

# 2006 Annual Report

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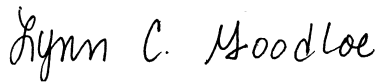
## A Message from Your Leaders

### Dear Neuroscience Nursing Colleagues:

We are pleased to bring you the Annual Report for the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN), and the Neuroscience Nursing Foundation (NNF). Working together, our three organizations significantly affect our patients and our profession, as demonstrated by the accomplishments of 2006 and the key initiatives for 2007 noted herein.

Current healthcare trends, as well as social and economic factors, influence neuroscience patient care and our practice environments as never before. By providing responsive and forward-thinking leadership, AANN, ABNN, and NNF help nurses meet the challenges they face today and in the future.

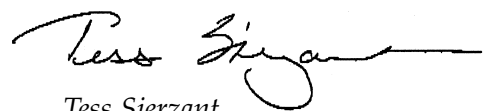
As AANN, ABNN, and NNF continue to grow, so will our effectiveness at influencing patient care and our ability to provide you with an outstanding array of benefits. We would like to thank the many volunteers for their contributions to neuroscience nursing and you for your support of our specialty!



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**N**euroscience nursing is a unique area within the nursing discipline, which specializes in the care of individuals who have biopsychosocial alterations due to nervous system dysfunction. This encompasses all levels of human existence, from basic bodily functions to advanced processes of the human mind. Neuroscience nursing care is provided across the lifespan, from birth through death.

This definition was excerpted from *The Scope and Standards of Neuroscience Nursing Practice* produced by the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) in collaboration with the American Nurses Association.

The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) is committed to the advancement of neuroscience nursing as a specialty through the development and support of nurses to promote excellence in patient care.

The American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN) promotes the practice and the contributions made by neuroscience nurses to the health of the nation through certification of registered nurses.

The mission of the Neuroscience Nursing Foundation is to advance the science and practice of neuroscience nursing by identifying and promoting research and evidence-based practices that optimize patient-centered outcomes for patients with neurological conditions.

# American Association of Neuroscience Nurses

## Key Accomplishments in 2006

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- Served as a partner organization with the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association to develop *Guidelines for the Management of Patients with Extracranial Carotid and Vertebral Artery Disease*.
- Forged key strategic alliances with WE MOVE.org and Life in Motion by appointing Susan Heath as the official liaison and with the T.I.G.E.R. Summit by appointing Kathy Baker as official liaison.
- Began producing two new continuing education (CE) workbooks, in partnership with WE MOVE, for neuroscience nurses on Parkinson's disease and dyskinesia, which will be completed in 2007.
- Appointed Hilaire J. Thompson as the editor for the AANN Reference Series for Clinical Practice. Reference Series publications now available online include *Lumbar Spine Surgery: A Guide to Preoperative and Postoperative Patient Care* and *Guide to the Care of the Patient with Craniotomy Post-Brain Tumor Resection*.
- Provided CE opportunities for neuroscience nurses at the first meeting of The World Parkinson's Congress and at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological Surgeons Section on Disorders of the Spine and Peripheral Nerves Annual Meeting.
- Initiated a student membership campaign, offering a complimentary student membership to each chapter to promote neuroscience nursing and support recruitment efforts.
- Made individual Web sites available to each AANN chapter at no expense.
- Restructured the annual meeting so that a number of preconference workshops are hosted by the Special Focus Groups.
- Developed a strategic plan that will guide the implementation of new activities and initiatives of the association from 2007 to 2009.
- Developed the Primary Stroke Center Certification Workshop as a program to be delivered at institutions.
- Developed and released two *CNRN Examination Preparation* products.
- Participated in the Life in Motion Congressional letter-writing campaign to raise awareness of movement disorders.
- Initiated the Best Practices article series in *Synapse*.
- Experienced a 14% increase in membership and welcomed close to 1,800 new and returning members into the association.
- Experienced a 12% increase in conference attendance, welcoming approximately 1,100 attendees to the 2006 Annual Meeting in San Diego.
- Launched the Online Program Syllabus and CD-ROM, a new format by which the annual meeting program handouts were made available via the AANN Web site and via a complimentary CD-ROM distributed to all meeting attendees.
- Appointed a task force to prepare a draft APN Scope of Practice for Neurosurgery for publication in 2007.
- Selected Las Vegas, NV, as the site of the 2009 Annual Meeting, to be held March 28–31.
- Introduced a redesign of *Synapse*, with the planned redesign of the *Journal of Neuroscience Nursing* and AANN Web site to be unveiled in 2007.
- Published a supplemental issue of the *Journal of Neuroscience Nursing* on the topic of stroke in September 2006, including 3 stroke-focused CE opportunities.
- Provided 12,504 online, free CE hours in May.
- Welcomed the Greater Mississippi Chapter, the Oklahoma Chapter, and the Mid-South Chapter.
- Received 2006 Excellence in Association Trends Award, Bronze, Most Improved for *Synapse*, July 2006.

