



australasian **neuroscience** **nurses** association **movement disorder** chapter

The Australasian Neuroscience Nurses' Association (ANNA), is the peak body for neuroscience nurses, facilitates and fosters the advancement of neuroscience nursing thus enabling optimal person centred care.

ANNA achieves this through the provision of opportunities to network, access to resources, promotion and support of the neuroscience specialty.

Mission Statement

The Movement Disorder Chapter of the Australasian Neuroscience Nurses' Association aims to provide clinical support and professional development opportunities for Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorder Nurse Specialist's (PDMDNS). Collectively this will reduce the geographical isolation and promote a professional identity for movement disorder nurses.

There are five domains of focus

1. Education
2. Clinical Practice
3. Professional Development
4. Leadership
5. Research

1. Education

The Chapter believes in a 3 tiered approach to education.

Tier 1: The provision of educational materials and opportunities for nurses in acute care wards, community settings and aged care facilities who care for people with Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders. These materials and opportunities equip nurses to understand the needs of their patients in their local settings.

Tier 2: The development of educational and career pathways for neuroscience nurses into PDMD specialist nursing.

Tier 3: The development of educational pathways for PDMDNS to prepare them for their professional roles as advanced practice nurses.

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2. Clinical Practice.

To develop evidence based best practice guidelines for PDMDNS in the Australasian region to improve the care and outcomes for all people with Parkinson's disease and movement disorders.

To provide a platform for the sharing of expertise and resources relevant to the delivery of best practice care.

3. Professional Development

To develop a formal competency framework which identifies the minimum core competencies required to practice as a PDMDNS. This supports the recognition and future development of nurses with a special interest in Movement Disorders.

4. Leadership

The chapter contributes to relevant political debate and health care policy development, relevant to the populations for whom they care. This is achieved through collaboration, leadership and active participation in workplace and professional organisations, including the Movement Disorder Society of Australia.

5. Research

The Chapter encourages clinical nursing research and provides a platform for professional communication and collaboration between PDMDNS throughout Australasia.

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