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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Dr. Eun-Ok Im



Dear AAPINA Colleagues,

Happy summer~

With an increasing number of people who get vaccinated, we begin to see that we are getting back to our normal activities. Yet, we know that our new normal would be different from our normal before the COVID19 pandemic. As announced by many institutes across the nation, most institutes will be in person on campus in the 2021 fall semester. Yet, we began to see an increasing number of requests for telecommuting, and many institutes began to adopt online courses and virtual meetings as their regular activities. I hope this transition to the new normal would be smooth and pleasant to all of us.

Before starting the president's message, I want to send my heartfelt thanks to all of us who have managed to go through this battle with the pandemic and want to send my deepest empathy to those of us who are severely hit by this pandemic. I know many of us have gone through our significant life events without adequate support in unexpected ways. Please be kind to ourselves and be strong until we finish the final line of this continuous race. Also, please note that AAPINA will continuously discuss what we could do for our members and how we could improve AAPINA as the unified voice for our members.

With the long-time pandemic, AAPINA has experienced a number of unexpected activities this year, which include our involvement with the American Nurses Association (ANA) National Commissions to Address Racism in Nursing, the COVID19 vaccine project with ANA, the AARP efforts to stop anti-Asian violence, the Future of Nursing, Campaign for Action Summit (Health Equity through Nursing), and so on. Almost every week, we are being requested by multiple parties for our commitment and

involvement with their activities related to racial/ethnic disparities during the pandemic. Thanks to all your collaboration and cooperation, we could have successfully managed all these requests. If you are asked to get involved and/or see an announcement requesting your collaboration, please volunteer to get involved. I have never seen this high number of requests by other parties for collaboration, and I truly believe that we are at one of the most important historical moments in the U.S. history.

As you have seen the announcement of our 2021 conference (November 28-29, 2021), this year's conference will be a virtual joint conference with Emory University. The call for abstract has already been out. This year, our prestigious keynote speakers include Dr. Shannon N. Zenk, NINR Director and Dr. Hsiu-Hung Wang, Minister without Portfolio, Examination Yuan (R.O.C.), Taipei, Taiwan. We are also having a dozen of deans and leaders from Asian countries as well as from Latin America. If you have not done it yet, please submit an abstract for the conference. We are expecting over 300 attendants from the U.S. and international countries, and your participation in this conference would be crucial to show our presence on national and global nursing communities.

Finally, I want to give you a heads-up that we will have an early election this year. By the time when you read this message, the announcement of early election might have already been announced. Because of the current pandemic situation and considering our previous experience with difficult transitions within a short time frame, AAPINA Board of Directors voted to have an early election for a smooth and pleasant transition. If you are interested in serving the AAPINA, please nominate yourself or others who may be interested in the positions.

During this transition to our new normal, please stay healthy and strong.
We will be just fine until we finish this battle with the pandemic!

Sincerely,

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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE: Dr. Lina Nguyen

It has been a pleasure serving as the AAPINA Secretary since 2019. With only six months left for my final term, I find this a great time to reflect on the growth of our organization and my personal growth over this short period.

One of the items that I am most proud of is drafting the recent AAPINA Statement in Condemning Anti-Asian Discrimination. I am proud to be part of an organization that is truly working towards serving as the unified voice for Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) nurses and striving to positively affect the health and well-being of AAPI communities.

Through my role as Secretary, I also have the opportunity to work on the Covid Vaccine Facts for Nurses Campaign in collaboration with the American Nurses Association and other leading nursing organizations and sponsored by Johnson & Johnson. As part of this campaign, we are supporting our nurses in decreasing COVID vaccine hesitancy among our peers and communities. You may have seen a large amount of social media posts on our private Facebook group and the newly created Facebook public page for AAPINA. We also recently had a COVID in Color conversation in which I had the honor of moderating along with our organization's panelists: Dr. Alona Angosta and Dr. Canhua Xiao.