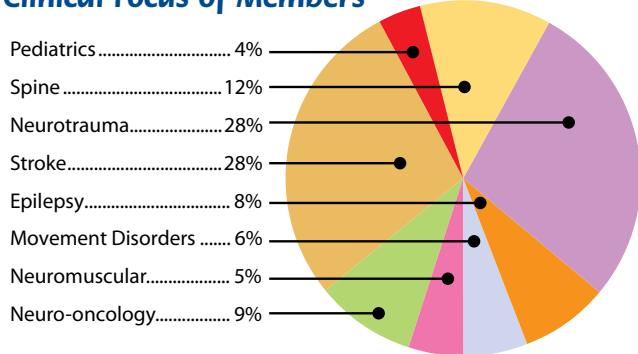
## Key Initiatives for 2007

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- Implement strategic plan initiatives.
- Provide CE opportunities for the first conference of the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, which will take place in October in New York.
- Publish the neuroscience protocols for nursing, in partnership with the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN).
- Add five new publications to the AANN Reference Series for Clinical Practice. New titles include: *Cervical Spine Surgery: A Guide to Preoperative and Postoperative Patient Care*; *Care of the Patient with a Lumbar Drain*; *Guide to Care of the Patient with Subarachnoid Hemorrhage*; *Geriatric Neurological Assessment*; and *Guide to the Care of the Patient with Seizure*.
- Submit identified, significant AANN documents to be housed at the University of Virginia historical archives.
- Continue planning the gala celebration for the 40th Annual Educational Meeting by the 40th Anniversary Task Force.

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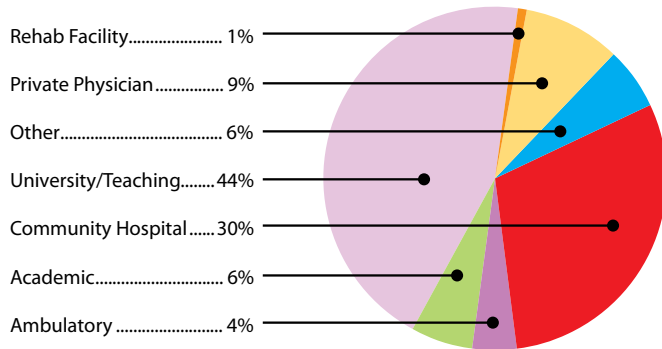
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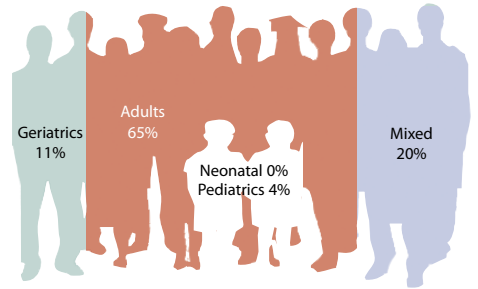
## Years in Neuroscience Nursing



