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Certification:

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NNCC Experiences Another Year of Positive Growth in 2005-2006!

This year has been busy for the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC) and extremely productive. We welcomed Caroline Counts, MSN, RN, CNN, as a new commissioner. We administered 1191 exams summarized in Figures 1 and 2 below, continuing our efforts to help ensure competent nephrology nursing care to individuals with chronic kidney disease. Also, early in 2005, the NNCC conducted a random practice analysis and role delineation survey, mailing approximately 2000 questionnaires to potential nephrology nurse respondents. We greatly appreciate the responses from each of you who participated. The data from this survey will be helpful in assuring that the blueprints, from which the nurse certification examinations are developed, accurately reflect current practice. We hope to get a summary of the results of the survey published in the upcoming months.

A major initiative led by Troy Russell, MSN, RN, APRN, BC, CNN, president-elect of the NNCC, is the focus on advanced practice. Based on preliminary results of the role delineation survey and the outcomes from an advanced practice focus group held during the 2005 Fall ANNA meeting, the NNCC is developing a certification examination for nurse practitioners practicing in nephrology, the Certified Nephrology Nurse-Nurse Practitioner (CNN-NP) Examination. The test is near completion, and pilot tests are scheduled for April 1 at the ANNA National Symposium in Nashville, and for May 6, a national multi-site test date. Stay tuned to our website for up-to-date information.

Several other projects are either underway or planned for 2006. We have developed a candidate handbook for people



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who have questions about taking certification tests. It is in the final editing stages and will be available in the very near future. The commission has developed an on-line CCHT practice exam and has begun development of on-line practice exams for the CNN and CDN. Barbara Prowant, MS, RN, CNN, and Maureen Craig MSN, RN, CNN, CCNS, have been working on updating the NNCC web page to make it easier to navigate and access information. Once the webpage update is complete, the CCHT practice exam will be available. This year the NNCC has recognized the people who scored the highest on the CNN, CDN, and CCHT exams. These individuals will be awarded a plaque for their success. Finally, the NNCC will be conducting a technician job analysis later this year. We encourage those who receive it to please complete the survey form and return it to the NNCC.

If you are not already certified, please consider it. Encourage your peers to become certified. The NNCC believes that the attainment of a common knowledge base, utilization of the nursing process, and a predetermined level of skill in the practice setting are required for practice in nephrology nursing. Certification exists primarily to benefit the public and the NNCC believes that all caregivers providing care to renal patients should demonstrate a minimum level of knowledge, skills, and abilities. Certification also provides professional recognition for these achievements.

Deborah Cote, BSN, RN, CNN
NNCC President

NNCC Annual Report on Test Administrations: January to December 2005

Note: Data found in this annual report were prepared for the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC) by the Center for Nursing Education and Testing (C-NET) and was presented to the NNCC in February 2006. Figures 1 through 5 provide important information on test administrations for the CNN (Certified Nephrology Nurse), CDN (Certified Dialysis Nurse) and CCHT (Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technician) exams administered in 2005. For additional information, contact the NNCC National Office at 1-888-884-NNCC (6622) or nccc@ajj.com.

Figure 1
Number of Certification Examinations
Administered in 2005
(N = 1191)

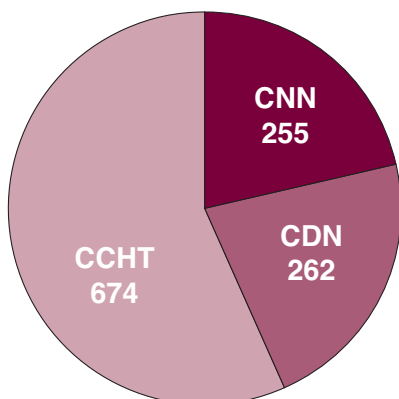


Figure 2
Percentage of Participants Passing Certification
Examinations in 2005

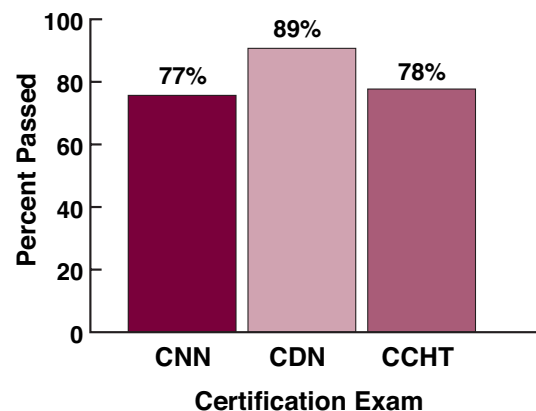


Figure 3
Certified Nephrology Nurses (CNNs) By State
(N = 5751)

