



Society of Dermatology Nurse Practitioners

## Why join the Society of Dermatology Nurses Association?

The SDNP is the FIRST dermatology NP organization that was developed for the dermatology NP, by dermatology NPs. All of us have longed for a professional organization that can meet our professional needs in a manner similar to that of the SDPA and the AAD. The SDNP was created to do just that. We recognize the importance and value of our colleagues and partners: dermatology RNs, MAs, LPNs, PAs, physicians and our primary care colleagues. All of our colleagues have other organizations to meet their professional needs: the DNA, SDPA, AAD, and NADNP respectively. The SDNP was created to meet the specific needs of the professional dermatology NP.

### What is our mission?

The mission of the Society of Dermatology Nurse Practitioners (SDNP) is to promote excellence in advanced practice dermatology nursing.

### What is our vision?

The SDNP promotes the highest quality of care in advanced practice dermatology through education, specialty certification, evidence-based clinical practice, and interprofessional research.

### What do we believe in?

The SDNP values:

- the provision of high-quality services to all of our members regardless of age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender orientation, mental abilities or ability to pay for services.
- maintaining honest, transparent, accountable and responsive interactions with stakeholders.
- promoting the highest standards of excellence in Dermatology NP practice, and
- promoting professional collaboration with all dermatology providers, academic and healthcare institutions.

### FAQs

What makes the SDNP unique compared to other dermatology nursing organizations?

- We were created to meet the needs of dermatology NPs. Other organizations have various other member needs, including that of medical assistants, nurses, office staff, physician assistants, physicians and primary care NPs. By focusing on dermatology NPs, we are better able to address their specific needs.

What are some of the things that the SDNP will be able to provide to me as a dermatology NP?

- Dermatology NP leaders that will represent dermatology NP practice at professional venues such as the AAD, SDPA, AANP, DNA and other organizations that influence and impact dermatology NP practice.



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- Provide access to essential practice guidelines and articles of importance
- Provide rapid responses to challenges regarding dermatology NP practice
- Provide webinars providing evidence-based, up-to-date practice updates
- Host an annual symposium providing CME and networking opportunities
- Provide a “home” for dermatology NPs to reach out to their colleagues to seek advice and bring forth practice issues
- Provide dermatology NP content experts on numerous topics including contract negotiating, coding, setting up practice agreements and independent practices, research and developing leadership opportunities.
- Provide volunteer opportunities for dermatology NPs to develop and enhance their professional practice, including serving in positions within the organization, developing speaking and authorship skills and interfacing with industry and professional partners.

Who can become a member of the SDNP?

- **Active Member** (\$135) – *A member with a strong emphasis in dermatology but not certified or main focus of work.*
- **Fellow Active Member** (\$135) – *A member who is a certified DCNP, and practices full or part time.*
- **Student Member** (\$100) - *Member that is in school working towards becoming a DCNP.*
- **Introductory Corporate Member** (\$500) - *Individual member of a company that is in the industry or is a supporter of the industry.*

Will the SDNP have their own meeting?

- Yes. The inaugural SDNP Symposium will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> in Nashville, TN. This is a one-day symposium this year only. Moving forward, we will develop our own meeting that will meet the needs of all dermatology NPs.

Who governs the SDNP?

- There is a board of directors that governs the SDNP and chair several committees. The future board of directors will be determined by annual elections by the membership.
- There are numerous volunteer opportunities open to anyone who wishes to become involved in the organization or influence the focus and priorities of the SDNP.

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