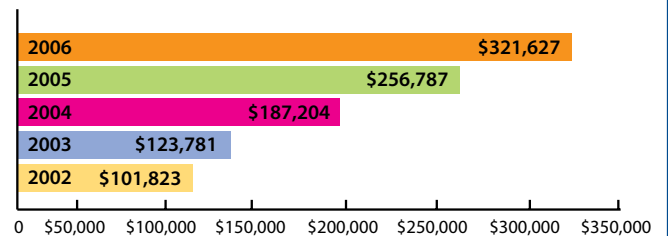
## Practice Setting



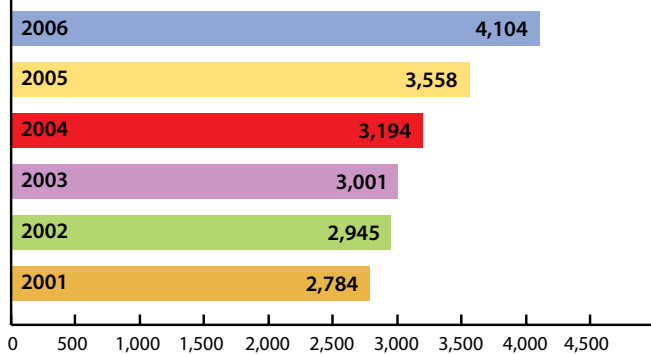
## Primary Practice Population



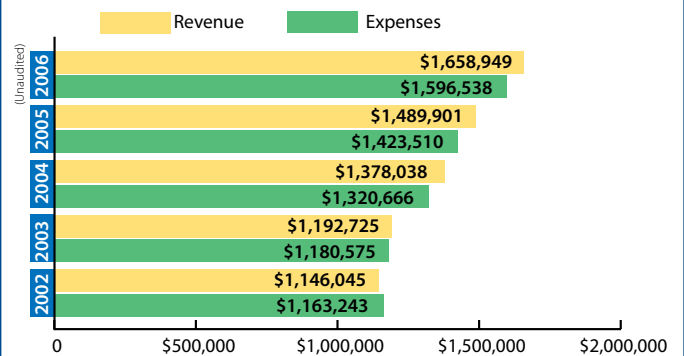
## Net Assets



## Membership History

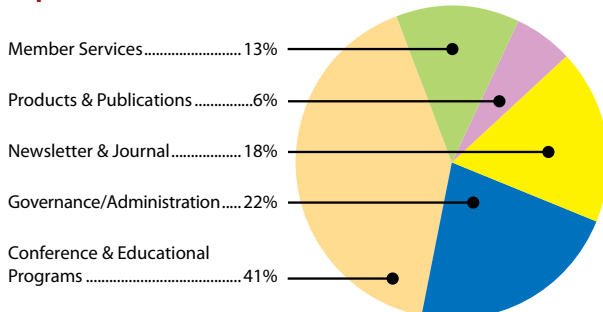


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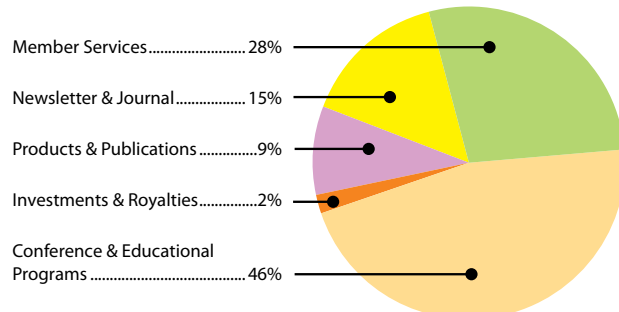


## Current Year

### Expenses



### Revenues



# American Board of Neuroscience Nursing



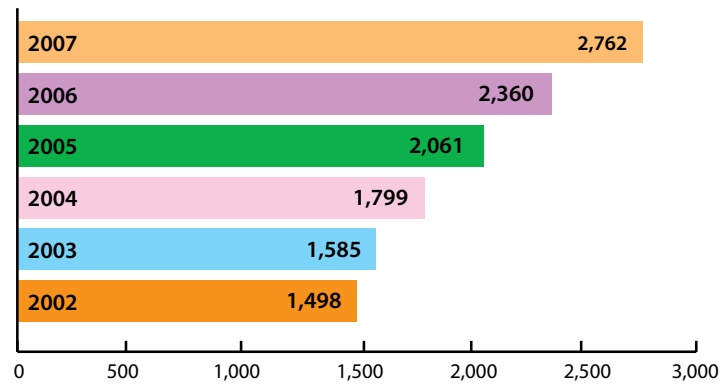
## Key Accomplishments in 2006

- Developed new strategic plan that emphasized making the examination more accessible to neuroscience nurses.
- Recorded the highest annual number of candidates, 692, which was a 21% increase over 2005.
- Recorded the highest total number of certificants, 2,762 as of February 1, 2007.
- Achieved a 69% recertification rate.
- Awarded Cynthia A. John, MSN RN CNRN, the Melanie Minton CNRN of the Year Award.
- Donated \$5,000 to NNF.
- Implemented the new exam blueprint with the spring 2006 exam, which was a result of the 2005 Role Delineation Study.
- Submitted application for continuing national accreditation by the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS).
- Elected Marilyn Ricci to two-year term on ABNS Accreditation Council.
- Elected Executive Director Louise Miller to position of secretary/treasurer of ABNS.

