



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Presented jointly by the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses, the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing, and the Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation





The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN), and the Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation (AMWF) present the 2024 Annual Report. As a tri-board, AANN, ABNN, and AMWF work collaboratively to advance the science and practice of neuroscience nursing. AANN is the membership organization you can turn to for education and professional development; ABNN oversees the Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse (CNRN®) and Stroke Certified Registered Nurse (SCRN®) certification programs; and AMWF is the foundation that supports neuroscience education by offering certification, research, education, and conference grants. Together, AANN, ABNN, and AMWF are the three pillars driving neuroscience nursing excellence.

This report highlights the tri-board's accomplishments from March 2024 through March 2025 and looks at its goals for the duration of 2025.

In March 2024, the tri-board held a strategic planning session to identify key initiatives to help drive the three organizations over the next several years. Some key goals that came out of the session focus on community, organizational development, and advocacy and advancement. It will continue to focus on how it can best support its members, certificants, and foundation supporters.

The tri-board continues to collaborate on the Tri-Board Mentorship Program, which is structured to provide neuroscience professionals mentoring in clinical, research, and educator pathways as well as career development.

AANN and ABNN partner on key initiatives to benefit neuroscience nurses. The organizations are currently working on two certificate programs: a [spine certificate](#) and a [neuroscience advanced practice provider \(neuro-APP\) certificate](#). The spine certificate program will provide evidence-based education specific to spine, followed by

a post-course assessment. Contributors are finalizing the program, and it is expected to be available for purchase in summer 2025. The neuro-APP certificate is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

AANN and ABNN collaborated for a fourth year on the [Certificate Program for the Seizure and Epilepsy Healthcare Professional](#). The certificate program equips healthcare professionals with the tools needed to safely care for patients with seizures and epilepsy. Congratulations to the more than 1,550 healthcare professionals who have earned either the 6- or 8-module seizure and epilepsy certificate in 2024.

Key leaders from AANN and ABNN collaborated on a Delphi study on the essential components of an adult critical care neuroscience nursing orientation. Five components and 37 elements were agreed upon by expert consensus as a result of this study. You can [read the article](#) in the January/February 2025 issue of *the Journal of Neuroscience Nursing (JNN)*.

Over the past year, AANN kept its mission and strategic plan in mind and focused on membership and engagement, education, and advocacy. AANN met your call for more education with several in-person and virtual events.

- The Advances in Stroke Care Conference was held in Houston, TX, in August 2024.
- The AANN Amplify: A Virtual Symposium on anatomy and assessment and seizure and epilepsy was held for the second time in September 2024.
- The Virtual International Neuroscience Nursing Research Symposium (INNRS) was held in January 2025.
- The Neuro-APP Symposium and Annual Conference were held in March 2025 in New Orleans, LA.



The Clinical Practice Guidelines Editorial Board released guidelines on [spine surgery](#) in January 2025 and is working on updating the movement disorders, brain tumor, subarachnoid hemorrhage, and traumatic brain injury guidelines over this next year.

AANN had two exciting publication releases this past year. In August 2024, AANN in collaboration with the American Nurses Association published the fourth edition of the [Neuroscience Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice](#) book. The new edition provides details related to the neuroscience nurse's application of the Code of Ethics for Nurses and includes a new standard on advocacy. In January 2025, AANN also made the seventh edition of the *AANN Core Curriculum of Neuroscience Nursing* available for [digital download](#). You can purchase individual chapters or the full text. Purchasing individual chapters is perfect for those who want a refresher in a certain area or those who want to study specific topics for the CNRN exam. You can still purchase the traditional print book in the [online store](#) too.

In May, AANN launched the [Nurses in the Media](#) program. Thank you to AANN Secretary/Treasurer Rachel Malloy for creating this unique program. The Nurses in the Media program discusses the uses and benefits of nurses in the media, reviews the necessary media skills, and guides the development of messaging for media engagement. Participants can earn 3 CE contact hours by completing the course and evaluation. This is the *only* media competency training program made specifically for neuroscience nurses! AMWF offers a grant to cover the course registration, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

The *Journal of Neuroscience Nursing* received a 1.5 impact factor. Dr. Lori Rhudy completed her second year as associate editor, and the journal was recognized

as a top journal at the International Academy of Nursing Editors meeting. Special achievements from the past year include regular YouTube videos discussing new articles and a strategic planning session with the editorial board that was held in December 2024. The strategic planning session resulted in a roadmap of priorities for the journal over the next several years, including a focus on citations, submissions, and reach.

