

CRNAs Gather to Discuss Patients' Access to Quality Anesthesia and Celebrate 75th Anniversary of State Association

(Raleigh, N.C., October 26, 2016) – The important role of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) in patients' access to quality anesthesia care and the latest research and policy trends will be the focus during the North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists (NCANA) annual meeting, Nov. 4 – 6, 2016, in Asheville, N.C.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the state organization that advocates for safe, affordable, accessible, quality anesthesia care.

“CRNAs deliver patient care in every situation that requires anesthesia, including in all branches of the military and combat support hospitals where CRNAs practice without supervision, so continuing education about the latest anesthesia advances and techniques is vital to NCANA members attending this meeting,” says Kimberly Gordon, who will become NCANA president during the meeting.

New this year, NCANA will recognize two state legislators during its business session, 8 a.m., on Nov. 5 in the Grand Ballroom of the Renaissance Asheville Hotel. A special award for the work they've done in advancing anesthetic care will go to a legislator from the House and one from the Senate.

Approximately 400 NCANA members, CRNAs, educators and students, are registered to attend and can earn up to 17 continuing education credits in sessions such as *The Food Allergy Phenomenon and its Anesthesia Implications*, *Anesthetic Considerations for Uncommon Obstetrical Procedures* and *Reimbursement and Billing in North Carolina*.

An onsite trade show will feature pharmaceutical companies, equipment manufacturers and other healthcare-related businesses.

For more information about NCANA or to view the annual meeting agenda, go to www.NCANA.com.

About NCANA

The North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists (NCANA) is a professional association representing more than 2,700 CRNAs, military veterans and students in the state. It promotes and advances CRNA practice and access to high quality care through member engagement, partnerships and advocacy. Find more info at www.NCANA.com, www.facebook.com/NCANA1941 and www.twitter.com/NCANAOfficial.