

## **Mission Statement**

The Neurotrauma Special Interest Group addresses the needs and concerns of nurses involved in neurological trauma. The Neuro SIG promotes the advancement of neurotrauma nursing through education, the use of best practice standards and collaboration with neurotrauma nursing leadership at local, state, national and international levels.

The mission of the Neurotrauma SIG is to assist with the interpretation, development and implementation of neurotrauma practice standards through discussion, collaboration and appraisal of neurotrauma practice while working in settings throughout the country and nation. The goal is to ensure all people have access to and receive the highest quality of neurotrauma care. This is accomplished across the continuum of care within an environment that fosters visionary care and interdisciplinary collaboration.

## **STN Definition of Neurotrauma Nursing**

Neurotrauma nurses are licensed professional nurses who work to ensure that all neurotrauma injured patients and their families are provided complete physical and emotional care throughout the continuum.. They have additional knowledge and expertise in the complex care required of the neurotraumatically injured patient. Neurotrauma nurses practice in care delivery settings where neuro injured patients are treated across the continuum. This includes the pre-hospital setting, emergency department, the perioperative arena, intensive care units, surgical floors, rehabilitation and outpatient services. They include bedside clinicians, educators, prevention specialists, researchers, administrators, clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners and trauma program managers.

## **Goals of the Neurotrauma SIG**

1. To promote the advancement of neurotrauma nursing through the use of established practice standards.
2. To investigate the latest technology and research related to neurotrauma nursing,
3. To integrate the knowledge of the collective practitioners in neurotrauma nursing to expand this scope and share the information with other Society of Trauma Nurses.

4. To annually present a neuro related conference session related to neurotrauma nursing that incorporates the goals of the neurotrauma SIG.
5. To collectively acknowledge the expertise represented in the neurotrauma SIG group and expound this knowledge into a publication that will serve to educate all trauma nurses.

### **Short term goals of the Neurotrauma SIG**

1. Increase membership in Neurotrauma SIG
2. Have input into STN conference planning to promote neuro-trauma topics and speakers are considered.
3. Get information on STN website.

### **Meetings**

The Neurotrauma SIG will meet via conference call on a bi-monthly basis to address the action plans established by the group and work towards meeting the goals as addressed.