

Personal Statement

My service to the Neurocritical Care Society (NCS) has been driven by a deep commitment to advancing neuroscience nursing through education, advocacy, and interdisciplinary collaboration. I have had the privilege of contributing to the Society's core mission by participating in innovative initiatives such as the APP Leadership Committee and the Inclusion in Neurocritical Care (INCC), and by developing clinical resources aimed at improving care for critically ill neurological patients. Notably, I served as Chair of the APP Leadership Committee, where I focused on elevating the visibility and impact of advanced practice providers within neurocritical care, strengthening educational pathways, and advocating for expanded leadership opportunities.

In my leadership roles within NCS, including my tenure as Chair of the APP Leadership Committee and as a current member of INCC, I have prioritized mentorship, advocacy, and programmatic development. Through these roles, I have contributed to expanding the role of APPs in scholarly and strategic spaces within NCS and have helped facilitate collaborations across multiple professional domains. Additionally, I have actively contributed to the Society's educational mission through participation in guideline development, co-authoring clinical practice guidelines, and speaking at annual meetings.

My professional journey is rooted in multidisciplinary collaboration. At the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), I helped establish the state's first neurocritical care intensive care unit, uniting physicians, nurses, advanced practice providers, and administrators toward a shared vision. Through this work, we achieved Joint Commission Spine Certification and developed interdisciplinary stroke and neurosurgical pathways. I also serve as a clinical liaison to several community hospitals including reginal cancer institute, coordinating care with oncology, palliative medicine, and rehabilitation teams. This cross-disciplinary approach has improved outcomes and enhanced the patient experience.

One of my greatest strengths is the ability to build consensus and move complex projects forward. I am deeply committed to mentorship, having guided dozens of APPs, residents, and nursing staff in professional development. I also bring a strong academic background in leadership, having completed a Doctor of Nursing Practice focused on systems innovation. A key area for personal growth has been work-life balance; as my career has advanced, I've become more intentional about setting boundaries and modeling wellness practices for others. I am also working to further enhance my research acumen by engaging in collaborative studies and quality improvement initiatives that can influence national practice.

My vision for NCS is a more inclusive, interprofessional, and globally engaged organization—one that fosters innovation while ensuring representation across roles,

disciplines, and cultures. I aim to expand opportunities for advanced practice providers and nurses within the Society's scientific and leadership structures. I believe we must continue to break down silos between physicians, APPs, pharmacists, and bedside nurses to ensure that our collective voice shapes the future of neurocritical care. I will continue to work toward this vision by championing diversity, investing in leadership development, and advancing evidence-based practice through interdisciplinary collaboration.