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## AUGUST 2025

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## President's Message

The ARN Conference in Phoenix, AZ was a wonderful experience filled with learning, connection, and inspiration—and once again, FSARN showed up strong! Our members served as session moderators and delivered both podium and poster presentations—live and virtually. A special shoutout to our award winners, Dr. Patricia Quigley and Pamela Lambert, congratulations on your well-deserved recognition! FSARN continues to shine brightly on the national stage!

One of the highlights was our always popular *Florida Meet and Greet*! We had a fantastic turnout and enjoyed an evening of laughter, networking, and reconnecting with familiar faces plus meeting some wonderful new ones. All in all, it was a fantastic mix of education, celebration, and community. We're keeping the momentum going, planning is already underway for our next *Annual FSARN Conference* and the *Rehab Nursing Review Course*. Plus, there are some exciting things happening in our Districts.

If you're in an area without an active District and you're interested in starting one we're here to support you every step of the way. If you're looking to get more involved or need assistance with anything, don't hesitate to reach out. Let's keep building, connecting, and celebrating everything that makes FSARN such a vibrant group!

With gratitude,

**Ann**

Ann Wilson, MS, RN, CRRN  
FSARN President

## ARN CONFERENCE 2025 PHOENIX, AZ IT WAS A HOT ONE!!

Communique:  
Ann Marie Cooney  
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FSARN was well represented at the ARN Conference. Many of our members served as moderators including Ann Marie Cooney, Lillian Morales and Anabel Velazquez who was also on the ARN conference committee planning board. We had many members who presented live at the conference. Many more members were engaged and participating in the virtual option. My apologies if I have left anyone out of this recognition. If I inadvertently missed you send us an email and we will get you in the next Communique:

Pam Lambert, MBA, MSN, RN, CRRN: Key Note Speaker with a Podium and Virtual Presentation "Artificial Intelligence in Rehabilitation Nursing: Perspectives and Possibilities".

Sue Brown, MSN, CRRN: Poster Round Table Discussion "Case Management Career Options for the CRRN".

Anabel Velazquez, BSN, RN, CCM, CDMS, CRRN: Podium presentation "Understanding Diversity, Cultural Challenges and Identifying Barriers Continued Care for Work-Related Injuries".

Golda Parillon, BSN, RN, CRRN: Podium Presentation "Beyond Burnout: An Approach to Supporting Mental Health in Healthcare".

Yvette Salas, MSN, RN, CRRN: Panel Podium Presentation "Health Policy and Advocacy – Using Your Voice to Make Change" was presented live and on demand and she also presented a Rapid-Fire presentation "Aromatherapy: Making Patients Comfortable".

Adam Francis, MSN, CRRN and Frank MacDonald, BSN, CRRN: Podium Presentation "BE IT (Brooks Early Intervention Team)".

Virtual on Demand Florida Speakers included:

Ann Marie Cooney, MSN, RN, CRRN, NE-BC Poster Presenter "Proactive Bowel Management for Patients in the Acute Rehabilitation Setting".

Pamela Vitale, RN, CRRN presented on demand "The Impact of Staff Turnover on Healthcare Culture the Role of Emotional Intelligence in Leadership"

Pamela Lambert, MBA, MSN, RN, CRRN, Margaret Anderson, BSN, CRRN, WCC, RN and Ciera Peacock, BSN, RN presented on demand "Quantifying the Value of Strategies for Retaining the Next Generation of Rehabilitation Nurses".

Patricia Quigley, PhD, MPH, APRN, CRRN, FAAN, FAANP, FARN "Quantifying the Value of Strategies for Retaining the Next Generation of Rehabilitation Nurses"

Patricia Quigley, PhD, MPH, APRN, FAAN, FARN, CRRN and Shelly Denes, PT, C/NDT, CFPS, CGCP presented on demand "Paradigm Shift: The Trust Fall"

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## FSARN Award Winners:



Patricia Quigley, PhD, MPH, APRN, CRRN, FAAN, FAANP, FARN our long time Florida member and past ARN President, was awarded the 2025 ARN "Distinguished Service Award".



Pamela Lambert, MBA, MSN, RN, CRRN was selected as the 2025 Nurse Educator of the Year Role. This award acknowledges a nurse educator who has made significant contributions to educating and mentoring the next generation of rehabilitation

nurses. She will be recognized and awarded on a separate Zoom meeting. You can join this meeting on September 17, 2025 at 1pm to see her receive her award. Just register at <https://rehabnurse.org/membership/recognition/awards-ceremony>

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## SAVE THE DATE FSARN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

Save the date for the 2026 FSARN Annual Educational conference, "Rehab Under the Sea...Diving Deep into Recovery" on April 26-27, 2026 at the Wyndham Resort Hotel in Disney Springs. Let us take you on an adventure where you "dive deep" into the depths of rehabilitation practices and discoveries! We are offering a hybrid option again this year. Attendees will be able to earn 10 nursing CE for in person registration and 8 Nursing CE for the Virtual option. 8 CCM credits to be applied for through CMCC. Vendor opportunities, Poster Presenter opportunities, Silent Auction Prize Drawings and a Donation Drive for those in need.

Conference information and updates will be available on the website as they become available.



