



## U.S. Public Health Service

### Nursing TIP of the Month May 2015

#### N-PAC, Sub-Committees & Mentoring

#### Frequent Asked Questions about N-PAC & Sub-Committees

##### What is N-PAC?

The Nursing Professional Advisory Committee (N-PAC) is a committee comprised of nursing representatives (both civil service and Commissioned Corps) from all U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) agencies (OPDIVS), which provides advice and consultation to the Surgeon General of the United States (SG); the PHS Chief Nurse Officer (CNO); and to HHS, federal health, and other leadership (such as HHS agency/program heads and other federal agencies /programs that utilize PHS nursing personnel). The N-PAC carries out its functions on behalf of all HHS members of the discipline, including contract nurses, tribal nurses, nurses in other federal agencies/services in which PHS nurses are assigned, and Commissioned Corps nursing student trainees (COSTEPS).

##### “How do I join the N-PAC?”

The N-PAC is open to all members. To get started, join the PHS Nursing Listserv, [JOIN THE LISTSERV](#), a communication mechanism from your nursing peers on a variety of topics such as: public policy, especial initiatives or N-PAC supported events, clinical practice updates, continuing education information, emerging topics in nursing and healthcare, N-PAC awards and opportunities for participation in different N-PAC activities. You can also begin by joining the N-PAC general membership conference calls held every third Monday of the month at 1300-1400 EST. The N-PAC Meeting call in number is: 1-877-267-1577 Passcode is: 992 093 344#.

For additional information, visit <http://phs-nurse.org/welcome>.

##### “How do I join the N-PAC Sub-committees?”

If you would like to join one of the N-PAC Sub-committees, you can look for membership openings posted on the listserv, where opportunities for further involvement are shared.

There are seven N-PAC Sub-committees Co-Chairs and their contacts: <http://phs-nurse.org/n-pac-subcommittees> .

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##### “Can I just request a mentor to review my CV, OS, etc.?”

Yes. Your request for a mentor can be short term and/or long term depending on your needs. The N-PAC Career Development Subcommittee has resources and subject experts available to provide guidance and feedbacks. Please take advantage of this subcommittee to help promote your career by requesting a mentor through [usphsmsgmentor@aol.com](mailto:usphsmsgmentor@aol.com).

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