

Clareen Wiencek, RN, PhD, ACNP, ACHPN, serves a one-year term as president-elect of the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) board of directors from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016. She previously served a three-year term as a director from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2014, and a concurrent term as a director on the AACN Certification Corporation board from July 2013-June 2014.

As associate professor of nursing at the University of Virginia (UVA) School of Nursing and coordinator of the ACNP program, Wiencek has almost 40 years of experience as a bedside nurse in critical care, nurse manager, educator and researcher. She was the nurse manager for the acute care-based palliative care unit and program director for the Center for Integrative Pain Management at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System in Richmond, Virginia, for four years before joining the faculty at UVA.

A recipient of AACN's 2010 Circle of Excellence award, Wiencek served on the Chapter Advisory Team from 2006-2010, the Evidence-Based Practice Resource Work Group in 2010-2011 and the Nominating Committee in 2011-2012. Currently, she is a member of AACN's Greater Richmond Chapter and an AACN ambassador. Wiencek has been a frequent contributor to AACN's peer-reviewed journals and a presenter at AACN's annual National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition.

A reviewer for *Journal of Critical Care* and an End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium National faculty member, Wiencek also belongs to the Midwest Nursing Research Society, Society of Critical Care Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.