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**HYBRID NEUROSCIENCE NURSING ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Saturday, March 12–Tuesday, March 15, 2022

*Attend in-person at the Phoenix Convention Center  
in Phoenix, AZ, or online!*

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The Hybrid Neuroscience Nursing Annual Conference is the best place to connect and collaborate with your neuroscience nursing peers. This is the ultimate educational event for neuroscience nurses and those who care for neuroscience patients in their day-to-day practice.

The sessions will meet your educational needs, whether you are new to the field or a seasoned professional. The conference covers a variety of neuroscience topics, including anatomy, cerebrovascular, epilepsy, movement disorders, neurocritical care, neuro-oncology, neurotrauma, pediatrics, pharmacology, quality improvement, spine, stroke, and leadership skills.

The Neuroscience Nursing Annual Conference will be a hybrid event, so you can attend how you're most comfortable. Join us in person in Phoenix, AZ, or attend the virtual conference online. Either way, you'll have access to the recorded sessions. Whether you attend in person or virtually, you'll still get the same great education and professional development you've come to expect from AANN. Visit [AANN.org/AnnualConference/schedule](https://AANN.org/AnnualConference/schedule) for more information.

AANN is monitoring the COVID-19 situation. Our top priority is the safety of our attendees, exhibitors, and staff. We will continue to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and state and local health authorities. All in-person attendees will be asked to review and agree to the Attendee Commitment to Safety Agreement and Waiver during the registration process, as well as provide proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test prior to coming on-site. If travel or in-person conference restrictions are in place at the time of the Annual Conference, attendees will be offered options that include virtual programming or full refunds of the conference registration fee.

**Save \$100** by registering before the early-bird deadline of Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

# FEATURED SPEAKERS



## **Sunday, March 13**

### **8:30–9:30 am MST | KEYNOTE ADDRESS** **Conversations That Matter**

*Jess Pettitt, M.Ed. CSP*

Let's face it; there are people and topics that at some point are just off limits. You just can't do it or them right now. Even worse, often it is a difficult topic that you have to bring up with a difficult person. What if you could engage in these conversations with more confidence, humor, and ease? No matter the person or topic, you are your best tool for conversations that matter. Understanding your self and others as differently right gives you the tools to intentionally design teams, groups, and partnerships that can bring value to a single project or topic. We are all frustrating to someone, and at times even to ourselves. Once you know who and how you are, you can reclaim responsibility for these behavior response patterns and leave room for others to do the same. Before you know it, you are having better conversations and fuller relationships with those around you. I promise - it is that easy.



## **Monday, March 14**

### **8:30–10 am MST | Invited Speaker** **Booze, Drugs, and My Brain: A Happy Ending**

*Laurie Dhue*

Veteran news anchor Laurie Dhue shares a raw, unvarnished look at her lengthy battle with alcohol and cocaine addiction. She will impart valuable insights from her myriad experiences, including a near-fatal overdose, providing a deeply personal perspective that may help nurses better understand their future patients.



## **Tuesday, March 15**

### **8–9:45 am MST | Invited Speaker** **The Crab Bucket...The Way We Do The Things We Do**

*Faith Roberts, MSN RN NEA-BC*

For too long in nursing, neophytes have been admonished for their creativity with the statement: "That's not the way we do it here." This presentation will explore "the way we do the things we do" and most importantly, WHY. Using a northeastern folktale about a crab bucket as an analogy, the evolutionary process of a nurse from student to practitioner to leader will be studied. By utilizing clinical situations as a backdrop, the concepts of management/ leadership styles, conflict resolutions, job satisfactions, and employee expectations will be examined.

# SPECIAL EVENTS



Monday, March 14  
7-10 pm

## AGNES MARSHALL WALKER FOUNDATION (AMWF) EVENT

*Join us* at the Duce for an unforgettable evening of music, dancing, and fun while supporting AMWF! An extra fee of \$75 applies, and all proceeds support AMWF grants. This event is in-person only.

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# PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS to Help Improve

The following are extra-cost events, not included in the AANN Annual Conference fee.