ABNN launched [digital badges](#) for the CNRN and SCRNP certifications and the seizure and epilepsy certificate program in June 2024 through a partnership with Credly. Benefits of the digital badge include easily sharing your achievement on social media like LinkedIn, plus being able to securely verify your achievement and print a copy of your certificate. Make sure you broadcast your accomplishment!

The [Hospital Registration Program](#) is an employer program designed to help nurses earn certification for the neuroscience and stroke specialties. As of March 2025, there are 56 hospitals participating.

The CNRN program completed a job analysis study in 2024 to update the content outline of the exam. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. The new, updated outline will go into effect for the July 2025 exam window and will be available on the ABNN website for reference. ABNN encourages all those planning to sit for the CNRN exam to review this prior to taking the exam.

ABNN is proud to share that the SCRNP certification program was successfully reaccredited by the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification. Reaccreditation is required every 5 years to ensure that the program is in compliance with certification exam standards and enables exams to be accepted for Magnet status.



AMWF awards [grants](#) for research, leadership, and educational pursuits. Grant recipients use the funds toward research, professional development, or certification to promote excellence in patient care.

The certification, membership, new chapter, Nurses in the Media, and certificate program grants are accepted on a rolling basis. AMWF also offers grants to assist with the registration fee or travel expenses to AANN conferences. Additionally, the AMWF Research Grant is awarded to a neuroscience nurse to provide financial assistance for neuroscience nursing research projects that address the clinical practice, educational, certification, or administrative dimensions of neuroscience nursing. The Linda Littlejohns Neuro Education Grant accepts applications in February and July each year. The foundation thanks everyone who donated this past year. Your support helps make the grant program possible. AMWF is proud to have granted more than \$348,000 to more than 530 nurses over the past 10 years, thanks to your generosity!

New this year: thanks to a generous donation from Steven Goins and Catherine Nelson, AMWF is offering a new grant for neuroscience nurses from eastern and central Oregon to provide financial assistance to attend the AANN Annual Conference or any American Nurses Credentialing Center-accredited educational program. The foundation is also offering two grants to attend the World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses Conference: one from AMWF and one sponsored by the MoKan Blues Chapter of AANN.

The foundation raises funds to award grants throughout the year. Every year on June 30, Agnes's birthday, AMWF holds a day of giving. AMWF encourages everyone to celebrate Agnes each June 30 with a donation.

**Thank you for your continued support of AANN, ABNN, and AMWF.** If you want to serve on a committee or task force, check the [volunteer page](#) of the NeuroNetwork. The tri-board invites you to get involved!

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# 2024-2027 AANN, ABNN, AND AMWF ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC PLAN

The strategic plan focuses on three main goal areas:



## **COMMUNITY**

Engage social media influencers, define and publicize the role of neuro nurses, and organize virtual events.



## **ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Conduct a performance and gap analysis, enhance processes, standardize operations, and increase knowledge sharing.



## **ADVOCACY AND ADVANCEMENT**

Diversify and communicate content, increase engagement, promote certification and grants, and develop advocacy partners.

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AANN leads neuroscience health through engagement, education, and advocacy.

