

Nursing Section

Annual Report 2023

OFFICERS

Patricia Osborne Shafer (USA), chair
Jane von Gaudecker (USA), vice-chair
Karen Legg (Canada), secretary
Sandra R. Dewar (USA), treasurer
Peter Kabemba (Zambia), ILAE-Africa representative
Monicah Murrey Koech (Kenya), ILAE-Africa representative
Jillian Bicknell-Royle (Australia), ILAE-Asia and Oceania representative
Thuraya Saleh Alismaili (Oman), ILAE-Eastern Mediterranean representative
Tolu Olaniyan (UK), ILAE-Europe representative
Ludivine Rohrer (France), ILAE-Europe representative
Glauber Menezes Lopim (Brazil), ILAE-Latin America representative
Katherinne Moreno (Chile), ILAE-Latin America representative
Michelle Phillip-Duncan (Trinidad and Tobago), ILAE-North America representative
Carmela Redhead (Canada), ILAE-North America representative
Samuel Wiebe (Canada), MC liaison

HIGHLIGHTS

- Completion of two levels of nursing competencies in epilepsy, submitted for feedback, which began about five years ago in the ILAE Nursing Task Force
- Expansion of educational opportunities to six webinars involving faculty from all regions
- A booth and in-person educational and networking opportunities for nurses at the 35th International Epilepsy Congress (IEC 2023) in Dublin, Ireland

ACTIVITIES

- A survey for nursing competencies was created in three languages, involving outreach to nursing, neuroscience, and epilepsy organizations in many regions.
- The Nursing Section held six webinars - five in English and one in Spanish - that covered diverse topics, such as nursing initiatives towards improving access to care, meaning/importance of labels in epilepsy, seizure testing in epilepsy monitoring units, overcoming stigma, and rare and complex epilepsies. The webinars reached over 2000 people in the first year with 503 webinar participants and 1513 YouTube views.
- Nursing activities at the IEC 2023 in Dublin, Ireland marked the first-time nursing symposia were created by and for nurses. A half day symposium included topics such as use of technology and nurse-led services to improve access, self-management strategies and resources for seizure emergencies, screening for comorbidities, and nursing educational initiatives. The Nursing Section booth was a big draw and offered 11 short presentations by nurses throughout the world on innovative practices, nursing research, and educational initiatives.

- The Nursing Section developed a working group on clinical care and best practices in epilepsy nursing.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In addition to the activities above, the Nursing Section strengthened the leadership group and role of regional leaders. Liaisons worked with the regional leaders on a regular basis to identify and address regional differences and challenges. North America and Europe began identifying country specific leaders to help engage nurses and increase awareness and involvement in ILAE. Latin American, despite small numbers of nurse members, was able to reach nursing representatives in 12 countries.

A working group on clinical care and best practices is now actively exploring the literature and other resources for patient safety education. This project hopes to identify best practices in this area.

The Nursing Section to broaden its' reach in a number of ways in 2023:

- Over 850 members in the Nursing Section
- Over 2000 people viewed a nursing webinar
- In-person attendance at IEC 2023 nursing activities provided exciting opportunities for learning, networking, and collaboration
- More nurses participated in ILAE activities and committees
- Four nurses attended the ILAE leadership course at IEC 2023 in Dublin, Ireland

MEETINGS

There were four full Nursing Section leadership conference calls, an in-person leadership meeting at IEC 2023 in Dublin, Ireland, and weekly/biweekly executive team calls.

Nursing Section Webinars in 2023						
	Improving Access to Epilepsy Care: Nursing Strategies	Labels in the epilepsies: Meaning and Importance	Testing Seizures in the EMU: A clinical practice challenge	Epilepsia y enfermería en Latinoamérica	Overcoming epilepsy stigma in Africa: Nursing perspectives	Spotlight on Rare and Complex Epilepsies – Nursing Considerations and Educational Needs
Webinar date	25-Jan	19-Apr	07-Jun	18-Jul	13-Sep	08-Nov
# of registrations	376	254	392	56	60	226
# who attended live	145	95	127	16	32	88
# YouTube views	280	269	424	202	137	201
# who completed the feedback form	78	41	31	no survey	14	28
Percentage of people who said in the feedback forms...	25-Jan	19-Apr	07-Jun	18-Jul	13-Sep	08-Nov
the webinar fulfilled or exceed expectations	79%	95%	91%	no survey	100%	86%
relevant to their professional activities	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%
gained new knowledge	92%	93%	94%		100%	93%
was interactive enough	90%	95%	97%		100%	89%
the webinar format was excellent	63%	73%	81%		65%	79%
agreed with advertising	92%	98%	100%		100%	93%

Nursing Section webinar report 2023



Nursing Section activities at IEC 2023 in Dublin, Ireland

Report submitted by Patricia Osborne Shafer