# NNS Nurse Network

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# Background



- Nurses in the Nordic region play a key role in
  - Follow-up
  - Programming / optimization
  - Clinical examinations
  - Feedback to the physicians
  - Quality control
  - Research projects
- Challenges:
  - Complex task
  - Rapidly developing field
  - Often the only education (if any) and sparring comes from the local implanter(s)
- Despite this, most networks, meetings, courses, and education material are aimed at doctors

## Proposal



- The NNS would like to facilitate a Nordic Neuromodulation Nurse Network
- The 4N is intended for...
  - Exchange of experience
  - A way for new nurses to learn from the more experienced
  - Facilitating troubleshooting
  - Discussion of difficult cases
  - Testing new devices / techniques / paradigms / setups / etc.

#### and hopefully later also for...

- Nurse research
- Exchange programs
- A Nordic Neuromodulation Nurse curriculum
- Common patient information materials
- Nurse pre- and postgraduate programs
- ...your ideas / suggestions?

### The NNS Nurse Network



- Eva Leljevahl (Uppsala, SE) and Anne Lene Høst Knudsen (Aarhus, DK) has agreed to chair the NNS Nurse Network
  - Email: nurse@nordicneuro.org
- The network is for all nurses working with neuromodulation (SCS, DRG, DBS, SNS, PNS/PNfS/ONS, VNS, etc. etc.) in the Nordic region – and nobody else.
- The network will be centered around 2 media:
  - The FaceBook group "Nordic Neuromodulation Nurses" (for all non-sensitive communication)
  - The NNS Nurse Forum (for possibly sensitive information)

### FB: Nordic Neuromodulation Nurses

This group is for all nurses working with neuromodulation in the Nordic region\*.

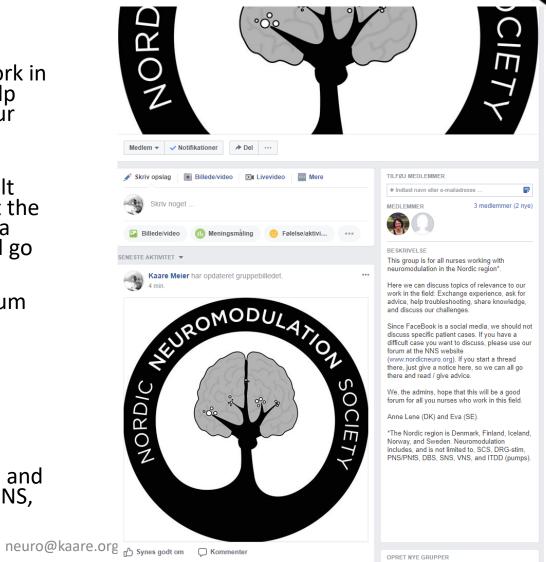
Here we can discuss topics of relevance to our work in the field: Exchange experience, ask for advice, help troubleshooting, share knowledge, and discuss our challenges.

Since FaceBook is a social media, we should not discuss specific patient cases. If you have a difficult case you want to discuss, please use our forum at the NNS website (www.nordicneuro.org). If you start a thread there, just give a notice here, so we can all go there and read / give advice.

We, the admins, hope that this will be a good forum for all you nurses who work in this field.

Anne Lene (DK) and Eva (SE).

\*The Nordic region is Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Neuromodulation includes, and is not limited to, SCS, DRG-stim, PNS/PNfS, DBS, SNS, VNS, and ITDD (pumps).



### The NNS Nurse Forum



- A place to discuss specific cases
  - (still, no names or obvious identifiable data)
- Closed forum, moderated by Eva, Anne Lene, and Kaare Meier
- To use, you must
  - register at the nordicneuro forums (please use your full name as user name)
  - enter the password that Eva or Anne Lene supplies