As the Secretary, I also serve as the Membership Committee Chair. Some of the advancements that we have seen during my term is a doubled number of chapters. This has been exciting and we'd like to welcome our newest chapter in Georgia with Dr. Canhua Xiao as the Chapter President. Last year, we had our first chapters and organizational member meeting. We look forward to our second meeting later this summer.

Some of the other AAPINA task forces that I have been on include an Advertising Task Force with Dr. Young-Me Lee as the chair and a Special Elections Task Force with Dr. Yu Ping Chang as the chair. While not on the initial Asian Pacific Islander Nurses Journal Task Force, my work in collaboration with the task force led to an invitation to serve on the journal's editorial board.

Another exciting role that I have due to connections as an Executive Committee member is on the World Academy of Nursing Science (WANS) Ad-Hoc Committee. It certainly has been great to see the global reaches of our organization. Thank you to all of our members for entrusting this role to me. It is such a pleasure to see the amazing efforts of our Executive Committee and Board of Directors. It has been a tough year for many of us, but it is great to be able to reflect on the positive. Wishing you all a great summer!

Lina Nguyen, PhD, RN, CNE
2019-2022 AAPINA Secretary

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From the Editor's Desk: Dr. Meng Zhao, PhD, RN

This year of 2021, new COVID-19 cases are declining across most of the nation due to the increased vaccination. I hope all our members have been vaccinated and are staying safe and healthy! As frontline nurses, nursing educators or researchers, our members have dedicated to stop the spread of the pandemic and help the nation to recover. I believe all of us are proud of being a nurse! While we are looking forward to “going back to normal”, this Spring/Summer issue, would like to share all AAPINA members’ personal and professional stories and accomplishments achieved in the past six months. I also want to share with you that AAPINA has been invited by the White House Partnerships to advocate the “COVID National Month of Action”. To reach the national goal of 70% first shot COVID vaccination and 56% full vaccination by July 4th, please share the following link (madetosave.org/volunteer) with your communities.

Due to unforeseen health issues, Dr. Kunsook Bernstein resigned her role as the chair of the communication committee and the editor of the newsletter. During the past two years, Dr. Bernstein has devoted to her editor’s job at AAPINA and demonstrated strong leadership in the newsletter publication. As the new chair of the communication committee and the editor of the Newsletter, I would like to acknowledge Dr. Bernstein’s contributions to AAPINA and wish her a speedy recovery! I would also like to share my special thanks to our Newsletter team members who have made big contributions in preparing this 2021 Spring/Summer newsletter!

Newsletter Team Members:

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Dr. Jinyoung Kim, PhD, RN, FAAN from School of Nursing, University of Nevada, Las Vegas;

Dr. Gloria Park, PhD, APRN, FNP-C, RN from College of Nursing & Health Sciences, Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi;

Ms. Kristine Lim – AAPINA IT support member

SPECIALTY REPORT

COVID Vaccine Facts 4 Nurses

AAPINA is proud to work with the American Nurses Association and other leading nursing and healthcare organizations to launch the [COVID Vaccine Facts 4 Nurses](#) site as a nurse’s hub for critical, current, and credible COVID-19 vaccine information. We hope it is helpful to you—and helps you educate patients and members of the communities you serve. This campaign is sponsored by Johnson & Johnson.



Some frequently asked questions and answers retrieved from the site on April 9,

2021 are:

Are the COVID-19 vaccines safe?

Yes. All COVID-19 vaccines in use went through rigorous clinical trials for safety and effectiveness. Based on results from those trials, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted Emergency Use Authorizations. The FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continue to closely monitor vaccine safety.

How were vaccines developed so quickly without compromising safety?

The pandemic spurred a global response and cooperation in both vaccine research and distribution. Researchers shared their data with other scientists, and the ability to fast-track clinical trials was a direct result of this cooperation. In the U.S., Operation Warp Speed (OWS) partnered with multiple institutions (including the NIH and CDC) to develop, manufacture, and distribute vaccines. In doing so, it increased the odds of developing one or more safe and effective vaccines. The result: several authorized COVID-19 vaccines in the U.S. and abroad.

What are mRNA vaccines and how do they work?

