

Statement from the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC)

The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) believes Dr. Anthony S. Fauci was not treated with the professionalism and respect that should characterize congressional oversight during his appearance before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on July 29, 2026. Congressional oversight serves as an essential function of our democracy; it must be carried out in a manner that respects public service, scientific expertise, and the integrity of the institutions that protect the health of Americans.

ANAC proudly recognized Dr. Fauci with its **2021 Public Service Award** to recognize his outstanding leadership during the HIV and COVID-19 pandemics. For over forty years, Dr. Fauci advanced biomedical research, shaped the nation's response to infectious diseases, and improved the lives of millions of people living with or affected by HIV.

His work helped drive the global response to HIV. Dr. Fauci played a key role in building the scientific foundation for the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), one of the most successful global public health programs ever. Since its launch, PEPFAR has saved millions of lives, prevented millions of new HIV infections, and helped transform HIV from a deadly disease into a treatable chronic condition.

During both the HIV and COVID-19 crises, Dr. Fauci consistently supported decisions grounded in the best available scientific evidence. As new scientific evidence emerges, public health recommendations must evolve accordingly. It is important to discuss how we respond to pandemics, but these conversations should rely on peer-reviewed evidence, not on rhetoric that undermines trust in science.

As the professional nursing organization focused on HIV prevention, treatment, research, and care, ANAC knows the harm that comes from politicizing science. When scientific experts are ignored, or public health leaders face personal attacks, people lose trust in evidence-based medical care, misinformation spreads, and health outcomes worsen for the communities we serve.

It is reasonable for people to disagree about public health policies, particularly during times of uncertainty. Those disagreements, however, should be discussed with professionalism, respect, and a shared commitment to protecting public health.

ANAC remains committed to supporting science, evidence-based practice, and the public servants who work to improve the health and well-being of people and communities. The nurses and healthcare professionals of ANAC thank Dr. Anthony Fauci for his decades of service and his contributions to fighting advancing HIV, COVID-19, and other infectious diseases prevention, treatment, and research. His legacy will be defined not by political controversy, but by the millions of lives saved through scientific research, global collaboration, and a steadfast commitment to public health.

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