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**The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses  
Releases Position Statement on the Impact of Neuroscience Nursing**

**Chicago, IL— September 2015**— The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) has released a position statement on the impact of neuroscience nursing on quality of care and health outcomes.

Based on scientific and clinical findings, AANN takes the following position:

- We must continue to research the impact neuroscience nurses have on quality of care and health outcomes.
- We should communicate—directly and indirectly—about the impact of neuroscience nursing on quality of care and health outcomes through formal and informal, written and verbal channels.

Neuroscience nurses independently and collaboratively provide direct patient care during all phases of neurological illness. Direct care is not a function of position (e.g., staff nurse) but that of role, such as educator, caregiver, or counselor. Neuroscience nurses directly prevent complications associated with neurological illness, and both patient and family needs are addressed throughout the course of the illness.

Neuroscience nurses indirectly affect quality of care and health outcomes throughout multidisciplinary endeavors. Examples of these efforts include participation in environment of care remodeling/renovations and community programs. Neuroscience nurses are recognized authoritative speakers on such topics as stroke and hypertension. Members of AANN serve on advisory panels for other professional organizations and frequently communicate health information to the public.

“Neuroscience nurses, specifically AANN members, have a direct impact on health outcomes. The nursing processes, philosophy of patient-focused care, education, and multidisciplinary collaboration utilized by neuroscience nurses positively affect quality of care.” commented Ambre’ Pownall, MSN APRN PPCNP-BC, Chair of the AANN Advocacy Committee.

For a copy of the position statement, please visit [AANN.org/advocacy](http://AANN.org/advocacy).

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**About AANN**

Founded in 1968, the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), an organization of more than 4,500 members worldwide, is committed to working for the highest standard of care for neuroscience patients by advancing the science and practice of neuroscience nursing. AANN accomplishes this through

continuing education, information dissemination, standard setting, and advocacy on behalf of neuroscience patients, families, and nurses. For more information, visit [www.AANN.org](http://www.AANN.org).