

2008 Sharp Cutting Edge Award

Tine Hansen-Turton, JD was presented the Nancy Sharp Cutting Edge Award on November 1 at the ACNP National Clinical Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. While not a nurse herself, Dr. Hansen-Turton, has been described as the preeminent advocate for nurse practitioners as vital providers of health care. Dr. Hansen-Turton holds dual roles as Director, National Nursing Centers Consortium (NNCC), and Executive Director of the Convenient Care Association (CCA).

The NNCC grew under her leadership from 11 regional health centers to a national representation of over 100 nurse-managed health centers in the US to provide quality primary health care services to one million vulnerable families annually. At NNCC she assists academic nursing institutions and independent non-profit organizations in developing health centers with a focus on nursing education and community-based practice.

As Executive Director of CCA, she manages the association for the Convenient Care Clinics (CCC), which represents small health care facilities located in retail outlets. In both areas where she serves leadership roles, the facilities are predominantly managed by nurse practitioners.

In addition, she has been successful in fundraising for NNCC's programs, securing \$30 million dollars. Dr. Hansen-Turton also finds time to teach health policy, program planning, and outcome evaluation to nursing students at LaSalle University, Temple University and Jefferson University. She is also co-author of *Community and Nurse-Managed Centers: Getting Them Started and Keeping Them Going.*