### The NNS Nurse Forum



http://nordicneuro.org/



#### http://nordicneuro.org/forums/index.html

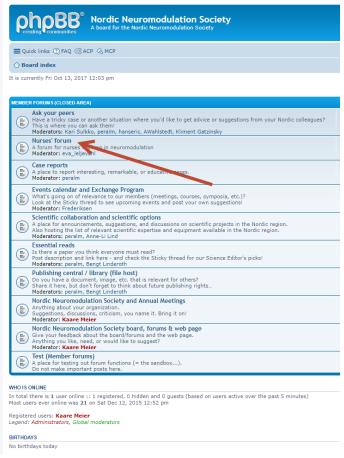


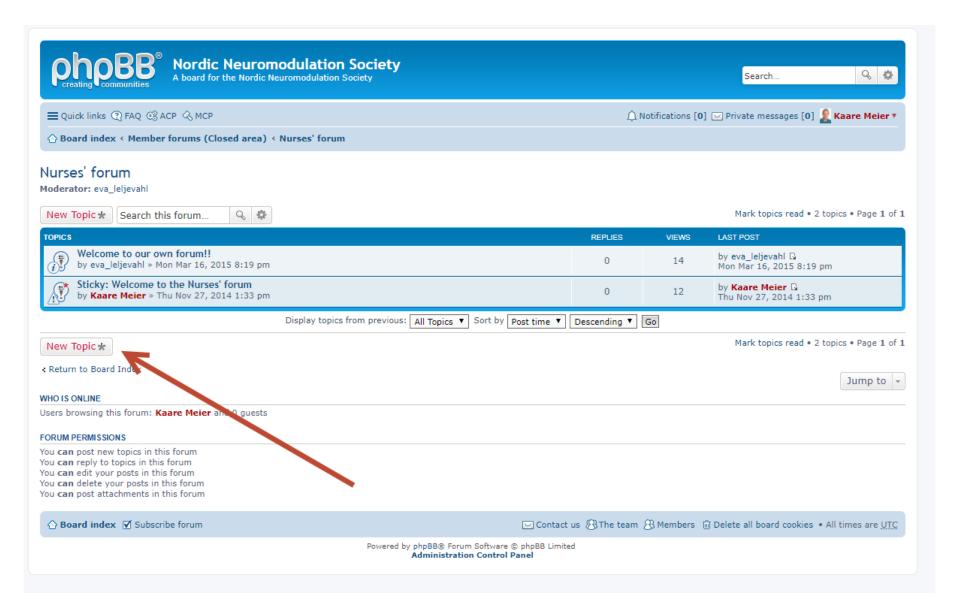
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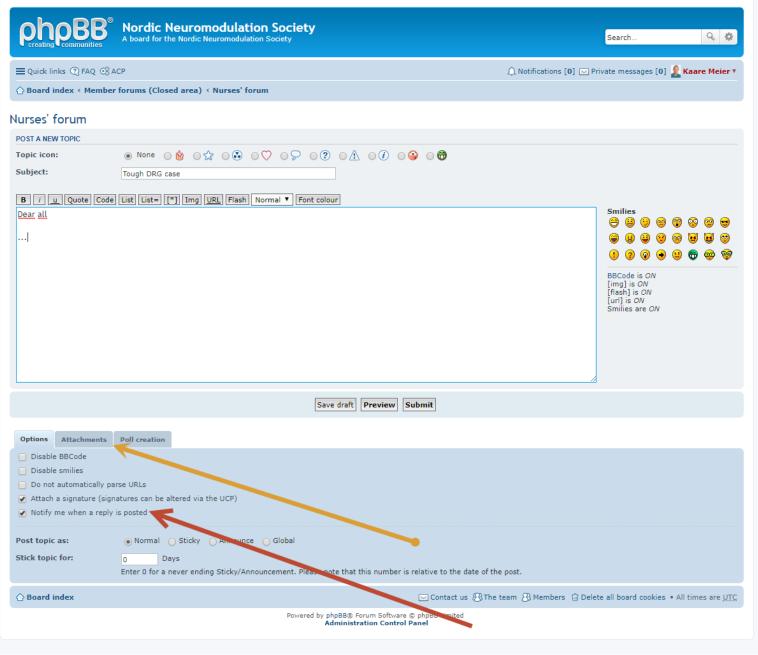
- Announce in the FB group that you have started a new thread in the Nurse Forum
- Create the thread
  - tick "notify me when a reply is posted"
- Consider looking at the Introduction to Forums

#### http://nordicneuro.org/forum/index.php











### Your contribution



#### Physicians:

- Inform the nurses you work with about the initiative
- Provide Eva Leljevahl (SE) / Anne Lene Høst Knudsen (DK) or me with email adresses of nurses you know to be working in neuromodulation (all fields)
- email: nurse@nordicneuro.org

#### Nurses:

- Contact Eva or Anne Lene and tell them who you are and what you work with
- Sign up for the FaceBook group
- Sign up at the NNS forums (remember: please use your full name as ID)
- Contribute, participate, and help develop this!

