

HONORING ANNE MANTON



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Dr. Castner has 17 years of experience as an emergency nurse. A lifetime ENA member and frequent JEN author, her service to JEN began in 2013 in Associate Editor and Editorial Board Member roles. Dr. Castner has frequently presented research and education courses at ENA national, New York State, and local chapter events, including Trauma Nursing Core Course and Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course. A research expert in healthy environments, Dr. Castner authored the 2018 ENA Resolution, Projected Health Effects of Climate Change. The impact of her work to inform civic action, public policy, and clinical practice with scientific evidence has had far-reaching implications, subsequently receiving national recognition for creating healthier environments in settings where people live, work, play, and learn.

Dr. Anne P. Manton's incredible nursing career has been honored by numerous well-deserved accolades, including the Emergency Nursing Association (ENA) Hall of Fame, Living Legends in Massachusetts Nursing Award, and University of Rhode Island College of Nursing Distinguished Achievement Award. Her notable contributions to the ENA included her roles as President and JEN Editor-in-Chief. I could write a tome on Dr. Manton's extraordinary professional achievements and accomplishments. Instead, I'm honored to write this editorial about how much Anne meant to me, personally, as a professional mentor. I met Anne when she assumed the interim Editor-in-Chief role in 2013. Not only did she

sponsor my successful applications to the Academy of Emergency Nursing and American Academy of Nursing, she also provided countless hours of mentoring, professional references, and opportunities for growth.

Behind the scenes, I can attest that Anne genuinely cared about you, the JEN reader. Anne described herself as "pathologically optimistic," exuding a can-do attitude in all areas of her life that infected those around her as a bright light shines in late twilight. With the natural charisma of a leader, Anne drew people to her and the mission at hand with a particular ease, and that charisma overcame substantial setbacks and barriers to what became a thriving team. Her growth-mindset leadership was a joy to follow. Anne was able to listen meaningfully to concerns, build consensus among a large group of diverse and strong-willed leaders, patiently walk through and correct mistakes, and hold high standards. She was committed to including rigorous research that helps advance the credibility of the specialty to other disciplines, while at the same time keeping precise relevance to stretcher-side clinicians. She was honest, diplomatic, objective, fair, and approachable. More than anything, she could give you the sense that she truly believed in you.

Anne's influence was an anchor for me and many others to weather the storms of temporary professional challenges and setbacks without losing integrity, professional meaning, or the best aspects of what it means to be an emergency nurse. Many of us have found ourselves surrounded by colleagues who succumbed to cynicism or complacency in their practice of nursing. Excellent books that delve into the root causes for these challenges include *Code Green: Money-Driven Hospitals and the Dismantling of Nursing*,¹ and *Nursing Against the Odds: How Health Care Cost Cutting, Media Stereotypes, and Medical Hubris Undermine Nurses and Patient Care*.² At every stage of my career, I learned that when I found a colleague or mentor like Anne, who could lift minds and hearts out of the routines and challenges of today to refocus on the long-game and the big-picture impact of nursing, I should hold fast to their influence. May we carry Anne's legacy and commit to now become such a light for one another.

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As Anne's tenure as Editor-in-Chief of JEN drew to a close in December of 2018, the journal, association, emergency nursing specialty, and profession were most fortunate to have experienced her trustworthiness, integrity, example, and ambassadorship. Her impact and influence will not be forgotten.

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