

Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Program Conference

A summary of the key takeaways and insights from the 2024 Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Program Conference, March 4-7, 2024.

Conference summary

The 2024 Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Program (NRP) conference welcomed attendees from healthcare organizations across the United States focusing on highlighting NRP best practices.

400+ nurse resident and nurse residency leader attendees from across the United States

30+ podium presentations

60+ poster presentations

80+ organizations represented

Nurse Residency Program resources

The NRP offers tools and resources to address the topics presented during the conference. Log in to visit our newly redesigned, enhanced [NRP website](#) to access:

- Conference posters and presentations
- EBP initiative updates
- Return on investment calculator
- Seminar engagement strategies
- Coordinator connections

...and check out the latest [NRP blog](#), *Nurturing success: Retaining strategies for newly licensed nurses.*

Conference takeaways

San Diego, California was a beautiful location to host the 2024 Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Program™ (NRP) Conference, it greeted us with sunshine...and a bit of windy weather.

After three busy days, we *sailed away* with new connections, innovative engagement strategies and a rejuvenating energy to successfully transition newly licensed nurses to practice. Conference highlights are listed below.

Pre-conference sessions

This year, conference attendees had the option to attend one of two pre-conference sessions: *NRP Coordinator Training* or *Data Waves in San Diego: Surfing Through Insights*.

Nurse resident podium presentations

An audience favorite! Six teams of nurse residents from across the United States presented their projects focusing on improving nursing sensitive indicators, reducing cost and impacting patient outcomes.

Title	Presenters	Organization
<i>Take-Home Narcan: An ED Initiative</i>	Megan Shull and Logan Spivey	Medstar Union Memorial Hospital
<i>STOP Before You EPIC Chat</i>	Matthew Avella and Nailah Moore	NYU Langone Health
<i>Reducing Door to CT Time for Stroke Patients</i>	Dakoha Zelinsky	Lehigh Valley Health Network
<i>Implementation of Skin Champions to Reduce HAPIs in the ICU: A Quality Improvement Project</i>	Ikenna Alily, Darwin Bernardez and Nino Goginashvili	St. Barnabas Hospital, SBH Health System
<i>A NICU Total Body Pressure Injury Prevention Algorithm</i>	Clarissa Cabil	UCLA Health
<i>Dizziness and Posterior Stroke Screening in the Emergency Department</i>	Grant Meyer	The University of Kansas Health System

Congratulations to our nurse residents – and their leadership teams – for your hard work and dedication accelerating nursing’s future.

Keynote speakers

Inspiration was provided by keynote speakers:

- Amy Blankson – *THE JOY GAME: Turn Stress and Exhaustion into the Daily Practice of Joy*
- Dr. Cynda Hylton Rushton – *Meeting Chaos with Resilience & Integrity: A Toolkit for Nurses*
- Mack Dryden – *Laugh to the Top: A Hilarious Guide to Achieving Your Goals*
- Damien Heath – *DEI 101, Again: A Reminder of Why Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are Critical in the Workplace.*

Awards

The first ever Vizient/AACN NRP Awards was an amazing conference highlight. We were proud to honor three deserving and inspiring recipients:

- Sabrina Sloan from Stony Brook University Hospital in New York received the Nurse Resident of the Year award.
- Kerry Zoss from Stanford Hospital in California received the NRP Coordinator of the Year award.
- Roberta Graham former UHC/Vizient employee residing in North Carolina received the NRP Legacy award.

Thank you for your incredible contributions and the countless lives you have impacted.

SPARK session

By popular demand, moved to day one of the conference to encourage networking, collaboration...and SPARKING great ideas. Thanks to our five presenters.

Nurse resident poster presentations

32 nurse resident teams displayed their creative initiatives impacting nursing practice. Congratulations to this year's poster winners:

- 1st place: *Out for Blood: Blood Culture Stewardship & Collection* – The University of Kansas Health System
- 2nd place: *Sterile Water Use with Medication Administration NG/OG/Peg Tubes* – Bryan Medical Center
- 3rd place: *Delirium Tremens* – Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare



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NRP coordinator poster presentations

30 NRP leaders displayed their innovative NRP solutions during Wednesday's poster reception! A great opportunity to networking and engage in best practice discussions.

NRP coordinator power and quick talk sessions

This year, there were 16 NRP coordinator breakout sessions and 3 quick talk power sessions. These sessions focused on seminar engagement activities, accreditation journeys, coordinator transition to practice, lessons learned and so much more. Special thanks to all power and quick talk presenters.

Nurse resident breakouts

Dedicated breakout time for nurse residents to professionally develop and network with peers! Thank you to Brittany Beckmann and Vickie Adams, Programmatic Advisors at Vizient, for leading these sessions.

Vizient/AACN NRP data and state of the program

Evy Olson, VP of Nursing Programs at Vizient and Kaile Crawford, Lead Programmatic Advisor at Vizient, shared relevant NRP updates including website enhancements, EBP guidance, HUB model for critical access sites, and APP transition to practice.

Vizient's first year retention rate for 2024 is **89.0%** compared to the NSI benchmark of 76.2%.

Reminders

- Complete **continuing education evaluations** by **May 20, 2024** to receive credit. See email from Megan Buckley dated 3/22/24 for instructions.
- Complete **overall conference evaluation** by **May 20, 2024**.

Special thank you to our sponsors

Thank you to our generous sponsors *American Nurses Credentialing Center* and the *Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education*.

Save the date!

Join us for the 2025 Vizient/AACN Nurse Residency Conference at Coronado Springs Resort in Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida from **March 24-27, 2025**. Call for abstracts and awards will open this summer.

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