

EMSP's MS Nurse Pro: Recognizing the key role of MS nurses



MS Nurse *PRO*essional is a ground-breaking online educational tool for nurses and healthcare professionals caring for those with multiple sclerosis (MS). It is a program designed to standardize care for people with MS across Europe and support nurses to develop the knowledge and skills they need.

What is Multiple Sclerosis?

MS is a complex, chronic, progressive, and disabling condition of the brain and central nervous system. Up to 2.5 million people worldwide are affected by MS. It affects twice as many women as men, and is usually first diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40.

To date, no cure exists.

Supporting those who care for people with MS

Nurses remain the constant, key worker in the provision of care and support for people with MS, and are pivotal in promoting independence and self-care.

MS Nurse *PRO*essional was developed as a result of the MS-NEED survey conducted in 2009, which highlighted the disparity of access, availability, and standards of specialized MS nursing care across Europe for people with MS and their families.

Established through the European Multiple Sclerosis Platform (EMSP) in collaboration with Rehabilitation in Multiple Sclerosis (RIMS) and International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses (IOMSN), it is an online training curriculum to support the evolving role of MS Nurses.

The tool itself consists of interactive online modules that aim to provide nurses with consistent, accredited knowledge. MS Nurse *PRO*essional can currently be used in six languages.