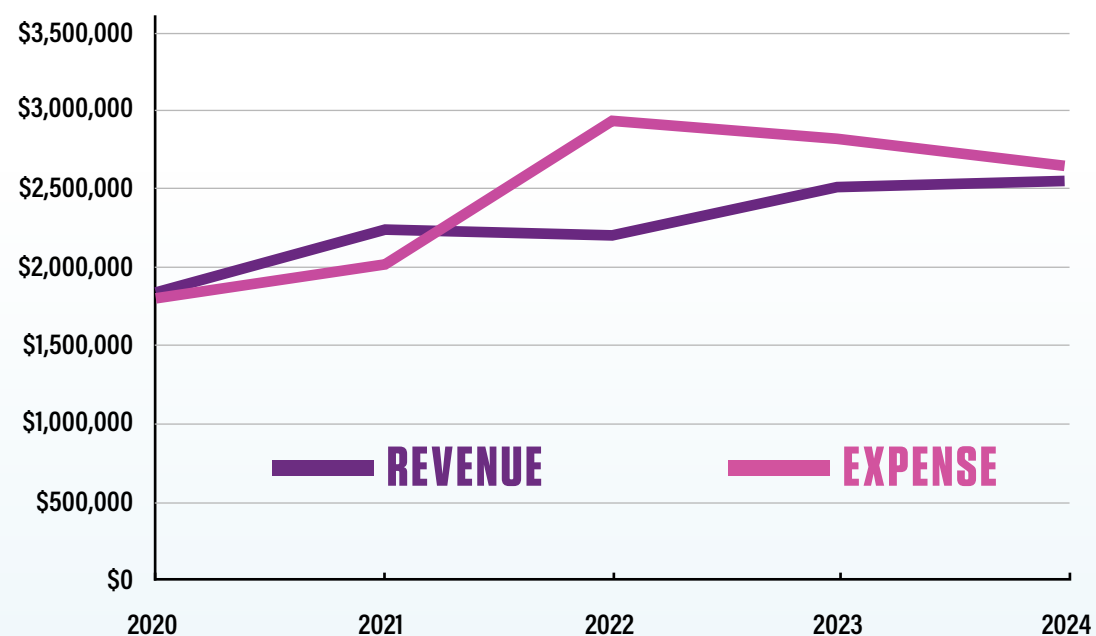
# VISION

AANN is indispensable to nurses and neuroscience health care.

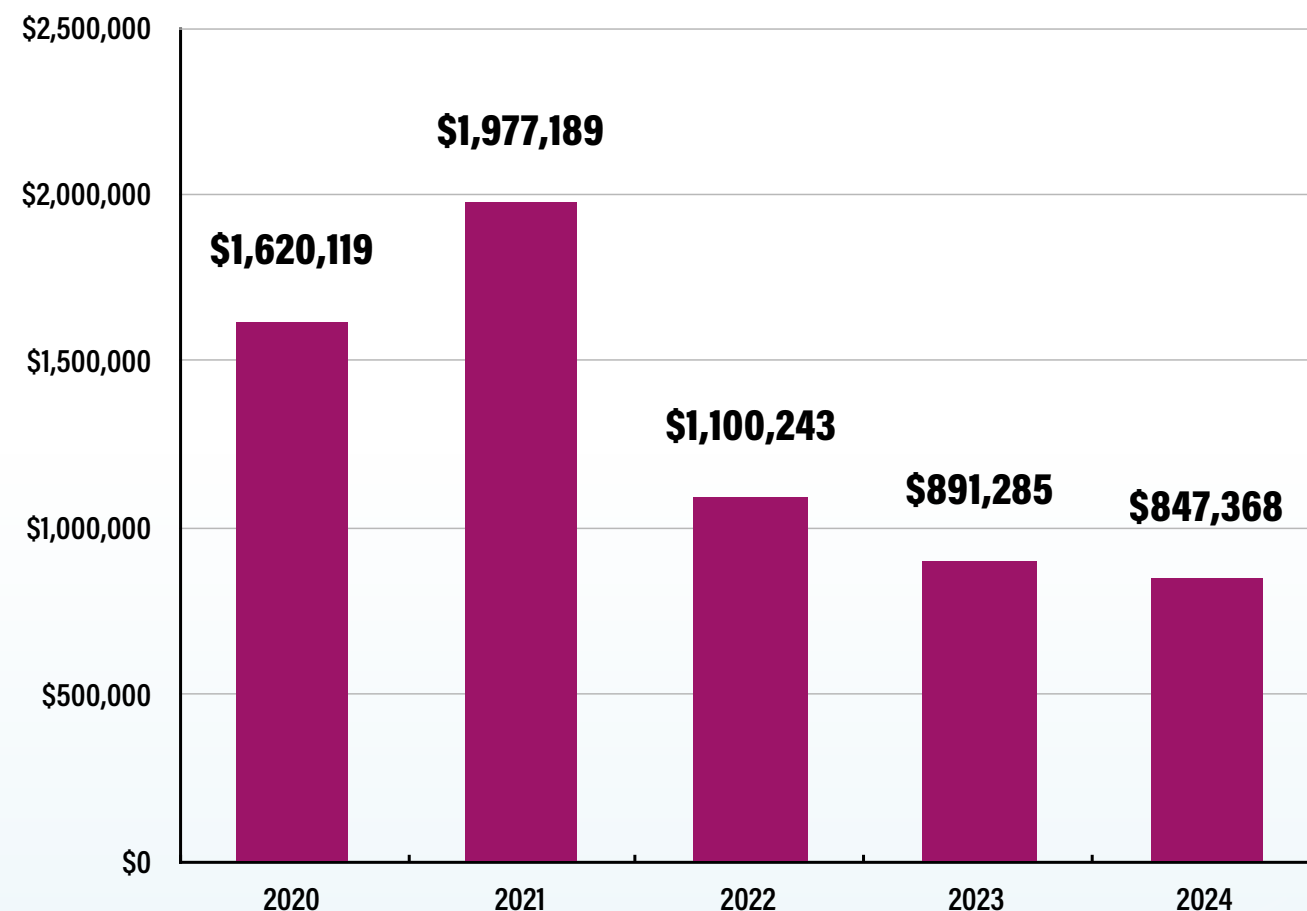
# DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