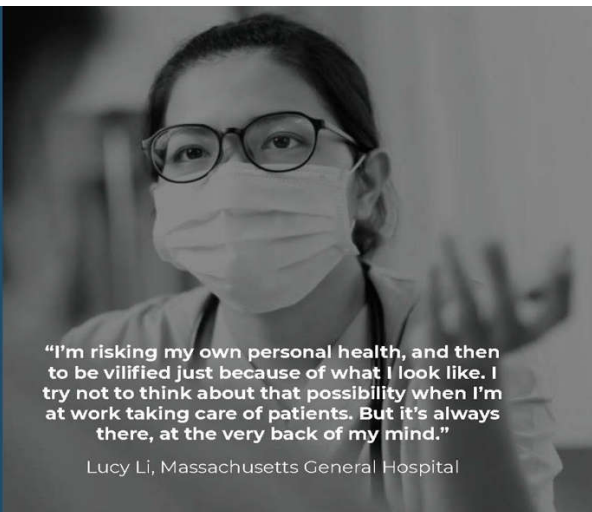
mRNA vaccines deliver our cells instructions for making bacterial or viral protein. Our immune systems respond to these proteins and develop the ability to react to future infections. In contrast, most vaccines use weakened or inactivated versions or components of the disease-causing pathogen to stimulate the body’s immune response to create antibodies. mRNA vaccine technology is not new as it has been studied for decades. Beyond vaccines, numerous preclinical and clinical studies have used mRNA to encode cancer antigens to stimulate immune responses targeted at clearing or reducing malignant tumors.

Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) are at higher risk for COVID-19 transmission.¹

Filipinos make up 4% of all nurses but account for 30% of COVID-19 deaths among the nursing workforce.²

At the same time, the AAPI community is being targeted by racism and xenophobia related to COVID-19.³

1. Source: [National Institutes of Health](#)
2. Source: [Nurse Workforce Institute](#)
3. Source: [The Washington Post](#)



“I’m risking my own personal health, and then to be vilified just because of what I look like. I try not to think about that possibility when I’m at work taking care of patients. But it’s always there, at the very back of my mind.”

Lucy Li, Massachusetts General Hospital

Will a COVID-19 vaccination protect me from getting COVID-19?

Yes. The COVID-19 vaccine works by teaching the immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19—protecting you from getting sick. Being protected is important because even though many people with COVID-19 have only mild symptoms, others get severely ill, may experience long-term health effects, and/or expire. There is no way to know how COVID-19 might affect you.

What PPE should I wear while vaccinating patients?

According to CDC, it is recommended that healthcare personnel administering COVID-19 vaccines wear a facemask and eye protection. Gloves are not required for vaccinations and should be utilized based on risk of exposure and contact with potentially infectious body fluids or the presence of open lesions for the provider or the patient. Some vaccines require the use of gloves for vaccine preparation, so it is also important to check the manufacturer's recommendations prior to administering vaccines. Staff must also perform hand hygiene between each vaccination administration. Urge the importance of hand hygiene for patients and visitors that includes the use of soap and water, or alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Check with your workplace for specific requirements in your area.

MEMBER NEWS

Shu-Yi (Emily) Wang, PhD, RN, CNS

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Dr. Wang was selected as one of the recipients of the **May 2021 Nurse Educator of Year Award from the Nurse Educators Conference in the Rockies!** The nominees demonstrated exemplary characteristics such as:

1. Extraordinary Leadership-demonstrated above and beyond leadership in nursing education
2. Innovation in Nursing Education -demonstrating creativity in nursing education that benefits students and practitioners
3. Commitment to NEC in the Rockies Conference-how many years of attendance at the annual NEC Conference

Dr. Wang was very honored to have been nominated and received this recognition. Here is the page for this award on the NEC website <https://www.necintherockies.com/awards>.