## Key Initiatives for 2007

- Introduce computer-based testing (CBT) option in addition to pencil-paper exam administration.
- Host third annual CNRN recognition breakfast at the AANN Annual Meeting.
- Form an exploratory task force to investigate the feasibility of developing an advanced practice examination in neuroscience nursing.
- Upgrade the Web site, [www.cnrn.org](http://www.cnrn.org).
- Increase the size of the Test Development Committee.

## Number of CNRNs (as of February 1)



## Permanent CNRN Test Sites 2006–2010

Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA  
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## Permanent CNRN Test Sites 2005–2009

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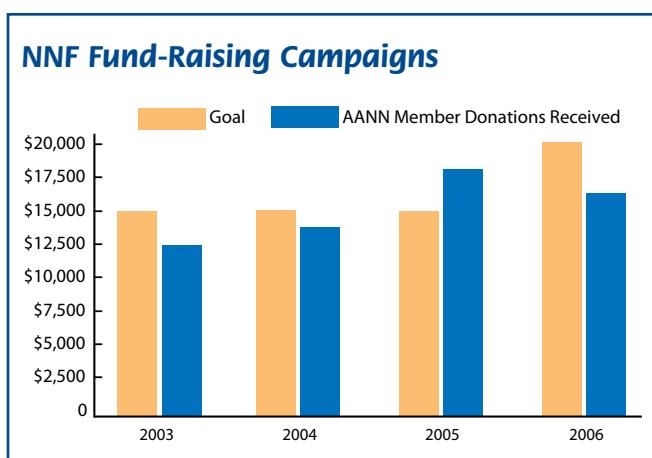
## Key Accomplishments in 2006

- Disbursed \$24,850 in awards.
- Awarded the Integra Foundation NNF Research Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to Glenna Dowling (San Francisco, CA) for her study "Characterization of Rest-Activity Rhythms in Patients with Frontotemporal Dementia and Their Primary Family Caregivers."
- Awarded an NNF Research Grant in the amount of \$2,600 to Nicole Jennifer Klinedinst (Atlanta, GA) for her study "Recognizing and Reporting Post-stroke Depressive Symptoms."
- Awarded a \$1,500 Gwen Breiger Memorial Scholarship in Advanced Practice Nursing to Rebecca Schultz to support her attendance at the Texas Women's University in Houston, TX.
- Awarded ten \$1,000 NNF travel grants to AANN members attending the AANN 38th Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, with support from the Integra Foundation. The 2006 NNF travel grant recipients were
  - Tracey Anderson, Loveland, CO
  - Christina (Tina) Dennis, Raleigh, NC
  - Melissa Gross, Williamsburg, IA
  - Cynthia (Cindi) John, Spokane, WA
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  - Jessica Ziegler, Madison, WI.
- Awarded five \$150 CNRN recertification grants to those credentialed as a Certified Neuroscience Registered Nurse (CNRN) who were in their fifth year of certification and due to recertify. This program was made possible through support from the Integra Foundation. The 2006 CNRN recertification grant recipients were
  - Joan Deis, Corrales, NM
  - Cheryl Lippi, Andover, MA
  - Chevalia Robinson, Laurel, MD
  - Cecelia Roscigno, Renton, WA
  - Hilaire Thompson, Seattle, WA.
- Raised more than \$30,000 through a challenge grant fundraising campaign and more than \$4,500 through fundraising events held in conjunction with the AANN Annual Meeting, thanks to donations from AANN members and chapters and with support from UCB Pharma.

- Funded the sixth annual NNF Special Lecture at the AANN Annual Meeting with Robert F. Spetzler, MD, presenting "Frontiers in Neurosurgery." This lecture was supported by an unrestricted educational grant from UCB Pharma.
- Initiated a research demonstration project to show collaborative research among three leading institutions in the United States. This project is a pilot study exploring the management of patients with secondary head injury using multimodality monitoring and protocols to drive the patient care. The Primary Investigator is Dr. Pamela Mitchell at University of Washington with coinvestigators Dr. Catherine Kirkness and Dr. Hilaire Thompson.
- Finalized strategic business plan document.

## Key Initiatives for 2007

- Establish neuroscience nursing research priorities in collaboration with AANN.
- Investigate the feasibility of developing an online database to report and provide access to selected evidence-based guidelines for the care of patients.
- Enhance the visibility of the foundation by expanding communication efforts and public outreach to showcase the role of neuroscience nurses in the care of their patients.
- Develop an expanded and more robust funding base.
- Continue support of our current research grant, scholarship, travel grant, and recertification grant programs.



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