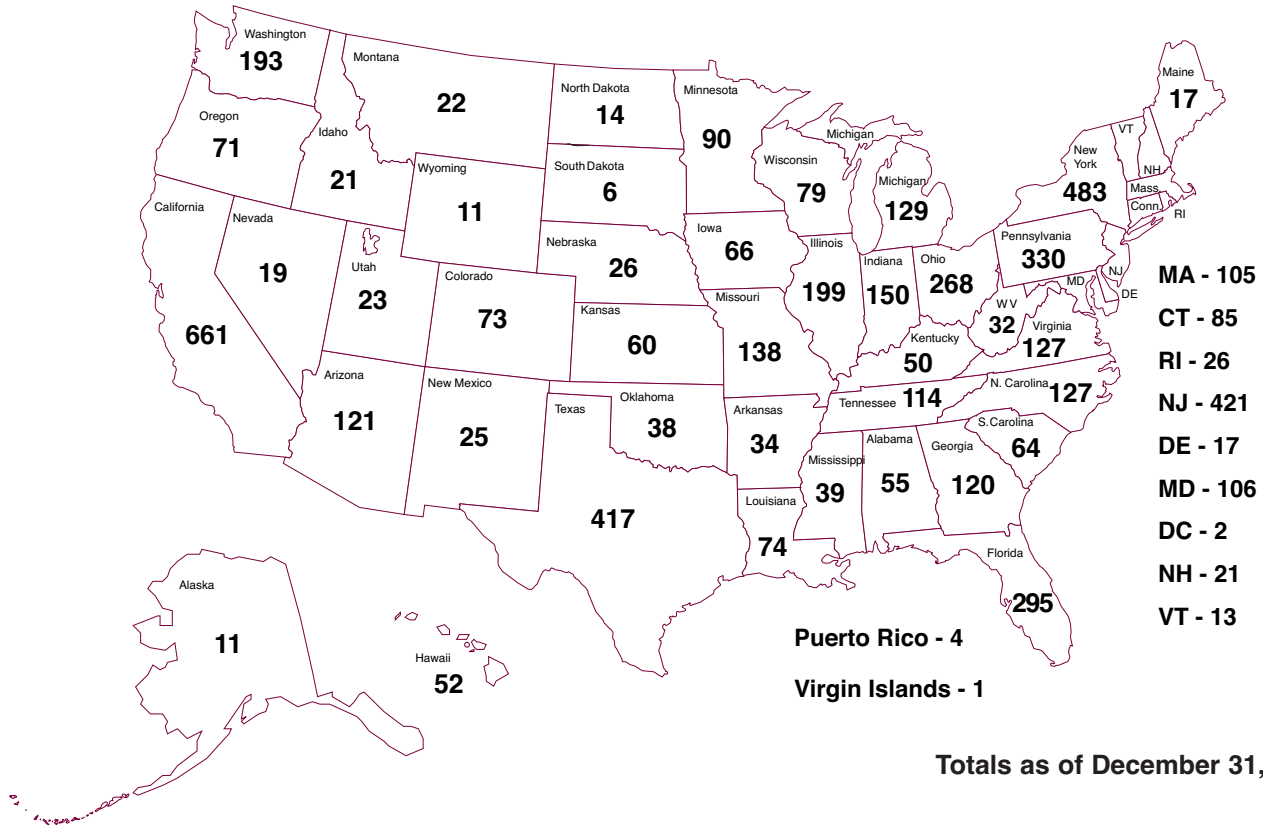


Figure 4
Certified Dialysis Nurses (CDNs) By State
(N = 639)

