

23rd Annual Neuroscience Nursing Conference

Integrating the Art and Science of Neuroscience Nursing

September 15-16, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
The Graduate Iowa City Hotel, 210 S Dubuque St, Iowa City, IA

The purpose of this two-day conference is to optimize the care of neuroscience patients by providing advanced knowledge and innovative care strategies impacting neuroscience nurses and patients across the lifespan. This content may help individuals prepare for the Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse (CNRN) or Stroke Certified Registered Nurse (SCRN) exams.

Overarching Program Objectives:

- Describe neuro anatomy and the correlation with neuroscience patient care.
- Discuss diagnosis, treatment, management and emerging research for neuroscience pathologies.
- Identify strategies to promote the art and science of patient care to optimize patient outcomes.

Registration Information

Registration Link: <https://uiowa.cloud-cme.com/course/courseoverview?P=0&EID=81841>

Registration Fees:

- Non-UI Health Care Attendees (add \$20 after 8/21/2026)
 - 2 days = \$100
 - Single day = \$70
- UI Health Care Employees and Nursing Students
 - 2 days = \$80
 - Single day = \$50



Registration closes on 9/2/2026.

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Agenda

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

- 7:30 Registration
8:00 Welcome
8:05 **Spine, Spinal Cord, Spinal Nerves Back to Basics** | Kathleen Andersen, MS, Associate Professor
8:55 **Spinal Cord Injury and Bone Health** | Cathy Hostettler, DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC, Nurse Practitioner
9:35 Break & Exhibitors in pre-function area
9:55 **Capitalizing on Plasticity after Spinal Cord Injury: The Power of Rehabilitation** | Richard K. Shields, PT, PhD, FAPTA, Departmental Executive Officer, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science
10:45 **Neuromodulation for the Treatment of Epilepsy** | Dana LoTempio, DNP, ARNP, Nurse Practitioner
11:15 **University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital Facility Dog Program** | Emily Bradley, MS, CCLS, Manager; Cydney Westen, MS, CCLS, Child Life Specialist
12:00 Lunch & Exhibitors (Optional: Eastern Iowa Chapter of American Association of Neuroscience Nurses in the O'Connor Boardroom)
1:00 **Supportive and Palliative Care** | Danilo Jahn, ADN, RN, Staff Nurse
1:35 **Treatments for Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy and Guillain Barre** | Christopher Nance, MD, Clinical Associate Professor
2:15 Break & Exhibitors in pre-function area
2:35 **To Infinity and Beyond: Advancing Precision Medicine Through a Pediatric Genetic Therapy Center** | Chandra L. Miller, DNP, ARNP, FNP-C, Nurse Practitioner
3:10 **Multiple Sclerosis: The Patient's Experience and Why We are Entering a New Era for Treatment and Wellness** | Mishelle Paullus, ARNP, MSCS, Nurse Practitioner
3:40 **Recovery After Stroke: A Patient Perspective**
Moderator: Karen Stenger, MA, RN, CCRN, Nursing Practice Leader
4:10 Evaluation
4:20 Recess

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

- 7:30 Registration
7:55 Welcome
8:00 **(Nonaccredited Education) A Functional Medicine Approach to Brain Health** | Terry Wahls, MD, FACP, IFMCP, Clinical Professor
8:50 Break & Exhibitors in pre-function area
9:20 **Parkinson's Disease and Lifestyle Changes** | Nandakumar Narayanan, MD, PhD, Professor
10:00 **Neuro Critical Care** | Ann Wyborny, DO, Clinical Assistant Professor
10:40 **Acute Ischemic Stroke Guideline Review** | Erin Rindels, MSN, RN, CNRN, SCRNP, Clinical Practice Leader
11:15 **Advancing Stroke Care** | Erin Rindels, MSN, RN, CNRN, SCRNP, Clinical Practice Leader
11:50 Lunch & Exhibitors
1:00 **Headache 101, Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP), Migraine and Post Traumatic Headache: Clues from a Neuropeptide** | Levi Sowers, PhD, Assistant Professor
1:50 **Experiencing the Neurologic Patient Journey** | Michele Wagner, MSN, RN, CNRN, Retired Nurse; Grace Matthews, MSN, RN, Retired Nurse
2:30 Break & Exhibitors in pre-function area
2:50 **Lumbar Stenosis and Neurogenic Claudication** | Patrick W. Hitchon, MD, Professor
3:20 **Chiari Malformation** | Trang Duong, DNP, ARNP, CPNP-PC, Nurse Practitioner
3:50 **More Than a Diagnosis: A Patient's Journey**
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General Information



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Hotel Room Reservations:

The conference will be held at the Graduate Iowa City Hotel, 210 S Dubuque St, Iowa City, IA. Call the Graduate Hotel directly at (319) 337-4058 or through their direct booking link:

<https://book.passkey.com/event/51189051/owner/50921196/landing> by August 12, 2026 to make a room reservation. The conference group code = 929.

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