NNS Nurse Network

4th meeting
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General Assembly

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Background

• Nurses in the Nordic region play a key role in
  • Follow-up
  • Programming / optimization
  • Clinical examinations
  • Feedback to the physicians
  • Quality control
  • Research projects

• Challenges:
  • Complex task
  • Rapidly developing field
  • Often the only education (if any) and sparring comes from the local implanter(s)

• Despite this, most networks, meetings, courses, and education material are aimed at doctors
Proposal

• The NNS would like to facilitate a Nordic Neuromodulation Nurse Network
• The 4N is intended for...
  • Exchange of experience
  • A way for new nurses to learn from the more experienced
  • Facilitating troubleshooting
  • Discussion of difficult cases
  • Testing new devices / techniques / paradigms / setups / etc.

and hopefully later also for...
• Nurse research
• Exchange programs
• A Nordic Neuromodulation Nurse curriculum
• Common patient information materials
• Nurse pre- and postgraduate programs

• ...your ideas / suggestions?

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The NNS Nurse Network

- Eva Leljevahl (Uppsala, SE) and Anne Lene Høst Knudsen (Aarhus, DK) has agreed to chair the NNS Nurse Network
  - Email: nurse@nordicneuro.org
- The network is for all nurses working with neuromodulation (SCS, DRG, DBS, SNS, PNS/PfNS/ONS, VNS, etc. etc.) in the Nordic region – and nobody else.
- The network will be centered around 2 media:
  - The FaceBook group ”Nordic Neuromodulation Nurses” (for all non-sensitive communication)
  - The NNS Nurse Forum (for possibly sensitive information)
FB: Nordic Neuromodulation Nurses

This group is for all nurses working with neuromodulation in the Nordic region*.

Here we can discuss topics of relevance to our work in the field: Exchange experience, ask for advice, help troubleshooting, share knowledge, and discuss our challenges.

Since FaceBook is a social media, we should not discuss specific patient cases. If you have a difficult case you want to discuss, please use our forum at the NNS website (www.nordicneuro.org). If you start a thread there, just give a notice here, so we can all go there and read / give advice.

We, the admins, hope that this will be a good forum for all you nurses who work in this field.

Anne Lene (DK) and Eva (SE).

*The Nordic region is Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Neuromodulation includes, and is not limited to, SCS, DRG-stim, PNS/PNfS, DBS, SNS, VNS, and ITDD (pumps).
The NNS Nurse Forum

• A place to discuss specific cases
  • (still, no names or obvious identifiable data)

• Closed forum, moderated by Eva, Anne Lene, and Kaare Meier

• To use, you must
  • register at the nordicneuro forums (please use your full name as user name)
  • enter the password that Eva or Anne Lene supplies
The NNS Nurse Forum

http://nordicneuro.org/

http://nordicneuro.org/forums/index.html
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• Announce in the FB group that you have started a new thread in the Nurse Forum

• Create the thread
  • tick “notify me when a reply is posted”

• Consider looking at the Introduction to Forums

http://nordicneuro.org/forum/index.php
Your contribution

• Physicians:
  • Inform the nurses you work with about the initiative
  • Provide Eva Leljevahl (SE) / Anne Lene Høst Knudsen (DK) or me with email addresses of nurses you know to be working in neuromodulation (all fields)
  • email: nurse@nordicneuro.org

• Nurses:
  • Contact Eva or Anne Lene and tell them who you are and what you work with
  • Sign up for the FaceBook group
  • Sign up at the NNS forums (remember: please use your full name as ID)
  • Contribute, participate, and help develop this!
Thank you!