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Sydney Neuroscience Symposium Program



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About the WFNN

The *World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses* (WFNN) is an international neuroscience nursing organisation dedicated to the promotion and development of neuroscience nursing worldwide. The mission of the WFNN is to encourage and facilitate interaction amongst neuroscience nurses internationally and to aid, exchange and disseminate nursing knowledge. The WFNN is dedicated to improving and fostering the highest nursing standards, encourage nursing research and the development of expertise across all levels of neuroscience nursing.

Founded in 1969, the WFNN originally consisted of five member nations. Today, there are 15 member organizations representing 19 countries, approximately 8,000 nurses from six continents.

Activities of the WFNN include facilitating the Quadrennial Congress, development of educational materials for nursing and highlight and support local and international conferences. The WFNN actively seeks opportunities for learning and fosters the building of a community of neuroscience nursing international relationships. More information can be found at www.wfnn.org



Vicki Evans: Vice President, WFNN - has been involved in Neuroscience nursing in a variety of positions, both public and private, in Australia and the USA. She has completed tertiary studies in Management and Neuroscience. She is the Clinical Nurse Consultant: Neuroscience at Royal North Shore Hospital Sydney, Australia. As the WFNN Vice President, she has also been the Scientific Chair for the WFNN Quadrennial Congress – Sydney 2001, Canada 2009, Japan 2013, Croatia 2017 and soon to be Darwin 2021. She was Editor of the *Australasian Journal of Neuroscience* for many years; is a Life Member of ANNA and author of the board game - Cerebral Tap © Vicki's interests and research involves traumatic brain injury and concussion.



Jeanne Barr: President, Australasian Neuroscience

Nurses Association - is a master's prepared advanced-practice nurse, currently Clinical Nurse Consultant: Neuroscience at Royal North Shore Hospital. Professionally she has focused on the management of patients with both neurosurgical or neurological illness/injury. She has led research in areas of falls prevention, nursing management of patients with haemorrhagic stroke and patient response to stroke symptoms. She has worked in neuroscience critical care, acute care and rehabilitation.



Virginia Prendergast, Keynote Speaker: Currently, Director of Advanced Practice Nursing, Barrow Neurological Institute, Arizona, USA. Virginia has worked exclusively in neurocritical care for 40 years. Whether working at the bedside, in a classroom, or on a research project, she brings passion to each experience. During the past 15 years, she has coordinated and taught components of the neurocertification course at the BNI and routinely has had 20+ nurses pass the exam each year. Her professional, volunteer commitments have led to a full appreciation of neuro nursing roles and responsibilities. She held the position of President, WFNN for many years. But more importantly, friendships around the globe are the real treasure!



Welcome!



On behalf of the *World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses Executive*, and the *Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association* we would like to welcome you to Sydney and Royal North Shore Hospital for the Sydney Neuroscience Symposium.

We are lucky to have a range of topics and specialised speakers from around Australia as well as the WFNN Past-President, Virginia Prendergast, from the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix Arizona, USA. The sessions and level of expertise is outstanding and we hope that you find this day valuable to your specialty education and professional networking.

I would like to thank our speakers for their time and support of this meeting and without the support of our sponsors, meetings such as this could not occur. I thank them for their generous support – the Cerebral Palsy Alliance, Northern Sydney Local Health District, Royal North Shore Hospital.

Enjoy your Neuroscience Symposium!

Vicki Evans
WFNN, Vice President

Jeanne Barr
ANNA, President

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Objectives:

- Describe the latest treatment options used in the neuroscience patient population.
- Assess the neuroscience patient and interpret their neurological illness.
- Maintain the passion for neuroscience nursing.
- Commit to excellence in clinical neurological care.
- Highlight innovative approaches to care.
- Network with like-minded Neuroscience colleagues.

Time:	Topic:	Speaker:
8:30am – 8:45am	Registration	Jeanne Barr (CNC: RNSH) Lauren Wade (CNE: RNSH)
8:45am – 9am	Welcome & Introduction	Claire Harris (DoNM: RNSH) Vicki Evans (WFNN, Vice President)
9am – 9:30am	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is: Oral Health, Hygiene, and Stroke	Virginia Prendergast (NP, USA) (WFNN Past- President)
9:30am – 10am	Surgeons And Spinal Cord Injury	Jonathon Ball (Neurosurgeon: RNSH)
10am – 10:30am	<i>Morning Tea Provided</i>	
10:30am – 11am	Standardized Operating Procedure for the Spine Patient: Results of an Interdisciplinary Care Team	Virginia Prendergast (NP, USA) (WFNN Past-President)
11am – 11:30am	School Education & Concussion: impact on adolescents	Vicki Evans (CNC: RNSH) Leanne Neal (Matron, St Ignatius College, Riverview)
11:30am – 12pm	Deep Brain Stimulation for rare disorders & role of the NP	Emma Everingham (NP: Westmead)
12pm – 1pm	<i>Lunch Provided</i>	
1pm – 1:30pm	Panel discussion: Challenges & opportunities for neuroscience nursing – a global perspective	Virginia Prendergast (WFNN Past-President), Jeanne Barr (ANNA President), Vicki Evans (WFNN VP)
1:30pm – 2pm	Addressing the symptoms of progressive neurological disability through evidence based movement and mobility interventions: a case study	Mark Liberatore (Exercise and Sports Science Physiologist - Cerebral Palsy Alliance)
2pm – 2:30pm	Spontaneous intra-cerebral haemorrhage - achieving best outcomes.	Jeanne Barr (CNC: RNSH) (ANNA President)
2:30pm – 3pm	<i>Afternoon Tea Provided</i>	
3pm – 3:30pm	Time to treatment and inter-hospital transfers following aneurysmal subarachnoid haemorrhages	Linda Nichols (University of Tasmania) (ANNA: Journal Editor)
3:30pm – 4pm	Headache	Bronwyn Jenkins (Neurologist)
4pm – 4:30pm	Summation & Closing Remarks	Deb Willcox (Chief Executive: NSLHD)
4:30pm – 5:30pm	<i>Network Reception</i>	<i>Join us for nibbles in the Kolling Foyer</i>