

Advanced Practice Nurses: Caring Cradle to Grave



ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES OF THE OZARKS

November 13th, 14th & 15th 2025
The Hilton Branson Convention Center
200 E Main Street Branson, Missouri

Virtual Option Available

OBJECTIVES AND TARGET AUDIENCE

Conference Objectives:

- Discuss selected clinical practice topics
- Network with other healthcare professionals
- Explore diverse professional issues

The conference is targeted for advanced practice nurses and current APRN students. PA's are welcome to join as well. Participants are encouraged to combine business with pleasure in the scenic Ozark Mountains of Branson, Missouri.

ACCREDITATION

Advanced Practice Nurses of the Ozarks is an approved provider of nurse practitioner continuing education by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. AANP Provider Number 16082257. This activity has been approved for a maximum of 15.75 contact hours of continuing education (which includes a maximum of 7.75 hours of pharmacology).



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This activity was planned in accordance with
AANP Accreditation Standards and Policies.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Deadlines

Registrations will be accepted online through 11/1/2025,, **but may close early if the conference reaches capacity.** Onsite registrations will be open on Thursday, 11/13/2025 beginning at 7:15 a.m., **as space permits** per on-site rates listed below. Updates on registration will be posted to the APNO Facebook page. Virtual attendees may register up until the virtual portion begins.

Payment

Full payment of registration fee is required to reserve a spot at the conference and any optional workshops. Payments are accepted online only via VISA, MasterCard, or Discover credit or debit cards. American Express cards are **NOT** accepted. No check or cash payments are accepted. The registration fee covers the full conference, no discounts will be given for partial attendance. **Registrations without full payment will be held in incomplete status for 7 days only.** Incomplete registrants will have the option to log back in to the registration and complete payment later, but if full payment isn't received within 7 days, the registration will be deleted. **Failure to make**

full payment within the 7 days will result in forfeiture of any session reservations, including spots in the limited workshops. Registrations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

You will receive a confirmation notice by email immediately after registration. If you have questions regarding the conference or your registration, please visit our website at www.apno.enpnetwork.com or e-mail **417APNO@gmail.com** . You may print your confirmation and/or receipt directly from your attendee portal. It is important to use the same email address you used to register when accessing your portal at a later date.

Infants and children **may not attend** conference educational sessions. Only paid registrants may attend conference sessions. Payment of an additional guest fee will allow guests to participate in all meals and breaks. No partial guest fees will be allowed.

Change in Registration to Virtual or In-Person

Once you have completed your registration if you need to change your registration to either virtual or in-person there will be a **\$50 administration fee for this.**

Employer Payment of Registration Fees

There are two options for those attendees who plan to have an employer pay for the registration:

- 1) Enter payment with a company credit/debit card within 7 days of the initial registration, or
- 2) Pay with a personal credit/debit card and request reimbursement directly to yourself from your employer. Check payments from employers are not accepted.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Make room reservations by calling The Hilton Branson Convention Center at 417-243-3419. Let them know you are with APNO. You may also make your reservation online using the following link [Room Reservation](#). **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY AS WE WILL SELL OUT!**

Contracted room rate \$182 (excluding suites and condos)

For information on Branson entertainment, call the
Branson Chamber of Commerce/Convention Visitor's Bureau at 417-334-4084.

PARKING

A fee of \$10 per day will be charged for parking in the garage. In order to have the parking fee charged to your account you will need to check in FIRST. Valet parking is available as well.

CANCELLATION POLICY

A full refund of the registration fee, less a \$150 administrative fee, will be granted **ONLY** if the following conditions are met:

- Cancellation request is made in writing, mailed to the following address or email at 417APNO@gmail.com
or
APNO
PO Box 14308
Springfield, MO 65814
- Cancellation request is **postmarked** by Oct 1, 2025.

Cancellations will be issued via the card on file unless a check is requested. If a check is requested please expect 6-8 weeks for processing.

There will be ***NO REFUNDS*** issued after October 1, 2025. Participants may contact us at 417APNO@gmail.com to request to have someone come in his/her place if unable to attend after the October 1st deadline.

APNO reserves the right to substitute a qualified speaker or change the conference agenda as needed. APNO reserves the right to cancel this conference and return all registration fees. The liability of APNO is limited to the course fee. APNO will not be responsible for any losses incurred by registrants including, but not limited to, airline cancellation charges or hotel deposits.

PHOTO RELEASE

APNO will take photos of attendees throughout the conference. These photos are for APNO use only and may appear on the APNO website, newsletter, conference brochures, social media outlets, or other future APNO promotional material. This also includes photos uploaded using the APNO conference app. By virtue of your attendance, you agree to usage of your likeness in such media.