AANN represents a diverse population of nurses pursuing excellence in neuroscience practice. Our organization is strengthened by our support of members regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, religion, age, sexual orientation, disability, or life experiences. It is through inclusion that we foster and respect the diverse ideas, opinions, and thoughts that ensure that AANN will continue to excel, innovate, and encourage learning and leadership. Embracing and celebrating our differences through diversity and inclusion ensures an environment of respect and engagement that will contribute to the growth and viability of the AANN organization.

# FINANCIALS



## 2024 OPERATING TRENDS

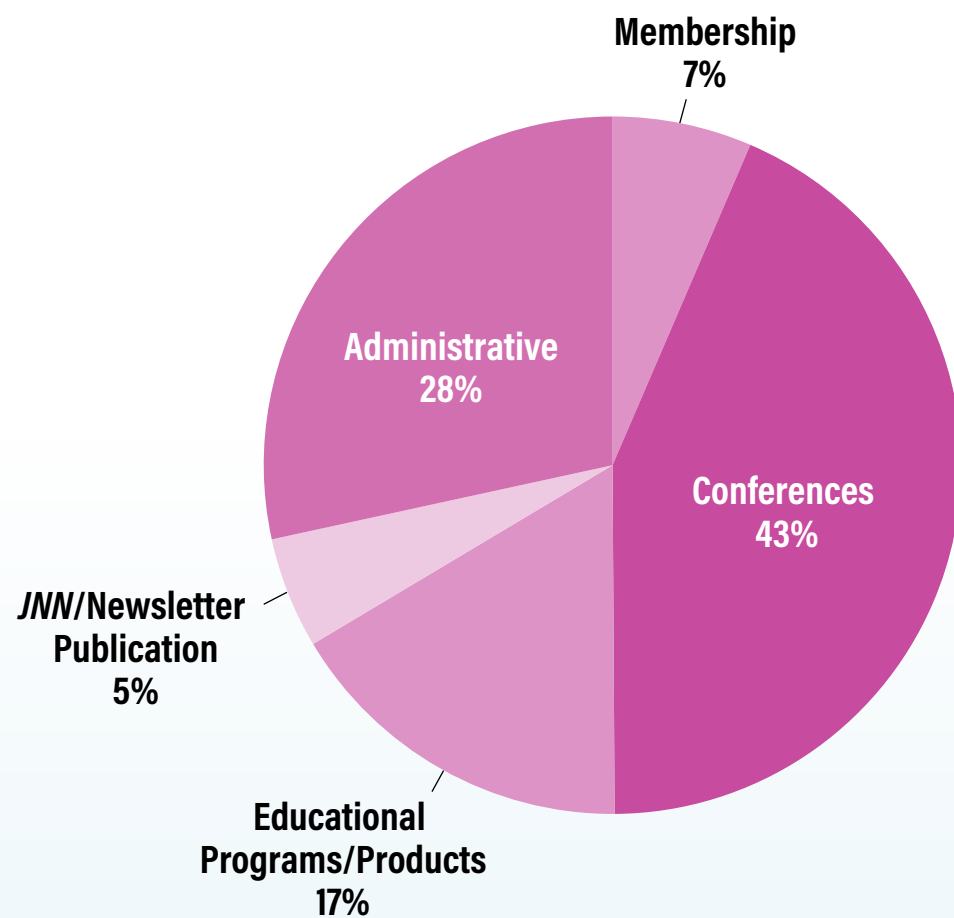


## 2024 NET ASSETS

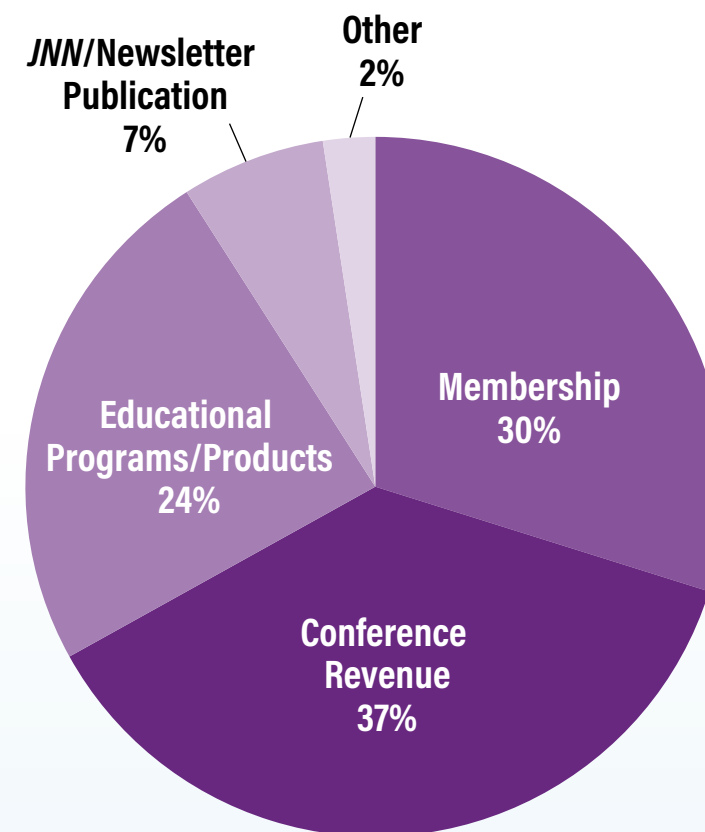


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**2024 OPERATING REVENUE**

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# MISSION

To promote and advance the practice of neuroscience nursing through specialty certification

# VISION

Every person with neurological health needs will receive care from ABNN-certified registered nurses.

## 2024 CNRN DATA



**347**  
applicants

**3,659**  
total certificants

**513**  
recertified  
CNRNs

**57%**  
recertification  
rate

**41**  
retired  
CNRNs

**10**  
alumnus  
CNRNs

**181**  
new CNRNs

**CNRN**  
Certified Neuroscience  
Registered Nurse



## 2024 SCRIN DATA



**1,470**  
applicants

**754**  
recertified  
SCRNs

**52%**  
recertification  
rate

**15**  
retired  
SCRNs

**7,143**  
total certificants

**932**  
new SCRNs

**16**  
alumnus  
SCRNs

**SCRN**  
Stroke Certified  
Registered Nurse

# 2024 SEIZURE AND EPILEPSY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM DATA



**3,583**  
total certificate  
holders

**1,504**  
8-module  
program  
completions

**55**  
6-module  
program  
completions

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# MISSION

Supporting neuroscience nursing through education, research, professional development, and certification to promote excellence in patient care



# THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO AMWF IN 2024

We appreciate your generous support of neuroscience education. Your donations make an impact in the professional development of neuroscience and stroke nurses.



