in the "Neonatal Network" journal, and, along with her colleagues, wrote a chapter in a Neonatal Pathophysiology for Advanced Practice Nurses textbook. She is passionate about her little patients and her students. She also loves to ice-skate, cook, and travel.

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