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# Advanced Practice News

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## A Message from our Director of Advanced Practice Providers

I would like to warmly welcome you to the very first edition of the UCI Health Advanced Practice Providers (APP) Program quarterly newsletter. Our aim in producing the newsletter is to keep our APPs informed and engaged. At UCI Health, Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) play an essential role in meeting our shared mission and strategic goals. The newly established UCI Health APP Program promotes patient-centered care, ongoing acceptance and understanding of the APP's role, clinician well-being, APP professional development and achievement, and "top of the license practice." Undoubtedly, COVID-19 has had deleterious effects on the healthcare system and in the lives of Americans. The full extent of the evolving pandemic may not be known for some time but I continue to be encouraged by the strength and tenacity of our APP workforce in the delivery of culturally competent and high-value health care. Your hard work and sacrifices have not gone unnoticed during this critical time and we appreciate all you do. Although, it will take time to adjust to our new normal, I firmly believe we will all get through this together. Please join me in celebrating National PA Week and acknowledging our outstanding PA workforce.

Be safe and stay strong.

Best regards,

*Vasco Deon Kidd*

Vasco Deon Kidd, DHSc, MPH, MS, PA-C

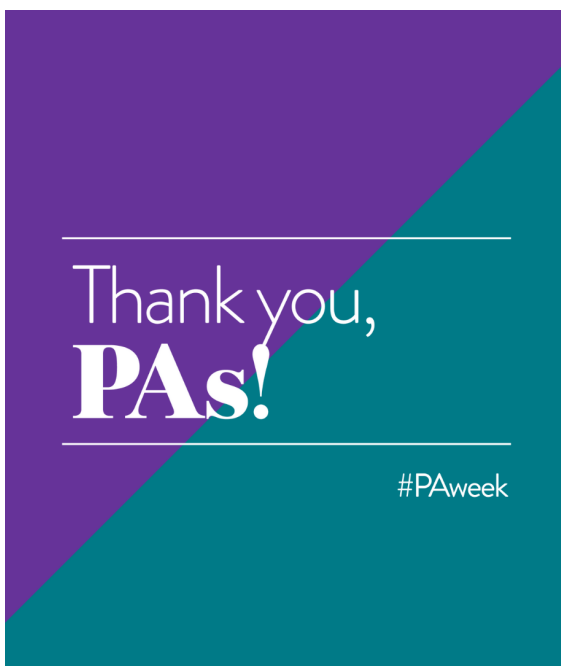
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# News

## Happy National PA Week

The inception of the PA profession occurred on October 6, 1967 with three graduates from Duke University. Over the last 50 years, PAs have become an essential part of the interdisciplinary team and practice in every medical setting and specialty. PAs are well-trained in the medical model and provide extraordinary medical care to millions of patients each year. Given the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19, PAs are posed to respond to the increasing demands on the health care system. PAs are agile, cost-effective, and highly qualified partners that help improve healthcare quality, patient safety and experience.

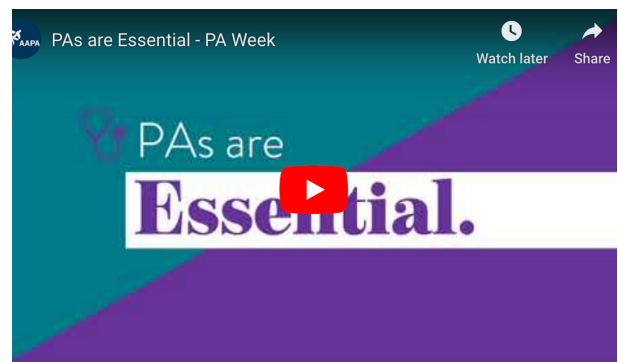


**UCI Health PAs**

With the passage of SB 697 this year, PAs no longer require chart co-signature and medical record review.

Lastly, in response to the evolving pandemic, PAs along with other APPs have demonstrated their tenacity and adaptability by assisting with various enterprise needs and initiatives. Please join us in celebrating National PA Week (Oct 6-12th) at UCI Health.

