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Neurological Assessment of the Hospitalized Child

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Thank you for helping spread the word about the *Neurological Assessment of the Hospitalized Child* white paper. Use this toolkit to educate and empower others about the importance of neurological assessments as a tool to implement interventions and prevent injury.

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Timely and accurate assessment of a child's neurological status is an important aspect of nursing care. All children have the potential for a neurological event, whether they have a neurological diagnosis or not. Nurses are instrumental in preventing irreversible damage by identifying subtle changes from baseline that could signal deterioration. It is within the scope of nursing practice to perform independent child assessments.

Currently, there is no standard of care for the neurological assessment of the hospitalized child.

According to the 3rd edition of *Neuroscience Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice* from the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), standards of practice describe a competent level of nursing care, as demonstrated by the nursing process. The first of these standards is assessment. As the leader in neuroscience nursing, AANN recognizes the importance of having a consistent standard assessment and appointed a task force to develop this white paper delineating that standard. This paper is a companion paper modeled on *Neurological Assessment of the Adult Hospitalized Patient*.

The purpose of this document is to describe the essential components of the neurological assessment of the hospitalized child, accounting for age and development. This should assist the nurse in recognizing early neurological changes so that interventions can be implemented in a timely manner to prevent injury.

A list of assessment components guides the nurse, creating structure around the identification of neurological changes in the child. Reflecting those components in the health record enables the nurse to document findings consistently. This standard neurological assessment will help nurses identify changes that may affect the child's outcome.

[Read](#) the free *Neurological Assessment of the Hospitalized Child* white paper on the AANN website. Get more information about upcoming webinars and updates to the white paper by following AANN on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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Press Release



For Immediate Release

News Release

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The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses Publishes *Neurological Assessment of the Hospitalized Child* White Paper

Chicago, IL—August 2023—The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) published a *Neurological Assessment of the Hospitalized Child* white paper.

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“These essential components of a neurological assessment provide a standard for nurses from all specialties who care for hospitalized children. AANN is proud to offer this free resource for the benefit of all nurses to improve patient care,” commented Cathy Cartwright, DNP RN-BC PCNS FAAN, member of the Clinical Science Committee Neurological Assessment Task Force.

To access the *Neurological Assessment of the Hospitalized Child*, please visit [AANN.org/neuroscienceresources](https://aann.org/neuroscienceresources).

About AANN

Founded in 1968, the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), an organization of more than 5,400 members worldwide, is committed to working for the highest standard of care for neuroscience patients by advancing the science and practice of neuroscience nursing. AANN accomplishes this through continuing education, information dissemination, standard setting, and advocacy on behalf of neuroscience patients, families, and nurses. For more information, visit [AANN.org](https://aann.org).

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