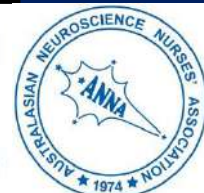




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# Sydney Neuroscience Symposium Program

*Global event -*

Live & pre-recorded international presentations

## *Keynote Speakers:*

- Christi DeLemos (USA)
- Dawn Tymianski (Canada)
- Virginia Prendergast (USA)
- Cindy Bautista (USA)

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**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

8am – 5pm

**Royal North Shore Hospital  
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# 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 2021 Sydney International Neuroscience Symposium.

We are lucky to have a range of topics and specialised speakers from around Australia as well as the entire WFNN Executive – President, Christi DeLemos (USA), Vice President, Vicki Evans (AUS) and Secretary/Treasurer Dawn Tymianski (CAN) and introducing incoming Executive member Linda Nichols (AUS). Joining virtually from the United States is Virginia Prendergast, Past President WFNN and Cindy Bautista. Thank you to our speakers, locally and internationally, for their time and commitment.

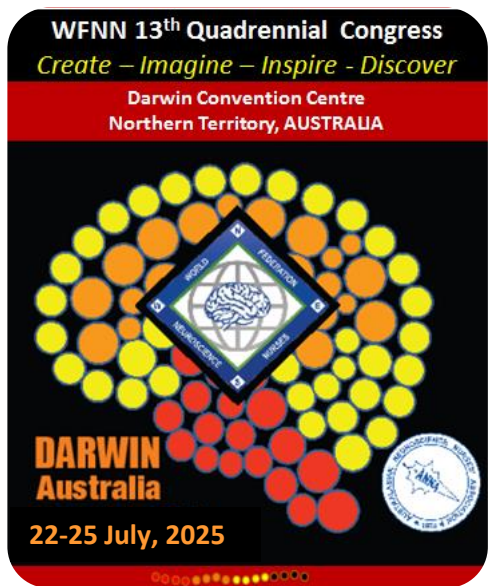
Of course meetings such as this could not occur without the support of our sponsors – especially the Northern Sydney Local Health District, Cerebral Palsy Alliance, University of Tasmania, University of Technology Sydney, Royal North Shore Hospital and North Shore Private Hospital.

Enjoy your Neuroscience Symposium and thank you for your support!

Christi DeLemos  
WFNN, President

Vicki Evans  
WFNN, Vice President

Dawn Tymianski  
WFNN Secretary/Treasurer



## 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 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 neuroscience nursing expertise.

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 to highlight and support local and international conferences. More information can be found at [www.wfnn.org](http://www.wfnn.org)

The next WFNN Quadrennial Congress will be held in Darwin, Australia 22-25 July, 2025. Save-the-Date!



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**Christi DeLemos: President, WFNN:** – Christi is a Neurosurgical Nurse Practitioner and Director of Advanced Practice at UC Davis, Sacramento. She has over 23 years' experience in investigator initiated and industry supported clinical research, medical surgical care, cardiology and neurological surgery. She has authored book chapters and developed multilingual educational resources including a mobile phone application. She has held leadership positions in the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses and was Magnet Nurse of the Year 2016.



**Vicki Evans: Vice President, WFNN:** – Vicki has been involved in Neuroscience nursing in a variety of positions, in Australia and the USA. She is the Clinical Nurse Consultant: Neuroscience at Royal North Shore Hospital Sydney. 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 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 TBI and concussion.



**Dawn Tymianski, Secretary/Treasurer, WFNN:** – Dawn is currently the CEO of the Nurse Practitioners Association of Ontario, Canada. She has over 17 years clinical experience as an Adult Nurse Practitioner at the University Health Network in Toronto, Ontario. Dawn is cross-appointed to the University of Toronto, Faculty of Nursing and has contributed to a number of publications, book chapters and Editor of two textbooks. Her research interest is in role clarity in complex healthcare systems.



**Virginia Prendergast** is a nurse-scientist with 42 years of experience in the care of patients with neurological diseases while teaching nurses to love the neurosciences! Her roles have included staff nurse, nurse manager, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Practitioner, Researcher, and Innovator. The majority of her career has been at the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona where all members of the staff are called to be leaders. Her experiences and variety of leadership roles have provided her with a unique understanding of the skill sets necessary for any nurse to lead in any environment.



**Cynthia Bautista, past-AANN liaison to WFNN:** – Cindy is an Associate Professor at Egan School of Nursing at Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut and a Neuroscience Clinical Nurse Specialist at Yale New Haven Hospital, Connecticut, USA. She has over 25 years of experience in surgical critical care and neuroscience. Cindy has recently been elected to the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses' Board of Directors. She is also the owner of her own business "Nursing Brains, LLC", which provides continuing educational seminars on a variety of neuroscience nursing topics.



# Sydney Symposium

## 12 February, 2021

### Program

- Christi Delemos (CDL) Sacramento, USA
- Dawn Tymianski (DT) Toronto, Canada.
- Virginia Prendergast (VP) Phoenix, USA.
- Cindy Bautista (CB) New Haven, USA.

\*\*\* Additional abstracts will be available as posters .

Time	Topic	Live Speaker	Pre-recorded	Zoom
8:00am	Registration	Jeanne Barr (CNC: RNSH) Lauren Wade (CNE: RNSH)		
8:15 – 8:30am	Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country & Intro	Vicki Evans (CNC, WFNN, VP)		CDL: 1:15pm DT: 4:15pm
8:30 – 8:45am	Official Welcome	Deb Willcox (CEO, NSLHD)		
8:45 – 9:10am	Fact or fiction? Making sense of data.		Christi Delemos (WFNN, President)	
9:10a – 9:35am	Using Visual Aids to Validate your Stroke Nursing Knowledge		Cindy Bautista (CNS, USA)	
9:35 – 9:45am	Q & A with international speakers			CDL: 2:35pm CB: 5:35pm
9:45 – 10:15am	<i>Morning Tea Provided</i>			
10:15 – 10:45am	Leadership in Neuroscience		Virginia Prendergast (NP, USA)	
10:45 – 11:15am	Leadership in Practice	Claire Harris (DoN, RNSH)		
11:15 – 11:30am	Q & A with Virginia & Claire			VP: 5:15pm
11:30 – 12pm	Cerebral Palsy Alliance	TBA		
12pm – 1pm	<i>Lunch Provided</i>			
1pm – 1:20pm	NP-led clinics in rural & remote regions		Dawn Tymianski (NP, CAN)	
1:20 – 1:50pm	Neuroscience in remote Australia		Royal Flying Doctor Service (Darwin)	
1:50 – 2:10pm	Pain Management in the neurosurgical patient	Jeanne Barr (CNC)		
2:10 – 2:30pm	Changing the course of neurological disease through vaccination	Linda Nichols (UTas; AJoN Editor)		
2:30pm – 3pm	<i>Afternoon Tea Provided</i>			
3pm – 4pm	International abstract presentations – top 6		6 selected – 10mins each	
4 – 4:25pm	Adolescent Concussion Video (25mins)	Vicki Evans (VP, WFNN) Danielle Coates (Paeds NP, RNSH)		
4:25 – 4:50pm	Brain Surgery on the go? Integrating telemedicine in neurosurgery (25mins)		Christi DeLemos (WFNN, President)	
4:50 – 5pm	New WFNN Exec & Darwin 2025	Vicki Evans & Linda Nichols		CDL: 10pm DT: 1am
5 – 5:30pm	<i>Network Reception</i>	<i>Join us for nibbles in the Kolling Foyer</i>		

NB: Program subject to change.





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