Special thank you to Janette Villalon, PA-C for her collaboration on this news piece.



## New APPs 2020

We are pleased to welcome the new advanced practice providers to our team in 2020.

### Anesthesiology & Perioperative Care

- Sean A. Bernard, CRNA
- Lisa A. Blakeslee, CRNA
- Maria Criselda M. Bui, CRNA
- Kaitlin Dempsey, CRNA
- Miranda G. Ideal, CRNA
- Hai T. Ly, CRNA
- Jonathan T. McGarrity, CRNA
- Nicholas D. Moore, CRNA
- Cassidy D. Nguyen, NP
- Erika B. Scheier, NP
- Denise G. Tafoya, CRNA
- Kristen M. Yuschak, NP

### Family Medicine

- Brenda L. Flores, NP
- Amanda J. Hall, NP
- Angela H. Jun, NP
- Candice E. Whealon, NP

### Hospitalist Program

- Christina D. Schibler, NP

### Medicine

- Maureen Carr, NP
- Melissa R. Hagadorn, NP
- Anne K. Hainley, NP
- April Y. Liwag, NP
- Kristen A. Neumann, NP
- Chinsuk Kim, NP
- Pedro R. Portes, NP
- Katie D. Tran, NP

### Neurology

- Mia D. Kim, NP

### Otolaryngology

- Shweta G. Gupta, PA

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

The UCI Health Advanced Practice Providers Program aims to be a leader in **patient-centered care, research, and “top of the license practice.”** We believe that when APPs are used to their fullest potential, the entire healthcare system benefits.

## Spotlight on APP Achievements for August/September 2020



The purpose of this section is to recognize any achievements of the APP workforce during the months of August and September 2020. Future newsletters will highlight APP grants and awards, research publications, book chapters, poster presentations, and leadership nominations in your professional associations or at UCI Health. We firmly believe in giving spotlight to our amazing and dedicated APP workforce.

### **Rosy M. Bribiesca, MSN, WHNP-BC**

- **Rosy M. Bribiesca** was awarded the recognition of "Mentor of the year in a specialty setting (OBGYN)." The nomination came from the 2020 Graduating Class of UCI Family Medicine Residents at FHC-Santa Ana.

### **Kimberly Burton, PA-C,**

### **Molly Nunez, MSN, NP,**

### **Mini Thomas, MSN, DNP**

- Theresa L. Chin, MD, MPH, **Kimberly Burton, PA-C, Mini Thomas, MSN, DNP,** Nicole O. Bernal, MD, Bobby Nourani, DO, **Molly Nunez, MSN, NP,** Sheng Li, LAc, OMD, Rachel Rychlock, LAc, MSTCM, Mariko Horie, LAc, DAOM, Shaista Malik, MD, PhD, MPH, Victor C. Joe, MD. (2020). Effects of Acupuncture on Pain on the Burn Service. *Journal of Burn Care and Research*. 41(S1).S86. Link to research: <https://doi.org/10.1093/jbcr/iraa024.131>
- **Mini Thomas, MSN, DNP,** Victor C. Joe, MD, **Molly Nunez, MSN, NP,** Bobby Nourani, DO, Theresa L. Chin, MD, MPH, **Kimberly Burton, PAC,** Rachel Rychlock, LAc, MSTCM, Sheng Li, LAc, OMD, Mariko Horie, LAc, DAOM. (2020). Successful Implementation of Acupuncture for Hospitalized Burn Patients. *Journal of Burn Care and Research*. 41(S1).S239-S240. Link to research: <https://doi.org/10.1093/jbcr/iraa024.381>



## Spotlight on APP Achievements for August/September 2020



### **Nilu Patel, DNAP, CRNA**

- **Nilu Patel** was named President of the California Association of Nurse Anesthetists (CANA), term to begin Oct. 18, 2020.
- Crystal Trinooson and **Nilu Patel**: Fluid Administration, Preoperative Goal-Directed Fluid Therapy, and Electrolyte Disorders. In *Nurse Anesthesia 6th Ed*: Nagelhout, S Elisha. Elsevier, St. Louis, Missouri, 2016.