Here is a video link which created by NEC to honor her award. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4h1PvazBIO>

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- In February 2021, Dr. Meng Zhao accepted to be the co-editor of Global Journal of Health Science ([Home | Global Journal of Health Science | CCSE \(ccsenet.org\)](#)).
- Dr. Zhao also agreed to serve as the chair of AAPINA Communication Committee and the editor of AAPINA newsletter in April 2021.
- Dr. Zhao has successfully completed her more-than-one-year service to the City of Corpus Christi COVID-19 Joint Modeling Taskforce by the end of May 2021.

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Dr. Ahn was invited and will serve two national advisory councils, 1) the American Academy of Nursing’s Edge Runners’ National Advisory Council and 2) the American Nurses Association’s Research Workgroup for the National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing.

From Korean Chapter

Korea Chapter had annual meeting & seminar on Feb 18, 2021 through Zoom. The book reviewed in the seminar is Afaf I. Meleis (2010). Transitional theory: middle range and situation specific theories in nursing research and practice.

Prof. Ko Young reviewed the process of theoretical development of transitions and Prof.

Lee Yaelim reviewed the transition theory and related literatures. Members discussed the practice and research topics applicable to transition theory.



Young Ko, PhD, RN, Associate Professor,
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Prof. **Kim Souk-young** was elected as the 13th president of the Korean Association of Occupational Health Nurses. She is currently employed by the Eulji University.

MEMBER'S SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS

Grant

Angela Chia-Chen Chen, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC

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<https://nursingandhealth.asu.edu/directory/angela-chen>

- Dr. Chen and her team received (i) NSF National Hazards Center Quick Response Research Award Program and (ii) Sigma Theta Tau International Research Award to examine and raise awareness about the diversity of Asian American experiences and resources regarding COVID-19.

Publication

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- **Zhao, M.**, Lee, K., & Huang, Y. (in press). A Critical appraisal: Development and use of perceived stress scale in U.S. Immigrants. *Journal of Nursing Measurement*.
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- **Kim, S.**, Sarker, A., & Sales, J. M. (In press). The use of social media to prevent and reduce intimate partner violence during COVID-19 and beyond. *Partner Abuse*.

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APPINA ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS



Honoring One of Our Founding Members

We recently celebrated the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. As part of this celebration, we reached out to one of our founding members for a quick interview.

Dr. Mi Ja Kim, PhD, RN, FRCN, FAAN is Professor and Dean Emerita at the College of Nursing, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). She has over 170 publications and made more than 260 research and scholarly presentations at national and international conferences. She is known nationally and internationally for her leadership in research, training of future leaders and scholars, and administration. She enjoys playing golf with her husband and is a proud grandma of five grandsons from their daughter and son.

Please see our short question and answer period below:

Lina: Dr. Kim, you have held high administrative positions at the University of Illinois at Chicago- Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate College at UIC (1995-1999) and the Dean of the College of Nursing (1989-1995). One source cites the current percentage of Vice Chancellors and Health Sciences Deans who identify as Asian as 4.4%. How does this compare to when you held these positions?

Dr. Kim: When I was the Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate College at UIC (1995-1999), I believe I was the second nurse to hold that position in the U.S. As far as I know, there were no other Asian nurses in the same position at that time.

Lina: In 2012, you were elected to be the first Asian American Living Legend of the American Academy of Nursing. What has that honor meant to you? What has that honor meant to the AAPI community?

Dr. Kim: It was more than I ever dreamed of. It was one of the highest honors I received in my career, and I was humbled to receive it. It was my privilege to be a nurse among the august body of AAPINA nurses. I wish many more AAPINA nurses to join the ranks!

Lina: What has been the greatest achievement of your career?

Dr. Kim: When I see my faculty and students whom I taught and mentored achieve more than what I was able to achieve. I take great silent pride to witness their success.

Lina: What are your hopes for the future of the Asian American Pacific Islander Nurses Association (AAPINA)?

Dr. Kim: I would love to see AAPINA continue expanding this support system to encourage AAPINA nurses to get doctoral education and become accomplished scholars, researchers, and leaders. AAPINA has and should continue to provide scholarships and funds for their study and research.

Lina: Dr. Kim, thank you so much for your time. We truly appreciate the inspiration that you continue to be for our AAPI nurses around the world.

