American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Delegation to Croatia

The goals of the delegation and initial topics of discussion for the meetings and site visits have been preliminarily identified as the following:

- Croatian nurse anesthesia practice
- Anesthesia delivery model(s) in Croatia
- Structure of nurse anesthesia education
- Activities undertaken for the promotion of surgical patient safety
- Analysis of current drug shortages, if any, and how healthcare providers dealing with them.
- Delivery of anesthesia in the operating theater and remote locations
- Challenges currently experienced in Croatian healthcare delivery
- Exploration of opioid addiction in Croatia and how is it being addressed

Professional Program, May 18-May 24, 2019

This Preliminary Schedule of Activities represents the program based on the Initial topics of discussing, the Final Schedule of Activities will be based on the background and composition of the final selected delegates.

Day One — Saturday
Departures from the US to Zagreb, Croatia by individual arrangements. Delegates arrive throughout the day.
Evening Introductory program briefing.

Day Two — Sunday
Full day cultural tour of Zagreb; Zagreb Sightseeing and Krapina Zagorje County visit.

Day Three — Monday
Introduction to the Croatian Healthcare System by the Ministry of Health
Topics of discussion:
- Orientation on healthcare demographics in Croatia
- The role of the ministry and International NGOs in healthcare policy
- The ministry priorities to ensure quality and value of healthcare
- Access to Care initiatives in Croatia
Meeting with the Croatian Nursing Association
Topics of Discussion:
- Advanced Nursing Care Programs
- Role of Certified Nurse Anesthetists in Croatia
- Challenges/opportunities for Nurses in Croatia
- Challenges currently experienced in Croatian healthcare delivery

Day Four — Tuesday
Meeting with faculty and students at the University Applied Health Sciences
Topics of discussion:
- Structure of nurse anesthesia education
- Anesthesia delivery model(s) in Croatia
- Exploration of opioid addiction in Croatia and how is it being addressed
Meeting with Nurse Leaders and Surgical teams at both a General and Specialty Surgical Hospital

Day Five — Wednesday
Travel to Rijeka and/or Opatia. On the way enjoy the beautiful countryside of Croatia and visit Opatia.

Day Six — Thursday
Visit a regional Hospital in Rijeka Regional or Ičići to learn about the Anesthesia Delivery outside of Zagreb.
Topics of discussion:
- Delivery of anesthesia in the operating theater and remote locations
- Activities undertaken for the promotion of surgical patient safety
- Analysis of current drug shortages, if any, and how healthcare providers dealing with them
Followed by wrap-up meetings with Ministry and Nurse Anesthetists leaders to discuss observations and developments for the future.

Day Seven — Friday
Depart for the United States or program extension.

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