Developing Practice Together Across Oceans

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Guest Editorial

One of the great strengths of neuroscience nursing is our willingness to learn from one another. While healthcare systems may differ across countries, many of the challenges we face are remarkably similar. Here in the United Kingdom, neuroscience nurses are navigating increasing service demands, workforce pressures, financial constraints, and growing complexity in patient care. I suspect many colleagues across Australia and New Zealand will recognise these same themes in their own practice.

At the same time, neuroscience nursing has never been more exciting. Advances in treatments for neurological conditions, developments in digital healthcare, expanding advanced practice roles, and increasing opportunities for nurse-led innovation are reshaping how we care for patients and families. Neuroscience nurses are leading research, driving quality improvement, influencing policy, and developing services that improve outcomes across the patient journey.

Yet innovation has limited impact if it remains local. One of our ongoing challenges as a profession is ensuring that successful initiatives, new models of care, and lessons learned are shared widely. Publishing is one of the most effective ways to achieve this. It allows us to move beyond individual organisations and healthcare systems and contribute to a wider body of knowledge that benefits patients internationally.

As Associate Consultant Editor of the *British Journal of Neuroscience Nursing* (BJNN), I have the privilege of reading about the outstanding work being undertaken by neuroscience nurses across the UK. However, some of the most valuable contributions to the journal come from colleagues

working in different countries and healthcare environments. These perspectives challenge assumptions, stimulate discussion, and often provide practical solutions to common problems.

Australia and New Zealand have a well-deserved reputation for excellence and innovation in neuroscience nursing. Whether through research studies, service evaluations, quality improvement projects, case reports, educational initiatives, or reflective pieces, there is much that the wider neuroscience nursing community can learn from Australasian colleagues. Your unique geography leads to significant challenges but amazing opportunities for nurses, which I know UK based nurses would love to hear about.

I would therefore encourage readers of the *Australasian Journal of Neuroscience Nursing* to consider sharing their work with an international audience through the BJNN. You do not need to have conducted a large research study to make a meaningful contribution. Often, some of the most impactful papers are those that describe how nurses have addressed everyday clinical challenges, improved patient experiences, or implemented change within their services.

Our patients face the same neurological conditions regardless of where they live. By sharing knowledge, experiences, and evidence across geographical boundaries, we strengthen neuroscience nursing as a global specialty. I hope to see more Australasian voices represented in the BJNN in the years ahead and to continue the valuable exchange of ideas that benefits us all.