CONFERENCE PRICING

Live Conference Attendee

- \$600 pre-registration (through 5/1/2025)
- \$675 after May 1, 2025
- Present a poster to qualify for a \$275 discount!
- \$800 on-site registration fee (subject to availability)
- No discounts will be offered for partial conference attendance or single day registrations

Includes:

- Entrance into **all sessions except** optional Thursday workshops
- Meals:
 - Thursday: light breakfast, lunch, and dinner
 - Friday: hot breakfast buffet, lunch, morning and afternoon breaks, evening networking reception
 - Saturday: hot breakfast buffet, morning break
- Continuing education credits for all sessions attended & evaluated
- Vendor hall admission: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Non-Credit Attendee (For Students or Retired APN's)

- \$350 pre-registration (through 5/1/2025)
- \$425 after 5/1/2025
- Present a poster to qualify for a \$75 discount!
- \$550 on-site registration fee (subject to availability)
- No discounts will be offered for partial conference attendance or single day registrations

Includes:

- Entrance into all sessions except optional Thursday workshops
- Meals:
 - Thursday: light breakfast, lunch, and dinner
 - Friday: hot breakfast buffet, lunch, morning and afternoon breaks, evening networking reception
 - Saturday: hot breakfast buffet, morning break
- No continuing education credit will be awarded
- Vendor hall admission: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Optional Thursday Workshop Sessions

- \$175 per session until session reaches capacity

Includes:

- Entrance into workshop session
- Meals:
 - Thursday: light breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Continuing education credit if attended & evaluated (standard attendees only)

2025 Virtual Option:

- \$500 until 5/1/2025
- \$575 after 5/1/2025
- This option will allow you to complete the conference without travel.
- Your schedule will be preset as listed below.
- Live virtual attendance only. **This is not an enduring activity and sessions are only accessible at the live session times.**
- You will have full access to all handouts.
- Your total Credits will be up to 15.75 including a max of 7.75 pharmacology

Additional Options:

● Guest Meal Pass

- \$200 per additional guest
- May attend all meals and breaks with participant

● Syllabus Options

1. Handouts available for download one week prior to conference
2. Syllabus printed and bound available for purchase for \$100

LIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

All Sessions (except Optional Workshops) are open to all registrants at no additional cost

7:15 am - 6:00 pm Registration open in the conference center lobby

7:30 am - 9:00 am *Light Breakfast*

Optional Morning Workshops (additional registration fee required)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm 2025-004 Workshop A:  Wound Care for the Primary Care Provider

CE Hours: 3.0

Location: Cooper Creek

Pharmacology CE Hours: 0.25

Speaker: Ethan Henderson, F NP-C, CWS

9:00 am - 12:00 pm 2025-005 Workshop B: EKG interpretation

CE Hours: 3.0

Location: Short Creek

Pharmacology CE Hours: 0

Speaker: Dr. Sunthosh Parvathaneni, MD, FACC, FHRS

9:00 am - 12:00 pm 2025-006 Workshop C: Radiology Workshop: Chest and abdominal X-ray Interpretation

CE Hours: 3.0

Location: Taneycomo

Pharmacology CE Hours: 0

Speaker: Dr. Wendy Wright, DNP, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, FNAP

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm *Lunch Buffet and Vendor Displays*

Session 1 - General/Intensive

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm 2025-007  General Session: A Panel Discussion: Palliative vs Hospice Care

CE Hours: 2.5

Location: Taneycomo

Pharmacology CE Hours: 1.0

Speaker: Dr. Andrew Mayo MD, HMDC, Chief Medical Director; Dr. Albert Leonardo, MD; Jessica Boggs, MSN, AGNP, ACHPN

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm *Dinner Buffet and Vendor Displays in Vendor Hall*

Session 2 – Concurrent

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm 2025-008 An Overview of Medical Negligence

CE Hours: 1.0

Location: Cooper Creek

Pharmacology CE Hours: 0

Speaker: Joseph Reid, JD, Partner Kutak-Rock, LLP

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm 2025-009  Insomnia Across the Lifespan

CE Hours: 1.0

Location: Short Creek

Pharmacology CE Hours: 1.0

Speaker: Dr. Wendy Wright, DNP, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, FNAP

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm 2025-010  Polypharmacy: A Practical Approach to Deprescribing

CE Hours: 1.0

Location: Taneycomo

Pharmacology CE Hours: 1.0

Speaker: Dr. Melissa Gains, MD, ACP, AAHPM

LIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

6:45 am - 3:00 pm **Registration open in conference center lobby**
7:00 am - 8:00 am **Hot Breakfast Buffet and Vendor Displays**
8:00 am - 8:15 am **Welcome, Announcements and Scholarship Awards, and Presentation of Flags**

Session 3 - General/Keynote Address

8:15 am - 9:45 am **2025-011  Resistant Hypertension** CE Hours: 1.5
Location: Taneycomo Pharmacology CE Hours: 1.5
Speaker: Dr. Wendy Wright, DNP, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, FNAP

9:45 am – 10:15 am **Break and Vendor Displays**

Session 4 - Concurrent

10:15 am - 11:15 am **2025-012  An Overview of Functional Medicine** CE Hours 1.0
Location: Cooper Creek Pharmacology CE Hours: 0.25
Speaker: Dr. Steven DLoehr, DC, MTAA, SBN, CACCP, MUA, FMS

