

Addressing the Growing Need for Education in Neuroscience Nursing

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The 14th Quadrennial World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN) Congress in collaboration with the Australasian Neuroscience Nurses' Association (ANNA), held in Darwin from 22–25 July 2025, emphasised the importance and growing demand for further education in neuroscience nursing. This world-class gathering of nurse professionals, which drew 186 delegates from 21 countries, not only enabled neuroscience nurses to keep pace with the latest research and clinical advancements but also inspired a collective drive to become specialists in their field. Highlights of the congress include the UCB-sponsored symposia, which addressed real-world challenges in clinical neuroscience nursing in Australia.

Clinical Nurse Consultant Brialie Forster explored the complexities of Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathies (DEEs) using a case study of a patient with Dravet syndrome. The session was regarded as informative and directly relevant to practice, with attendees appreciating insights into the expanding role of nurses in the management of DEEs. Nurse Practitioner Jenny Stofmeel focused on management strategies in patients with generalised myasthenia gravis (gMG) as well as the importance of nurses within multi-disciplinary neurology teams.

Both sessions highlighted the importance of equipping nurses with the specialised knowledge and clinical insight needed to navigate the complexities of rare conditions, delivering personalised care that contributes to patient outcomes and quality of life. The symposia received strong engagement and positive feedback overall, with many participants indicating it would influence their clinical approach and encourage them to peruse further research into the topics discussed.

Sponsoring the symposia at WFNN was a meaningful opportunity for UCB Australia. With a legacy in neurology and immunology, UCB is committed to the discovery and development of innovative solutions for people living with severe diseases of the immune and central nervous systems. Patient value is at the heart of the company, inspiring a reimagination of the patient experience, addressing unmet clinical needs, and improving the lives of those affected by severe diseases.

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