"The AMWF grant gave me the opportunity to attend the Advances in Stroke Care Conference in Louisville as an attendee and [a] presenter. Receiving the AMWF grant, I was able to share our organization's collaborative work between our EMS agency and emergency department and how we were able to break down the silos and work collaboratively as one to achieve better outcomes for the stroke population. The collaboration has shown to benefit our community members."

- Angie M. Moscho, MSN RN SCRNP



"The AMWF grant was a transformative milestone in my journey as a neuroscience nurse. AANN and AMWF have been far more than platforms for professional development; they embodied the realization of a dream and a profound source of inspiration to encourage others to follow similar paths. I am profoundly grateful for the impact this opportunity has had on my career and for the chance to contribute to the growth of a new generation of neuroscience nurses."

- Priscila de Medeiros, PhD

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in honor of all past presidents of AANN,  
in honor of Barb Mancini,  
in memory of Lynn Hundley,  
in honor of the Nurses in the Media Grant

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in honor of all those connected by the  
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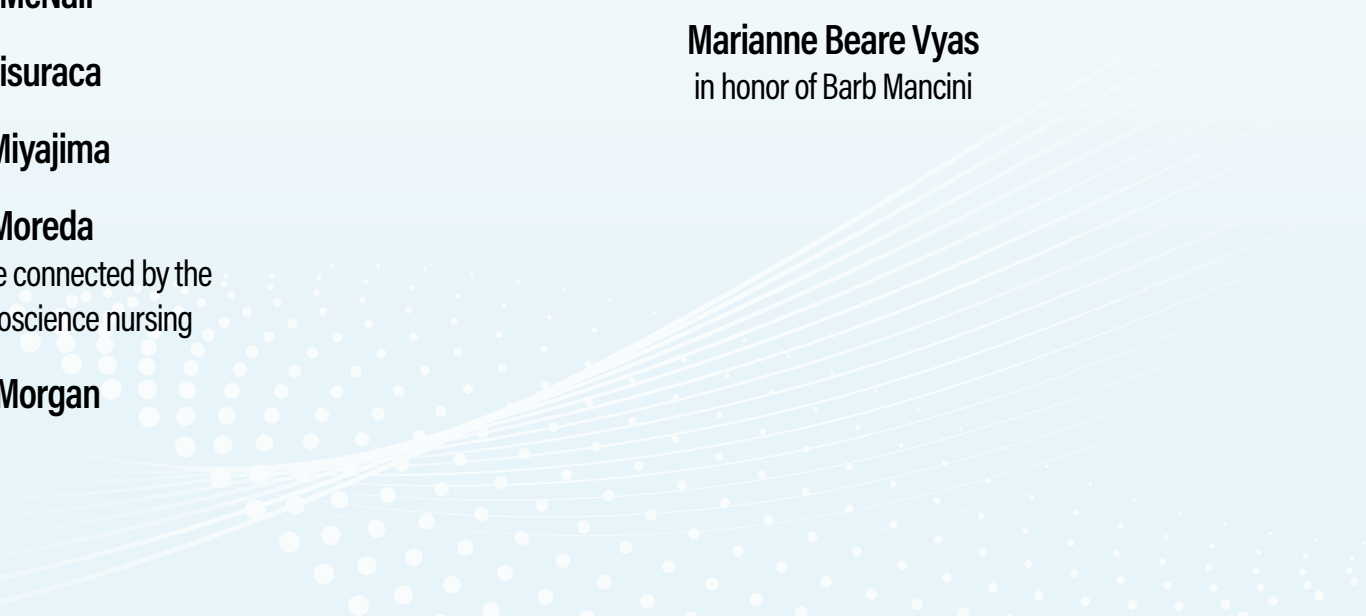
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# AMWF GRANT RECIPIENTS



**AMWF awarded \$41,595 in grants in 2024 and \$17,025 to date in 2025.**  
**Since 2014, AMWF has granted more than \$348,000 to more than 530 nurses!**

## CNRN OR SCR N CERTIFICATION GRANT

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