
NCS Key Milestones

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2002

The Neurocritical Care Society was founded.

2004

- The first issue of the Neurocritical Care (NCC) Journal was published.
- NCS became a multidiscipline society that includes physicians, nurses, pharmacists, advance practice providers, residents, fellows and students.

2007

The NCC Journal was made available within the HINARI program, which made the journal free of charge to a range of libraries and institutions in developing countries.

2008

First woman president of the board of directors was installed.

2009

First Neurocritical Care Research Conference funded by National Institute for Neurological Disorders in Stroke (NINDS).

2010

The Neurocritical Care Research Network (NCRN) was formed with the aim to promote investigator-initiated research in neurocritical care. Today, there are 163 sites from 47 countries.

2011

The Guatemala Chapter of Neurocritical Care Society became the first NCS Global Partner.

2012

- The Emergency Neurological Life Support (ENLS) was launched with the intent of helping healthcare professionals improve patient care and outcomes during the critical first hours of a patient's neurological emergency.
- NCC Journal achieved usage above 170,000 globally.
- First NCS guidelines were published on Status Epilepticus
- Women in Neurocritical Care (WINCC) was established.

2013

The Fellow of Neurocritical Care (FNCS) program was created.

2016

NCS reached 2,000 members globally.
The first NCS Fellowship Grant was awarded.

2017

- Formed an alliance with SmithBucklin as its association management company.
- ENLS gained 10,000 certificants.
- First non-physician and pharmacist NCS Board President was installed.
- First NCS regional meeting was held in Ecuador.
- Exceeded 1,000 attendees at NCS Annual Meeting for the first time.

2018

- Established a new brand identify, a website refresh and online community for member engagement.
- The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) adopted a new Neocritical Care (NCC) Subspecialty, which allows for uniformity in the training and skill sets of neurointensivists through ACGME-accredited fellowship training.
- Held the largest Annual Meeting since its inception with 1,285 attendees in Boca Raton, Florida
- The Standards for Neurocritical Care Intensive Care Units were published.
- The Neurocritical Care Research Center (NCRC) was established.
- First INCLINE grant awarded.

2019

- Launched the Curing Coma Campaign
- The Common Data Elements for Unruptured Intracranial Aneurysms and Subarachnoid Hemorrhage (UIA and SAH CDE) were published in Neurocritical Care
- The PRINCE Study results were published in Neurocritical Care, providing the first global survey of neurocritical care practice
- Produced inaugural NCS Annual Report
- Developed an NCS Disaster Relief Plan
- Established the 2020 – 2022 NCS Strategic Plan and included key committee members for input.
- Published the inaugural list of Pioneer and Innovative Women in Neurocritical Care
- Introduced an NCS sponsored Childcare Program at the Annual Meeting
- The NCS Physician Compensation Survey was completed
- Developed the Gender Parity and Neurocritical Care Research Report
- Formed a partnership with the American Heart Association (AHA) to host a consensus meeting to gather information for a Statement on Post-Cardiac Arrest care
- Formed a partnership with the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) to establish key performance measures
- Developed a Board of Director Toolkit for new and existing board members
- The dynamics of the Board of Directors' meetings was modified to provide for the opportunity of a more balanced voice of new and seasoned members
- The APP Orientation Course was launched to great success
- The Essentials of Neurocritical Care (ENCC) course was finalized and launched at the Annual Meeting
- The Brain Death Determination Course was prepared in both English and Spanish

- The First Meeting of the NCS MENA Regional Chapter and the First and Second Meetings of the NCS Asian and Oceanian Regional Meeting took place
- The Standards for Neurologic Critical Care Units were published in Neurocritical Care
- The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) finalized the roster for the Neurocritical Care Certification Committee and initiated the process for item writing for the first certification examination in 2021

2020

- Established a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement and aligned it with the strategic plan.
- Formed an Inclusion in Neurocritical Care (INCC) Committee to implement the NCS DEI strategies.
- Made a public statement in support of racial equality amid the protests across the world.
- Published NCS research on Gender Parity in Neurocritical Care
- Launched the Brain Death Course with an endorsement from the American Academy of Neurology (AAN).
- Established a partnership with the Academy of Neurology Institute (AANI) to beta test Inpatient Measures: Testing and Review - based on clinical performance measures previously developed by NCS.
- Held the first virtual annual meeting.
- Developed a pandemic COVID-19 Resources web page with NCS and industry resources.
- Formed an NCS COVID-19 Task Force, which established five pillars for creating resources, research, and education content.
- Produced COVID-19 educational resources in ENLS chapters, the Ethics Curriculum, Law and Ethics chapters, Neurocritical Care ON CALL, the Pocket Guide, and the Practice of Neurocritical Care
- Formed a Research Consortium on Neurocritical Care COVID-19 Manifestations Study in collaboration with the European Academy of Neurology (EAN) and the Neurocritical Care Research Network (NCRN) - for data collection and storage.
- Held the first NCS Curing Coma Symposium with the theme, "Curing Coma: Challenging the Future of Research for Coma and Disorders of Consciousness."

2021

- Formed the Neurocritical Care Foundation
- Established several collaborations with other societies in neuroscience
 - NCS was invited to present and contribute Neuro-recovery content at The University of Edinburgh's Nursing Program, a partner of [SameYou](#).
 - Co-author with Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) on guideline update Reversal of Antithrombotics in Intracranial Hemorrhage
 - Co-author of guideline with the American Epilepsy Society (AES) on Status Epilepticus using the using the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) process and the Guidelines in Intensive Care, Development and Evaluation (GUIDE) group
 - Survey Collaboration with the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) for Survey Questionnaire Design and Participation and Use of Data Points
 - Developing relationship and collaborative opportunities with the American Neurological Association, specific to Curing Coma® -- presence at ANA's conference, social media collaboration

- NCS invited to join the SCCM Critical Care Specialty Task Force
- Held the first hybrid Annual Meeting comprising in-person and virtual components
- Launched the highest-selling product in NCS history – the Question & Bank for the board certification exam
- Produced the first NCS Fellowship Directory
- Held the Inaugural NCS World Coma Day, which had participants from more than 22 countries. Launched media relations campaign, which resulted in pick up by 145 media outlets for a combined total of 44.2 million unique visitors.