



## When Nurses Speak, Dover Listens!

Over 20 Delaware LPNs, RNs and APRNs traveled from Newark to our nation's

capital on Thursday, June 27th to participate in the American Nurses Association Hill Day. They were met by many more Delaware nurses. Altogether, nearly

500 nurses came together from across the nation to advocate for elimination of mandatory overtime, safe staffing in long-term care, reducing barriers to APRN practice, and investments in nursing faculty pay. Delaware nurses met directly with Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester just outside the Capital to discuss our issues and how we can work together to solve them.

Meetings continued with representatives from Senator Coons and Carper's teams. We continued discussing these issues, with Delaware nurses providing real examples of the impacts of mandatory overtime, workforce shortages, faculty shortages, and more. Delaware is the 2nd smallest state, but we were the state with the most representatives at 2024 ANA Hill Day! ■

## When Nurses Speak, Washington Listens!

## Guest Editor

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Greetings, Delaware Nurses! As Guest Editor for this edition of the DNA Reporter, I am honored to serve. In today's complex healthcare environment, understanding and applying legal considerations is critical for nurses in all specialties. The first article, authored by Dr. Sean Elwell and colleagues from Nemours Children's Hospital, focuses on considerations for emergency nurses related to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Agreement (EMTALA). A case study is included to assist readers in applying EMTALA to practice. Additionally, Wilmington University DNP students Lindsey Coates and Rachel Riordan contributed an article highlighting legal considerations specific to emergency department nurses. The third article, authored by Dr. Angela Brittingham and Amy Williams from TidalHealth, introduces forensic nursing. While forensic nurses primarily advocate for sexual assault survivors, their role is broad and encompasses much more. The edition concludes with a primer on medical malpractice in Delaware,

authored by Wilmington University MSN student and legal nurse consultant Abigail Rogers.

I trust you will find these articles valuable in your practice throughout the State of Delaware and beyond. Stay tuned for a second edition of the DNA Reporter, which will delve into additional legal considerations later this year. ■

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**Delaware  
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2nd Annual  
**Delaware DAISY Gala!**

**Nov 7 | 5 PM**

Bally's Dover Casino Resort  
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**September 15th**

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