

## Association News

### Neuroscience Nurses Week Webcast

#### **Pearls of Stroke Education for Patients, Family, Professional, and Public**

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

12–1:30 pm (CST)

1.5 contact hours

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Members: \$119; Nonmembers: \$159

Looking for new ideas for planning and presenting stroke educational strategies to patients, professional staff, and the public? Learn from this Webcast that, in today's fast-paced healthcare setting, providing individualized disease-specific education is both a professional and institutional challenge. Nurses caring for stroke patients across the continuum won't want to miss this valuable Webcast. Register at [www.association-office.com/aann/etools/meetings/meetings.cfm](http://www.association-office.com/aann/etools/meetings/meetings.cfm).

*Please note:* This Webcast is not included in the free CE programs offered to members during Neuroscience Nurses Week.

### CNRN Review Course

Friday, August 14, 2009

8 am–5 pm

AANN National Office

Glenview, IL

*Jeanne Clancey, MSN RN CNRN*

Members: \$170\*; Nonmembers: \$200\*

*\*Includes lunch*

Are you preparing to take the CNRN examination? If so, you may benefit from AANN's 1-day CNRN Review Course, to be held in Glenview, IL, conveniently located near downtown Chicago and O'Hare International Airport. Reflecting the CNRN examination matrix, this course is designed to help participants with their studies. Participants should come to the course with functional knowledge of most areas identified in the CNRN examination outline.

The AANN *Core Curriculum for Neuroscience Nursing*, 4th Edition, will be used for the class. This is a comprehensive clinical resource for the practicing neuroscience nurse. The book is divided into three parts: foundations of neuroscience nursing, specific neuroscience topics, and neurologic issues across the continuum. Receive 10% off the *Core Curriculum* if purchased when registering for course.

*Please note:* Completion of the CNRN Review Course does not guarantee a passing grade on the examination, but the course can help you focus and supplement your individual study.

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## Get Ready for Neuroscience Nurses Week, May 17–23, 2009

Presented by AANN, the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing, and the Neuroscience Nursing Foundation, Neuroscience Nurses Week honors the commitment that neuroscience nurses dedicate to patients and families. Not only do these events bring neuroscience nurses together, but they also help increase exposure and heighten community awareness of the valuable contributions neuroscience nurses make year round. The event possibilities and reasons to celebrate are endless, from luncheons to open houses, or a dedicated Neuroscience Nurses Day. Join us in observing this special week dedicated to you and your colleagues, your patients, and their families. Let the celebrations begin! To find ideas and suggestions for promoting Neuroscience Nurses Week, visit [www.aann.org/meeting/nnw/](http://www.aann.org/meeting/nnw/).

Don't miss it—free CE opportunities for AANN members only! From May 17 through May 23, CE will be free, representing a value of \$7.50 per contact hour. CE offerings include the AANN Clinical Practice Guideline Series and 2009 *Journal of Neuroscience Nursing* articles.

## AANN Career Center Joins the National Healthcare Career Network

Hunting for or posting a job? The AANN Career Center has joined the National Healthcare Career Network (NHCN), a growing network of 60 healthcare associations that gives you access to more than 1,500 available jobs. Visit [www.AANN.org](http://www.AANN.org) to learn more and search for or post current job opportunities in the field of neuroscience nursing. For more information, contact Jeff McCollan, AANN national sales manager, at [jmccollan@aann.org](mailto:jmccollan@aann.org).

## AANN Members Advancing Leadership Skills

Kudos to two AANN members, Elaine Kopp and Jennifer Boyd, who have been accepted into the Sigma Theta Tau's Mentored Leadership Development Program. Sigma Theta Tau is the honor society of nursing and its mission supports learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in health worldwide. Sigma Theta Tau, founded in 1922, derives its name from the Greek words, *storge*, *tharsos*, and *time*, meaning "love," "courage," and "honor."

Nurses at any stage of their career can be selected for the 1-year program and will be guided by an accomplished mentor. Pairs participate in group activities and the mentee carries out an individualized leadership development plan. Applicants can then use their new skills in professional or community organizations.

Periodic progress reports about Kopp and Boyd will be reported in *Synapse E-News*.

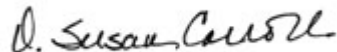
## *Journal of Neuroscience Nursing* Update

As we complete the prepublication work for the third issue of *JNN* published by LWW, it's time to provide you with a few updates. First, our June issue will be the first to include print and online-only articles. As we move forward, each issue will have selected content available only online; this will allow us to expand our page count and to include content readers can use in a timely manner. Online publication also reflects industry trends to publish a "greener" journal (less paper, less ink) and decrease costs—keeping our subscription and advertising rates competitive.

Another new feature available to readers is the *JNN* online archives. Past issues are now archived electronically and can be retrieved through the journal's Web site, [www.JNNOnline.com](http://www.JNNOnline.com). Subscribers will no longer have to file and store past issues and can retrieve past issues that may have been lost or tossed.

Finally, we will soon begin a process called "Publish Ahead of Print" (PAP). PAP will give subscribers access to an electronic version of selected articles before they are actually printed and mailed. This feature allows us to highlight the most current research, issues, and content for readers; enhanced visibility; and a shorter waiting time from manuscript acceptance to publication for our authors.

More news and changes are in the works, so keep your eyes on the *JNN* Web site.



V. Susan Carroll, MS RN CNE  
*JNN* Editor-in-Chief

## Member Benefits

Many benefits are associated with your AANN membership. These include

- professional development awards offered through the Neuroscience Nursing Foundation. The NNF provides education and research opportunities for registered nurses furthering their careers in the neurosciences. The Foundation offers grants to support research, CNRN recertification, and travel to the AANN annual educational meeting each spring. Visit [www.aann.org/nnf/grants](http://www.aann.org/nnf/grants) for more information and applications.
- membership in the World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN), participating in neuroscience nursing on an international level. WFNN, founded in 1969, initially consisted of nursing organizations representing five member countries. During the past 3 decades, a number of neuroscience nursing organizations have been established and have joined the WFNN. In addition, there has been increased development of subspecializations within neuroscience nursing, and, beginning in 1999, neuroscience nursing specialty organizations were able to join the WFNN. Today, there are 15 member organizations representing 32 countries and approximately 5,000 nurses from six continents. AANN members are also WFNN members. For more information, please visit [www.aann.org/about/alliances.htm](http://www.aann.org/about/alliances.htm).

## Call for Member News

Would you like to share a new development or best practice at your facility or institution with AANN members in the bimonthly issues of *Synapse E-News*? We want to hear from you! Although we cannot accommodate all requests, AANN *Synapse E-News* will be happy to accept your news items. Please submit your news for our July issue to June Won, associate editor, at [jwon@aann.org](mailto:jwon@aann.org) by June 24, 2009. Don't be shy—spread the word about your best practice or innovative program.