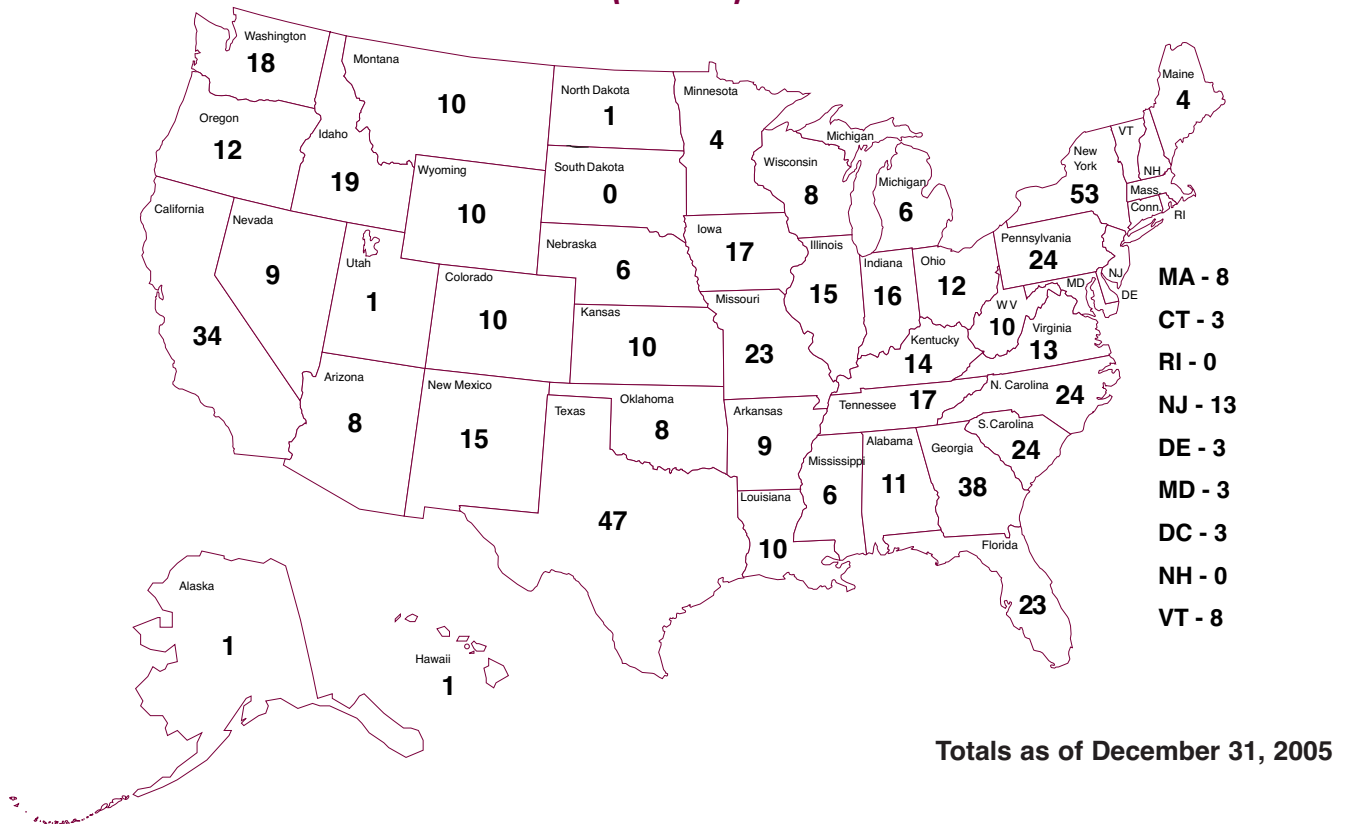
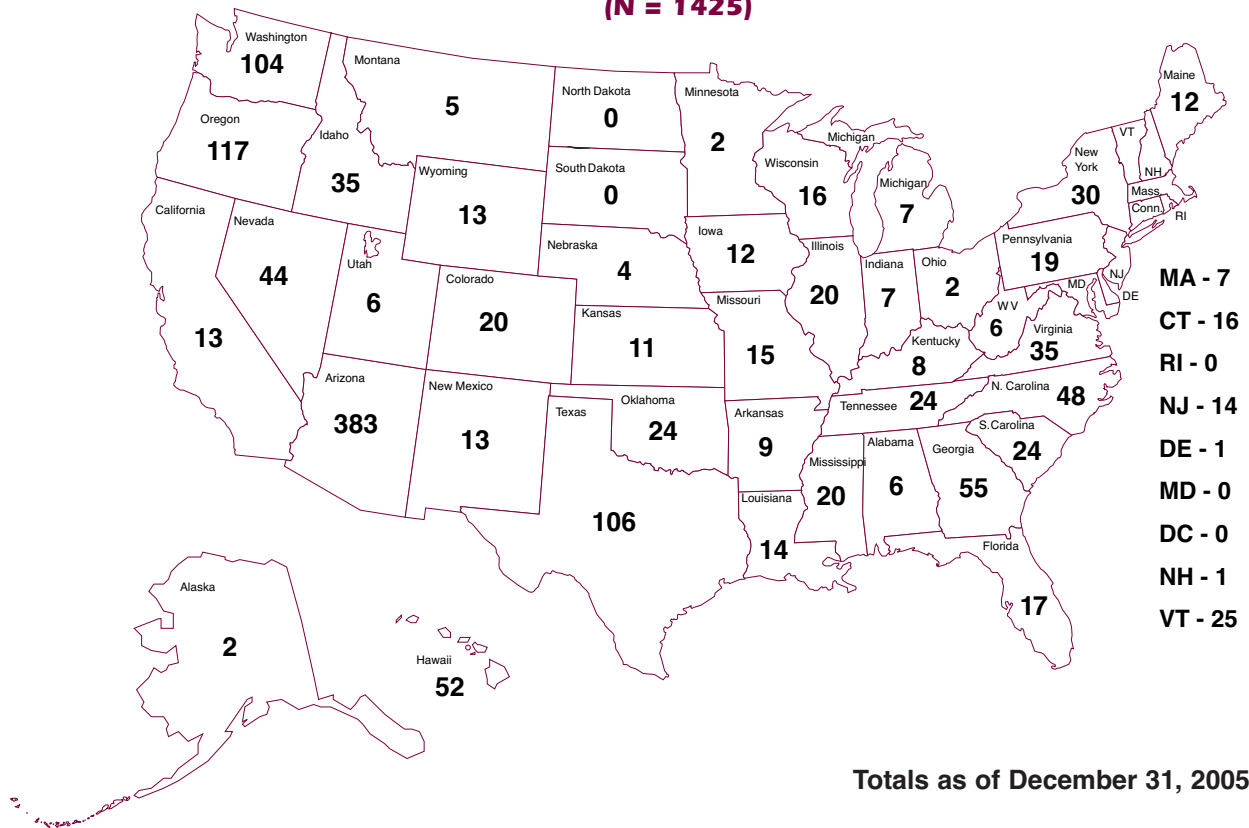


Figure 5
Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technicians (CCHT) By State
(N = 1425)



Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC)

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