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**FSARN Leadership Committee Presents**

*Save the Date*  
**FSARN**  
**REHABILITATION NURSING:**  
**CORE CURRICULUM REVIEW**  
**VIRTUAL COURSE**  
**October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

Reminder: If you are planning to take the CRRN Exam in December, the regular application deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Details, schedule and registration coming soon. Look for more information via the FSARN email Communique and on the FSARN website at [FSARN.ORG](https://www.FSARN.ORG)

Approved for 12 Nursing Contact Hours and 12 CCM credits from CCMC



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## **FSARN MEET & GREET 2025 ARN CONFERENCE PHOENIX, AZ**

FSARN held their annual "Meet-N-Greet" at the ARN Conference in Phoenix, AZ. Florida attendees enjoyed a fantastic few hours of food, drink, networking and socializing. Welcome to all our new members and those who are ready to get involved in this great chapter. ARN will hold their next conference in West Palm Beach, FL August 2-4, 2026. Mark your calendars and join us for our "Meet-N-Greet" Florida style! FSARN always has scholarship applications available for ARN/FL members who need assistance. The application is on the website at [www.FSARN.org](https://www.FSARN.org).





## Upcoming Events

### NE District of FSARN Conference:

"TOUGH PEOPLE" TOUGH PEOPLE, TOUGH MINDS, STRONG CARE: THE HEART OF REHABILITATION NURSING on September 26-28, 2025  
 The Northeast District of FSARN will host their first conference offering 10 nursing CEs. Meet Nurses from Northeast Florida region who practice Rehabilitation Nursing. Speakers and poster presentations from the Jacksonville area. Local Rehabilitation facilities will be onsite to showcase what they bring to our communities. Suppliers and Vendors of various products used in Rehab will be available. For information and registration contact (904)735-4965.

## 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's – Miami

Join our FSARN/BARN Rehab Nurse Team at the Miami Marlins Stadium (LoanDepot Park)! Join us for the walk or just donate! Yvette Salas is our Team Captain and you can see more information, sign up or donate by clicking on the link below! The event will be on Saturday November 15, 2025. Event Begins at 8:00am. Ceremony at 9:00 am. Walk at 9:30 am. Activities until 11:00 am. Then meet us for lunch hosted by BARN. To register or donate go to our page at: [act.alz.org/goto/FSARN-BARN\\_Rehab\\_Team](https://act.alz.org/goto/FSARN-BARN_Rehab_Team)

### Health Care Policy Activities:

Senate Appropriations Committee approved both the Defense and the Labor-HHS appropriations bills by a vote of 26-3. The Labor-HHS bill increases the NIH's base budget by \$400 million and blocks the administration's attempt to award multi-year grants upfront unless the same number of grants are issued as in FY 2024. Importantly, it also rejects the administration's proposal to restructure and drastically downsize the Department, and rejects the proposed creation of the new Administration for a Healthy America (AHA). The Committee also released text for the Labor-HHS **bill** and the **report**, which outlines topline funding numbers and the committee's priorities for funding. Below, is provided a breakdown of the topline numbers for various health agencies. Administration for Children, Families, and Communities

- Final FY 25 CR: \$52.7 billion
- Senate FY 26: \$52.2 billion

#### Administration for Community Living

- Final FY 25 CR: \$2.6 billion
- Senate FY 26: \$ 2.5 billion

#### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

- Final FY 25 CR: \$369 million
- Senate FY 26: \$345 million

#### Agency for Toxic Disease Registry

- Final FY 25 CR: \$81.6 million
- Senate FY 26: \$81.6 million

#### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Final FY 25 CR: \$9.2 billion
- Senate FY 26: \$9.15 billion

## Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (Program Management)

- Final FY 25 CR: \$3.7 billion
- Senate FY 26: \$3.7 billion

## Food and Drug Administration (Including User Fees)

- Final FY 25 CR: \$6.7 billion
- Senate FY 26: \$7 billion

## Health Resources and Services Administration

- Final FY 25 CR: \$8.9 billion
- Senate FY 26: \$8.86 billion

## Indian Health Services

- Final FY 25 CR: \$6.96 billion
- Senate FY 26: \$8 billion

## National Institutes of Health

- Final FY 25 CR: \$46.8 billion
- Senate FY 26: \$47.2 billion

## Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health

- Final FY 25 CR: \$1.5 billion
- Senate FY 26: \$1.5 billion

## Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

- Final FY 25 CR: \$7.4 billion
- Senate FY 26: \$7.4 billion

Yvette M. Salas MSN, CRRN  
FSARN President-Elect



## Do you have any positions that you want FSARN to help you fill?

- Use our e-newsletter to reach more people
- Will also post on the FSARN website
- Position will stay on FSARN website for 30 days

Contact: Ina Fletcher - [inafletcher@comcast.net](mailto:inafletcher@comcast.net)

### Mission Statement for the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses:



The Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN) promotes and advances professional rehabilitation, nursing practice through education, advocacy, collaboration, and research to enhance the quality of life for those affected by disability and chronic illness. FSARN, as a chapter, supports the same mission and values upheld by **ARN**.

For more information regarding FSARN, [contact inafletcher@comcast.net](mailto:inafletcher@comcast.net)



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