ANAC at 30: Living into the visions of Our Founders, Leaders and Members

Thursday, November 2
Opening Keynote
9-10:30 a.m.
International Ballroom

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Session overview
Dr. Ella Pritchard Curry is a nurse historian whose doctoral research captured oral histories of nurses who were among the earliest clinicians, educators, and researchers to encounter and respond to persons with HIV infection in the United States, and who acted to found the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care in 1987. She is also a clinician who has worked in HIV care in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area for 27 years. Dr. Curry will review the scientific and socio-cultural contexts in which nurses practiced during the pre-treatment years of 1981-1987, followed by historical highlights of ANAC’s three decade evolution as the recognized association of leaders and providers in expert HIV nursing practice, advocacy, education, policy and research.