10:15 am - 11:15 am **2025-013 Legal Issues for Telemedicine** CE Hours: 1.0
Location: Short Creek Pharmacology CE Hours: 0
Speaker: Curtis Garner, JD

10:15 am - 11:15 am **2025-014  Functional Bowel Disorders: Evaluating and Treating IBS, Chronic Constipation, and GERD**
CE Hours: 1.0 Pharmacology CE Hours: 1.0
Location: Taneycomo
Speaker: Dr. Wendy Wright, DNP, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, FNAP

Session 5 - General

11:30 am - 12:30 pm **2025-015  Treatment Updates in Diabetes Mellitus** CE Hours: 1.0
Location: Taneycomo Pharmacology CE Hours: 1.0
Speakers: Nicci St. Clair, PA

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm **Hot Chef-Prepared Lunch Buffet and Vendor Displays**

Session 6 - Concurrent

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **2025-016  Understanding Anxiety: Navigating the Storm Within** CE Hours: 1.0
Location: Cooper Creek Pharmacology CE Hours: 0.50
Speaker: Dr. Cindy Hollis-Keene, DNP, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **2025-017  Emerging Infectious Diseases: A Discussion of New and Upcoming Infections** CE Hours 1.0
Location: Taneycomo Pharmacology CE Hours: 1.0
Speaker: Dr. Wendy Wright, DNP, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, FNAP

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **2025-018  Lipid Management for the Primary Care Provider** CE Hours: 1.0
Location: Short Creek Pharmacology CE Hours: 0.25
Speaker: Tammy Ibanez, RN, NP-C

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Break and Vendor Displays**

LIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE CONTINUED - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

Session 7 - General

3:30 pm - 4:45 pm **2025-019 Caring for the Caregiver**

CE Hours: 1.25

Location: Taneycomo

Pharmacology CE Hours: 0

Speaker: Dr. Amanda Dinsmore, MD, FACEP, DipABOIM, Certified Life Coach

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm **Announcements, Prize Winners in Taneycomo**

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm **Posters and Wine and Cheese Reception**

LIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

7:00 am - 8:00 am **Registration open in conference center lobby**

7:00 am - 8:00 am **Hot Breakfast Buffet and Vendor Displays**

Session 8 - General

8:00 am - 9:15 am **2025-020  Cardiac Testing: Which Test is Best?**

CE Hours: 1.25

Location: Taneycomo

Pharmacology CE Hours: 0.25

Speaker: Dr. Sharad Bansal, MD

Session 9 - Concurrent

9:30 am - 10:30 am **2025-021  Diagnosis and Treatment of Bronchitis vs Pneumonia in the Urgent Care Setting**

Location: Cooper Creek

CE Hours: 1.0

Pharmacology CE Hours: 0.5

Speaker: Jeff Ellis, PA

9:30 am - 10:30 am **2025-022  Understanding Valvular Heart Disease**

Location: Short Creek

CE Hours: 1.0

Pharmacology CE Hours: 0.25

Speaker: Dr. Sharad Bansal, MD

9:30 am - 10:30 am **2025-023  Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Vestibular Syndrome**

Location: Taneycomo

CE Hours: 1.0

Pharmacology CE Hours: 0.25

Speaker: Dr. Mark Van Ess, DO, MHA

10:30 am – 11:00 am **Break and Vendor Displays in Vendor Hall**

11:00 am – 11:05 am **Closing Remarks**

Session 10 - General

11:05 am - 12:20 pm **2025-024  Acute and Chronic OM and Ototoxic Antibiotics**

Location: Taneycomo

CE Hours: 1.25

Pharmacology CE Hours: 0.25

Speaker: Dr. Mark Van Ess, DO, MHA

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Pharmacology CE Hours: 0

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Pharmacology CE Hours: 1.0

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Pharmacology CE Hours: 1.5

Speaker: Dr. Wendy Wright, DNP, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, FNAP

Session 4 - Concurrent

10:15 am - 11:15 am 2025-014v Functional Bowel Disorders: Evaluating and Treating IBS, Chronic Constipation, and GERD

CE Hours: 1.0

Pharmacology CE Hours: 1.0

Speaker: Dr. Wendy Wright, DNP, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, FNAP

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CE Hours: 1.25

Pharmacology CE Hours: 0.25

Speaker: Dr. Sharad Bansal, MD

Session 9 - Concurrent

9:30 am - 10:30 am **2025-023v**  **Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Vestibular Syndrome**

CE Hours: 1.0

Pharmacology CE Hours: 0.25

Speaker: Dr. Mark Van Ess, DO, MHA

11:00 am – 11:05 am **Closing Remarks**

Session 10 - General

11:05 am - 12:20 pm **2025-024v**  **Acute and Chronic OM and Ototoxic Antibiotics**

CE Hours: 1.25

Pharmacology CE Hours: 0.25

Speaker: Dr. Mark Van Ess, DO, MHA