

Editor-in-chief's message



Dear Colleagues,

I hope the start of 2018 has been a good one for everyone. I imagine that all of you, like me, are looking forward to spring; it is just around the corner!

For now, though, I want to look back at 2017 to celebrate what we have accomplished for the journal, as well as recognize the many individuals who helped us have an excellent year. I'll start off by announcing the winners of our **Women's Healthcare 2017 Favorite Article Contest:**



Feature articles

- **First place:** Treatment of a Bartholin gland abscess: A step-by-step approach using simulation, by Aimee Chism Holland, DNP, WHNP-BC, NP-C, RD and Bonnie Bibb, MSN, NP-C (September 2017)
- **Second place (tie):** Bone densitometry: Performance, interpretation, and clinical application, by Alan L. Burshell, MD and Natalie J. Eddy, DNP, CCD (February 2017)
- **Second place (tie):** Evaluation of women with infertility, by Jordan Vaughan, MSN, WHNP-BC (May 2017)

Department articles

- **First place:** Focus on sexual health: Impact of early sexuality education on adult sexuality, by Emi Canahuati, MA, CSE and Brooke M. Faight, MSN, WHNP-BC, IF (February 2017)
- **Second place:** Focus on sexual health: Hair or bare? by Brooke M. Faight, MSN, WHNP-BC, IF (November 2017)

Congratulations to all! In actuality, all of the authors of articles published in the 2017 issues of the journal de-

serve a huge thank you! They brought us a wide variety of high-quality, interesting articles brimming with information that we can use in clinical practice.

I also extend a special thank-you to all the **individuals who peer-reviewed manuscripts** for us in 2017:

Kelly Ackerson	Joanne Keefe
Carola Bruflat	Amy Levi
Helen Carcio	Amber Littlefield
Barb Dehn	Ginny Moore
Stefani Davis	Charlotte Peavie
Sarah Freeman	Heather Quaile
Wendy Grube	Michelle Ritter
Lauren Hansen	Kerri Schuiling
Carolyn Hewitt	Beth Steinfeld
Susan Hoffstetter	Kathy Trotter
Jessica Isnetto	

We rely on these reviewers' thoughtful feedback to ensure that the articles we publish are the very best.

Our **editorial advisory board (EAB)** provides guidance on potential topics for the journal by reviewing feedback from readers on what they want to know more about and by keeping abreast of contemporary issues. Some of our EAB members play other roles for the journal as well: They peer-review manuscripts, submit manuscripts of their own, or do both! I want to recognize and thank Anne Moore, who is leaving our EAB, for her important contributions over the past 4 years. At the same time, I am pleased to welcome Kathy Trotter and Aimee Holland as our newest members of the advisory board.

We now publish an NPWH Position Statement in each issue of the journal. In 2017, NPWH's board of directors (BOD) approved **three new position statements:**

- Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Risk Assessment
- Human Papillomavirus Vaccination
- Healthcare for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Individuals

The **writing group members** for these position statements deserve special recognition:

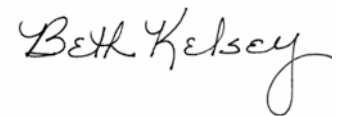
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Diana Drake	Kate McReynolds
Lindsay Fritz	Coralie Pederson
Rachel Gorham	Susan Rawlins
Liz Higgins	Michelle Schramm
Aimee Holland	Kathy Trotter

I extend a huge thanks to each of them for the time, hard work, and expertise they provided. I also thank all the individuals who reviewed the position statements, as well as those who provided feedback as part of the public comment process.

The **HealthCom Media publishing team** is truly outstanding. With all of their diverse talents, they keep us moving forward and looking our best. Their dedication to publishing a journal of which we can be proud is apparent in all they do. I am especially grateful for my partnership with Dory Greene, our journal's managing editor. Her expertise, dedication, and professionalism are evident in all she does for the journal. It is truly an honor and delight to work closely with her as we share a passion in what we do.

As a **Women's Healthcare journal team** that includes editors, authors, peer reviewers, EAB members, publisher and publishing staff, and NPWH staff, BOD, and CEO

Gay Johnson, we look forward to bringing you a broad selection of outstanding articles in 2018. As always, we invite you to submit manuscripts of your own in one of the multiple formats we offer. [Click here^A](#) or visit our website, npwomenshealthcare.com, to access our complete Guidelines for Authors. We welcome query letters regarding the topic and article format you are considering. You can reach Dory at dgreene@healthcommedia.com or me at bkelsey@healthcommedia.com. We look forward to hearing from you!



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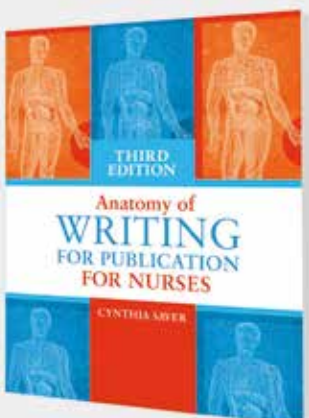
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