

Neuromodulation Society of Aus and NZ 9th ASM - Concurrent Session for Nurses and Allied Health Staff

Session 3: Nursing Workshop 1:30 pm – 3.10 pm

Advanced Pain Therapies

Program Overview

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS	TOPICS
1330 – 1335	Welcome and Introduction	Gena Lantry , Facilitator	
1335 - 1400	Advanced Pain Therapies – A Comprehensive Overview	Sandra Tutt	Overview of pain pathways and the neuroscience underpinning SCS and intrathecal therapy, including the potential for these modalities to improve patient outcomes.
1400 – 1440	Partnering with Patients embarking on Advanced Pain Therapies – The Nursing Role	Amel Helou	Working patients up for trial implantation (education-what patients’ need to know; assessing patients’ suitability for implant- the nursing assessment and being part of the multidisciplinary team).
			Working with patients as they progress to permanent implant (assisting informed proactive patients; introducing concepts of motivational interviewing, helping patients identify realistic treatment outcome goals).
			Working with patients over the life course of APT management (the ongoing role re monitoring and managing patients with APT's; introducing the notion of a case management approach to providing ongoing care for these patients; monitoring outcomes, adverse events, side effects, helping patients maximize treatment approaches).
			Appreciation of the appropriate selection of patient’s for advanced pain therapies, that is, which patient, what conditions, what device, and how to recognize potential ‘red flags’.
1440 – 1510	Audience Discussion – Panel of experts and representatives from each product company	Chair: Gena Lantry	Have an opportunity to network with peers currently working in the specialty. Collate a network/database of interested nurses working in the area for the purpose of peer support, education and professional affiliation. To meet the representatives from the advanced pain therapy companies. To establish online forums for further communication.