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## Advancing Care Together:

### Education, Collaboration, and Preceptor Excellence

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## LEARNING IN ACTION: Highlights from the HRSA

### PREPARE Preceptor Event

The HRSA Preceptor Appreciation Continuing Education Event showcased current clinical topics and educational initiatives aligned with the goals of the HRSA PREPARE grant. The program focused on enhancing clinical practice, supporting public health awareness, and advancing evidence-based patient care.

#### **Continuous Glucose Monitoring: Improving Diabetes Care**

Kaci Boehmer, PharmD, BCACP, CDCES, Clinical Pharmacist at UAMS Family Medical Center, presented “The Sore Finger Solution: Continuous Glucose Monitors.” Her session highlighted how continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) technology helps patients visualize real-time glucose trends and better understand the impact of diet and lifestyle choices. She also demonstrated how providers can use CGM reports to guide treatment decisions, improve patient education, and integrate appropriate billing practices into clinical workflows.

#### **Zoonotic Diseases and Public Health Preparedness**

Laura Rothfeldt, DVM, Public Health Veterinarian with the Arkansas Department of Health, discussed the growing importance of zoonotic diseases in Arkansas. Her presentation emphasized the role of healthcare professionals in recognizing reportable diseases, understanding response protocols, and utilizing Arkansas Department of Health resources. She also highlighted ongoing surveillance efforts that monitor disease patterns across neighboring states and emerging risks associated with travel and migration.

#### **Immunizations: Evidence-Based Best Practices**

Robert Hopkins, MD, Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, presented “Immunizations: Best Practices and Guidelines.” Dr. Hopkins reinforced that current immunization recommendations are supported by extensive scientific evidence and have a strong safety record. He encouraged providers to follow established immunization schedules and rely on guidance from leading professional organizations to ensure evidence-based patient care.

The event provided preceptors with valuable opportunities to expand clinical knowledge, strengthen patient care strategies, and reinforce the critical role they play in educating the next generation of healthcare providers.

## Clinical Pearls: Did you know?

### 💡 **Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM):**

CGM is now recommended for a broad range of patients, including individuals of all ages with type 1 diabetes, adults with type 2 diabetes (with or without insulin therapy), pregnant individuals with type 1 diabetes, and youth with type 2 diabetes.

### 💡 **One Health and Zoonotic Diseases:**

Approximately 30% of human diseases originate from animals. Priority zoonotic diseases such as West Nile virus, Salmonella, and rabies are monitored through a One Health approach that recognizes the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health.

### 💡 **Vaccine Safety Monitoring:**

The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) serves as an early warning system for vaccine safety, collecting reports from healthcare professionals and the public to help identify potential safety concerns and guide further investigation.

## Interprofessional Collaboration Enhances Ultrasound Training

The UAMS College of Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program continues to strengthen interprofessional education through its partnership with the UAMS College of Health Professions. FNP faculty collaborated with Megan Ott, MHA, of the College of Health Professions to provide comprehensive ultrasound training focused on abdominal, gynecological, and obstetrical assessment.

This hands-on learning experience allowed students to apply didactic concepts in a clinical



The obstetrical ultrasound component incorporated the use of a phantom uterus, providing students with a realistic and safe environment to develop scanning techniques. Students gained experience identifying fetal position and presentation and performed biometric measurements of the crown-rump

skills environment while developing foundational ultrasound competencies. During the abdominal ultrasound training, students learned to identify normal anatomical structures, including the liver, portal vein, common bile duct, pancreas, gallbladder, spleen, and the left and right kidneys. Students also practiced imaging and identifying the bladder and uterus, reinforcing their understanding of pelvic anatomy and assessment.

length, biparietal diameter, abdominal circumference, and femur length to estimate gestational age. This immersive training helped bridge the gap between classroom instruction and clinical practice, enhancing students' confidence, diagnostic reasoning, and readiness to incorporate point-of-care ultrasound skills into future advanced practice roles.



## Preceptor Spotlight|The Rockstars Amongst Us!

### Meet Shannon Hoey

Shannon Hoey is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse specializing in solid organ transplantation, with a primary focus on liver transplant patients.

She earned her Associate of Science in Nursing from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) in 1992, her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UAMS in 1997, and her Master of Science in Nursing from UAMS in 2015.

Shannon has been with UAMS for the past six years. Before joining UAMS, she spent more than two decades working in cardiovascular surgery. In 2019, she transitioned into transplant care, bringing her extensive critical care and surgical experience to the field. She also spent time with the cardiovascular surgery team at UAMS from 2020 to 2022 before returning to transplant services.



**Shannon Hoey, AGACNP-BC, CCRN,  
APRN**

Outside of work, Shannon enjoys traveling with her husband and exploring new destinations. When asked what career she might have pursued if not nursing, she quickly answers: a barista. Although she jokes that she may be a little late for a career change, her love of coffee remains strong.

## UAMS College of Nursing Celebrates 159 Graduates



The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Nursing held a May 15 commencement ceremony to celebrate the achievements of 159 graduates in the Class of 2026.

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## A Partnership That Benefit Everyone

### Do you know someone that would be a great preceptor?

Preceptorship goes beyond instruction—it is a partnership that promotes growth for both the preceptor and the student. Preceptors provide opportunities for real-world clinical experiences that simultaneously enhance students' leadership, communication, and clinical reasoning skills of the student. It reinforces best practices, promotes reflection, and encourages continuous professional development for both the student and preceptor.

Preceptors play a pivotal role in shaping the future of nurse practitioner practice by fostering mentorship that develops clinical decision-making, builds confidence, and competence needed for

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advanced practice. In addition to positively affecting future nurse practitioner providers, precepting allows for academic recognition and professional opportunities, including adjunct roles, networking, and access to educational resources.

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