

AANP Historical Timeline

1965*

Dr. Loretta Ford and Dr. Henry Silver develop the first Nurse Practitioner (NP) program at the University of Colorado

1967

Boston College initiates one of the earliest master's programs for NPs

1968

Directed by a nurse and physician team, the Boston-based Bunker Hill/Massachusetts General Nurse Practitioner Program begins

1971

One of the first family NP programs, PRIMEX, opens its doors at the University of Washington

1973

More than 65 NP programs exist in the U.S

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) is established

1974

The American Nurses Association (ANA) develops the Council of Primary Care Nurse Practitioners, helping legitimize the role

The Burlington Randomized Trial Study finds that NPs make appropriate referrals when medical intervention is necessary

1975

The University of Colorado offers its first continuing education symposium for NPs

1978

The Association of Faculties and Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (AFPNP) is established and begins developing PNP curriculum

1980

More than 200 NP programs or tracks are available to students and 15,000-20,000 NPs are practicing

Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education (NPACE) is established

Guidelines for Family Nurse Practitioner Curricular Planning is published after five years of development at the University of New Mexico

1984

A steering committee forms to study the need for an organization representing an estimated 24,000 NPs nationwide

1985

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) is established

AANP initiates development of national NP database

AANP has 100 members at end of first year

1986

AANP begins a concerted effort to affect pertinent national legislation

1987

\$100 million has been spent by the federal government on NP education

AANP conducts member survey regarding NP professional malpractice liability insurance coverage, assisting NPs in reestablishing affordable malpractice insurance

1989

Ninety percent of NP programs are either master's degree granting programs or post-master's degree programs

Publication of the Journal of the AANP begins

The first official AANP National Conference is held in Philadelphia with 158 attendees

AANP moves headquarters from Massachusetts to Texas and hires first part-time paid staff position

AANP releases results of first AANP National NP Sample Survey, collecting data on a range of NP preparation and practice characteristics

1991

The AANP State Awards for NP Excellence is established

1992

AANP actively works with nursing associations such as the Royal College of Nursing UK to develop role of NPs internationally

Barbara J. Safriet writes in the Yale Journal on Regulation supporting the NP role

1993

AANP forms Certification Program as separately incorporated entity

1994

Mundinger publishes "Advanced Practice Nursing – Good Medicine for Physicians" in The New England Journal of Medicine, further supporting facts that NPs are cost-effective and quality primary health care providers

1995

AANP initiates the Corporate Advisory Council (ACAC) to enhance communications and interaction with industry leaders

1998

The AANP Foundation is established as a separately incorporated 501(c)(3) organization and is the first foundation operating to benefit NPs in all specialties

The AANP Foundation Scholarship and Grant program is initiated and makes first awards to AANP members

1999

AANP conducts National NP Sample Survey comparing results reported in 1989 survey

Estimated 60,000 NPs in the U.S.

2010

AANP health policy activities center predominantly on Health Care Reform, CMS regulations, Medicare payment, Appropriations, Medical Home and state and local issues of importance to NPs and their patients

AANP participates at a meeting with White House Office of Health Reform to review the primary care perspective on preventive care, access, coordinated primary care, quality of care, payment and the need to recognize all primary care providers as solutions to the health care crisis

AANP attends President Obama's White House briefing on Health Care Reform legislation

AANP celebrates 25th anniversary

AANP Fellows (FAANP) celebrates 10th anniversary

AANP has 28,000 individual members and 151 groups (as of May 2010)

Estimated 135,000 NPs in the U.S.

2013

On January 1, 2013, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (founded in 1985) and the American College of Nurse Practitioners (founded in 1995) came together to form the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), the largest, full-service national professional membership organization for NPs of all specialties.