### **Jeffrey D. Vu, MS, RN, PHN, FNP-BC**

- The Department of Pediatrics named **Jeffrey D. Vu** as the Associate Program Director for the Gender Diversity Program.

### **Vasco Deon Kidd, DHSc, MPH, MS, PA-C**

- Niazi, F., Ong, K. L., **Kidd, V. D.**, Lau, E., Kurtz, S. M., Dysart, S. H., & Malanga, G. (2020). Decrease in opioid and intra-articular corticosteroid burden after intra-articular hyaluronic acid for knee osteoarthritis treatment. *Pain management*, 10.2217/pmt-2020-0057. Advance online publication. PMID: 32893726. Link to publication: <https://doi.org/10.2217/pmt-2020-0057>
- Malanga, G; Niazi, F; **Kidd, V.D.**, Lau, E., Kurtz, S., Ong, K, Concoff, A. Knee Osteoarthritis Treatment Costs in the Medicare Patient Population. *American Health & Drug Benefits*. September 2020 | Vol 13, No 4. PMID: Forthcoming. Link to publication: <http://www.ahdbonline.com/issues/2020/september-2020-vol-13-no-4/3059-knee-osteoarthritis-treatment-costs-in-the-medicare-patient-population>
- **Kidd V. D.** (2020). Redeployment of Orthopaedic Advanced Practice Providers at Academic Medical Centers During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Orthopedic nursing*, 39(4), 215–217. PMID: 32665477. Link to publication: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7377649/>
- **Kidd, VD.** (2020). Contributor of the cases. In Wijesinghe, S. 101 *Primary care case studies*. A workbook for clinical and bedside skills. New York: Springer Publishing Company.

## Karen Sommers Retirement



**Karen Sommers and her husband**

Karen Sommers, ANP, has retired from her position as an NP supervisor for the Hematology Oncology division. Karen has worked for the past 20 years within the Hematology/Oncology Division.

When she first started at UCI in 2000, she was the only Nurse Practitioner within the division, and her early years at UCI helped to define and develop the NP role within the division. Since then, she has built a team of Nurse Practitioners that has benefited from her expertise and experience.

Awards and honors include:

The C. Ronald Koons, M.D. Humanitarian Award, UCI Associates and Grant Award and the Michael Hudson Award for Patient Care. Karen has also published in two Oncology journals.

Karen will miss her UCI family and colleagues. She will spend her days with her husband on a beautiful beach in Florida.

She will be missed but never forgotten. We wish Karen a fun and happy retirement!

## Advanced Practice Council

## The Brain



We are pleased to welcome our new and existing Advanced Practice Council members. The Advanced Practice Council (APC) is an opportunity for APPs to be professionally involved in generating new ideas, expanding the role of advanced practice, and participating in quality improvement initiatives that result in positive patient outcomes. The APC meets the second Monday of each month.

### APC Council Members

- Michael Marino, CRNA (Chair)
- Nicole Vidal, NP (Co-Chair)
- Catherine Taosuvanna, PA (Secretary)
- Steven Bereta, NP
- Arielle Bivas, NP
- Richard Bruce, PA
- Nisa Darian, NP
- Brenda Lee Flores, NP
- Janette Villalon, PA
- Cheryl Hoyme, NP
- Kristen Ko, NP
- Joon Myung, NP
- Nilu Patel, CRNA
- Gina Serrano, NP
- Christen Hebl, CRNA
- Vasco Deon Kidd, PA (Facilitator)



# Events

## Call for “Grand Round” Speakers

The UCI Health Advanced Practice Providers (APP) Program is excited to announce the launch of our Grand Rounds presentations.

We're in the process of compiling a list of potential speakers. If you are interested in giving a presentation on a clinical topic, public health initiative, or legislative update, please reach out to **Nicole Vidal, NP** at [nvidal1@uci.edu](mailto:nvidal1@uci.edu) for further details.



In the future, the APP Program will work with the CME Office to assess whether any of the Grand Rounds presentations are eligible for CME.



UCI School of Nursing faculty nurse practitioners