## **Saturday, March 12**

**8 am–5 pm MST**

**LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE**

**TRACK: NEUROCRITICAL CARE**

### **(001) Emergency Neurological Life Support (ENLS) Course**

*Speaker TBD*

*Price: \$300*

The ENLS course is designed to help healthcare professionals improve patient care and outcomes during the critical first hours of a patient's neurological emergency. ENLS Version 5.0 recently was released and includes all of the latest medical updates, keeping you in the know on best practices for managing neurological emergencies. Participants of this session will be given a consistent set of protocols, practical checklists, decision points, and suggested communication to use during the patient management of 14 neurological emergencies. The Neurocritical Care Society (NCS) will be responsible for crediting participants with continuing education hours related only to the ENLS course, regardless of other sessions that may be offered at the AANN Annual Conference. The ENLS course has been designed for a maximum of 15 AMA PRA CME, ACNN, ACPE, and CAPCE credits upon completion. Official documentation of continuing education credit and 2-year ENLS certification is available for download on the ENLS online platform after successful completion of all course exams and a passing score of at least 70%. The official CME provider of NCS is Cine-Med.

## **8 am–Noon MST**

**LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE**

**TRACK: ANATOMY**

### **(002) 3D Brain and Spine Anatomy and Pathology**

*Linda Littlejohns, MSN RN SCR N CNRN FAAN*

*Price: \$120*

If you have been puzzled by your patients' symptoms and have wondered how to plan their care or discuss the problem with them, their family, or other healthcare team members, this session is for you. A sound knowledge of brain and spine anatomy is essential for neuroscience nursing practice, and the 3D Anatomage program is invaluable in answering all your questions as we discuss stroke, trauma, and degenerative diseases.

*Daylight saving time will occur on Sunday, March 13. However, Phoenix does not observe daylight saving time, and the time will not change.*

# Improve Your Practice and Expand Your Influence

Annual Conference registration fee. *Preregistration is required.*

## 1-3 pm MST

**LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE**

**TRACK: NEUROCRITICAL CARE**

### **(003) Pulmonary Complications in Critically Ill**

#### **Neuroscience Patients: Current Management Strategies**

*Patricia Blissitt, PhD ARNP-CNS CCRN CNRN SCRN CCNS CCM ACNS-BC*

**Price: \$60**

Pulmonary complications after neurologic illness and injury are common. Respiratory complications result in secondary neurologic injury, prolonged hospitalization, and worse outcomes. This presentation will include a brief discussion of each of the pulmonary complications, including mechanisms and pathophysiology, and strategies to minimize or lessen the related respiratory disorders. Current management strategies and the evidence and controversies surrounding these strategies will be elucidated. Case studies will be included to enhance learning.

## 1-3 pm MST

**LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE**

**TRACK: CEREBROVASCULAR/STROKE**

### **(004) Learnings from the Early Adoption of Tenecteplase from a Large Integrated Medical System**

*Course Director: Patricia Zrelak, PhD RN CNRN NEA-BC SCRN PHN FAHA*

**Price: \$60**

Approved in 1996, intravenous (IV) alteplase remains the only FDA-approved pharmaceutical treatment of acute ischemic stroke. Multiple recent studies comparing tenecteplase and alteplase suggest that tenecteplase is at least as efficacious as alteplase with regard to neurologic improvement with other suggestive clinical advantages. In this talk, the presenters will discuss their planning and implementation experience for implementing IV tenecteplase as the first-line pharmaceutical treatment for acute ischemic stroke from a nursing perspective, as well as major outcomes so that others can learn from their work.

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## VENUE

### Conference Location

Phoenix Convention Center  
100 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004

### Hotel Location

Sheraton Phoenix Downtown  
340 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004

**Rate: \$259**

**Reservation Center:** 800.325.3535

**Cutoff Date:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022

**Online Reservation Link:**

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50213181>

AANN has secured a limited number of sleeping rooms at the special discounted rate. This special rate will apply until the cutoff date, or when the room block is filled; at that point, higher rates may apply. Please be sure to make your reservations early and to indicate that you are attending the AANN conference.

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“The conference brings new ideas, techniques, and the most recent best practice recommendations to assist with the care of our neurological patient population.”

– past Annual Conference attendee

“The conference was full of enlightening discussions that helped me stay at the forefront.”

– past Annual Conference attendee