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Sydney Neuroscience Symposium Program

Global Virtual event –
ZOOM details will be sent a few days prior to registered delegates

Keynote Speakers from :

- Australia
- USA
- Canada
- UK
- Iceland
- Finland

Register at - ww.anna.asn.au

Cost: \$50AUD

Friday 12th February, 2021

8:30am – 4:30pm

Sydney (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) ♦ **Australia**



Welcome!



On behalf of the *World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses Executive*, and the *Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association* we would like to welcome you to the *virtual 2021 Sydney Neuroscience Symposium*.

We are lucky to have a range of topics and specialised speakers from around the world as well as the WFNN Executive – President, Christi DeLemos (USA), Vice President, Vicki Evans (AUS) and Secretary/Treasurer Charmaine Arulvarathan (CAN).

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 and Royal North Shore Hospital.

Enjoy the Neuroscience Symposium and thank you for your support!

Christi DeLemos
WFNN, President

Vicki Evans
WFNN, Vice President

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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 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

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.



Stephen Cavanagh – Dean, Nursing Leadership UC Davis, USA.

Stephen is also professor at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis. With a passion for health care workforce development and maximizing the use of advanced practice nurses, his research explores the understanding of innovation within the almost unique regulatory framework in which nursing operates — and the need for it within nursing education due to projected nurse shortages — a growing elderly population and the rise of technology in health care.



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.



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Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30 – 8.35am	Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country & Intro -	Vicki Evans (CNC, WFNN, VP) AUS
8.35 – 8.45am	Official Welcome	Deb Willcox (CEO, Northern Sydney Health) AUS
8:45 – 8:50am <i>(1.45pm Thurs, 4.45pm Thurs)</i>	WFNN executive welcome	Christi DeLemos (President, USA) Charmaine Arulvarathan (Treasurer, Canada) Vicki Evans (Vice-president, Australia)
8:50 – 9:25am <i>(2.30pm Thurs)</i>	Fact or Fiction? How Data Impacts Decisions	Christi DeLemos (President, WFNN) USA
9:25 – 9:50am	Leadership in practice	Claire Harris (DoNM, Northern Sydney Health) AUS
9:50 – 10.00am <i>(2.50pm-3pm Thurs)</i>	Live Q&A	Christi DeLemos & Claire Harris
<i>10.00 – 10:30am</i>	<i>Morning Tea Break</i>	
10:30 – 11am	Sustainable innovation in clinical and educational settings	Dr Stephen Cavanagh (Dean, UC Davis School of Nursing, USA)
11 – 11:25am	Using Visual Aids to Validate your Stroke Nursing Knowledge	Cindy Bautista (NP: USA)
11:25 – 11.50am	Shaping the Landscape: NP-led clinics in Canada	Dawn Tymianski (NP: Canada)
11:50 – Noon <i>(7.50pm-8pm Thurs)</i>	Live Q&A	Dawn Tymianski (Canada)
<i>Noon – 1pm</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
1 – 1:30pm	Changing the course of neurological disease through vaccination Live Q&A	Linda Nichols (UTas; AJoN Editor) AUS
1:30 – 1.50pm	Covid-19 - Neuro findings	Vicki Evans (CNC; VP WFNN) AUS
1:50 – 2:30pm	International presentations	Ruth Trout (UK) Cindy Sullivan (USA) Marianne Klinke (Iceland) Jenny Huffadine (UK) - Poster
<i>2:30pm – 3.00pm</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea Break</i>	
3.00pm – 3:30pm	Pain Management in the neurosurgical patient	Jeanne Barr (CNC: Neuroscience) AUS
3.30 – 4.05pm	Neuroimaging	Christi DeLemos (President, WFNN) USA
4.05 – 4.25pm	Cerebral Palsy Alliance	
4.25pm – 4.30pm	Wrap Up	Vicki Evans (CNC; VP WFNN) AUS