

# MS Nurse PROfessional

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# MS Nurse PROfessional: The Background

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# Value of the MS Nurse

“The **complex, unpredictable nature of MS** necessitates input from a **range** of health and social care professionals. Although these individuals may affect the experiences of people with MS, the **MS nurse** remains **the central key worker** responsible for coordinated care and support. Thus it is essential that they receive **ongoing education** and are appropriately **skilled** to work effectively with all members of the **multidisciplinary team.**”

- Moving towards the pan-European unification of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses: A consensus paper. *MSJ* Oct 2013

# Need for Unification

Given the inconsistencies in MS nursing across Europe, and the many advantage provided by MS nurses, there is an urgent need for pan-European unification of MS nursing supported by a modular educational programme to increase quality of care for people with MS and their families

**Setting the Standard –**  
**MS-NEED Survey**  
**MS Nurse Consensus Paper**

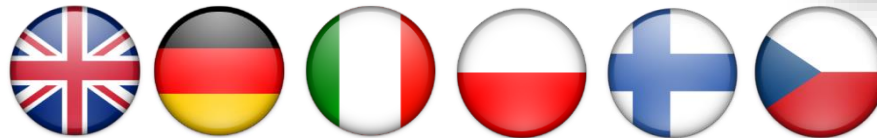
**DIRECTLY ADDRESSES  
THE EU PROFESSIONAL  
QUALIFICATIONS  
DIRECTIVE (2005/36/EC)**

**First and Only European CME  
Accredited MS Nurse Training  
Curriculum –**  
**MS Nurse *PRO*fessional**

# The MS-NEED European Survey

- **Multiple Sclerosis – Nurse Empowering EDucation (MS-NEED)**
- The first major European-wide survey of nurses involved in the care of MS
- **280 MS nurses were polled in total for the survey**

Countries

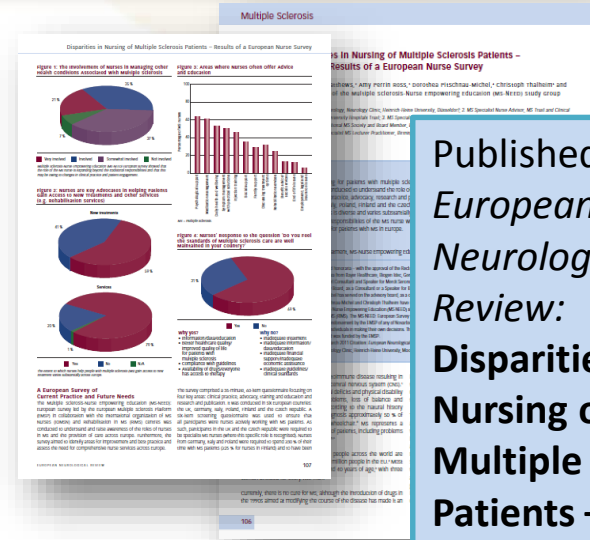


Respondent Type

MS Specialist nurses / nurses seeing people with MS

Data Collection Method

CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing)



# MS-NEED: Results

A third of nurses felt that **standards are not well maintained** in their country

Almost a quarter (21%) felt that there **was not enough training and education** to support them in their day-to-day role in MS

**The role is expanding** as MS nurses are:

- Managing other health conditions associated with MS – 21% very involved, 35% involved
- Helping PwMS gain access to new treatments – 59%
- Helping PwMS gain access to other services e.g. rehabilitation services – 79%

**The role is changing** with over 60% of MS nurses providing psychological support and medication management

Challenging the current perception within the MDT with 21% of nurses **moving towards a leadership role**

# MS-NEED: Learnings

**Role of  
MS nurses  
is evolving  
and expanding**

- Recognise MS nursing as a specialty across Europe

**Best practice  
sharing can  
enhance MS  
nurses role  
within the MDT**

- Need for shared MS nursing educational events/opportunities/resources across Europe in range of settings that include web technology & social media
- Ensure there is a structured, formalised and improved partnership working within current European forums and international organisations

**Tools  
and education  
are needed**

- Need for a stepwise professional development structure against an agreed European definition for MS nursing

# Consensus Paper: a call to action

Consensus paper highlighting results of MS-NEED survey: **"Moving towards the pan-European unification of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses: a consensus paper"** was published in the *Multiple Sclerosis Journal* in 2013

## MS Care in Europe

- Overview of current care practices based on findings from MS-NEED Survey

## Making a Difference – The MS Nurse

- Articulation of the MS nurse key roles/responsibilities and competencies

## The Case for MS Nurses

- Benefits of the MS nurse to key stakeholders including people with MS and healthcare professionals

## A Call to Action – Where Next?

- Recommendations for moving forward, unifying MS nurses across Europe and sharing best practice

Available in 8 languages



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# Roundtable in Poland

- All the participants of the roundtable stressed the necessity of:
  - Increase in qualifications, education and most of all certification of Polish MS Nurses.
  - Specialisation – key subject
  - 24% of all surveyed nurses in Poland feel they have not received adequate training and education to support them in their day-to-day role

# What is MS Nurse PROfessional?

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# What is MS Nurse PROfessional?

A foundation course, currently available in five languages – English, Spanish, German, Czech and Italian, with more on the way in 2015

A modular, online training curriculum to support the evolving role of European MS nurses

Focused on core competency of MS nurses including advocacy/brokerage, health education, symptom and treatment management

Setting a benchmark for MS nursing practice and nursing care across Europe

# Programme Content

- Programme currently has five modules
  - Module 1: Pathophysiology and epidemiology
  - Module 2: Clinical presentation
  - Module 3: Diagnosis
  - Module 4: Treatment
  - Module 5: Patient care and support

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Accreditation

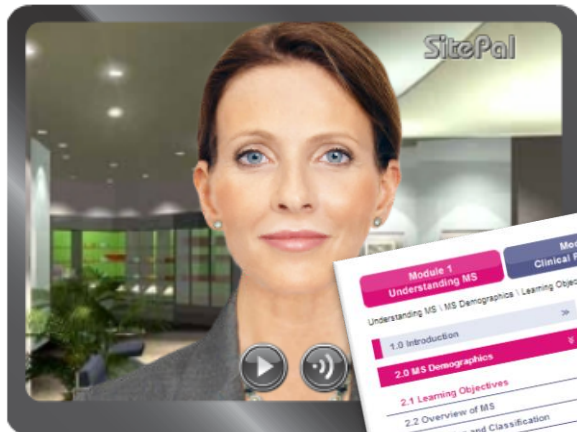
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Online accreditation test available for each module. Pass mark of 75% or more must be obtained for each module to obtain certificate of credit

## Welcome to MS Nurse Professional

### Introducing our Modules



Please listen to/read this short introduction to the CME-accredited training curriculum on MS. It includes some tips and assistance to help you get started.



Module 1  
Understanding MS



Module 4  
Treatment



Module 2  
Clinical Presentation



Module 5  
Care and Support



Module 3  
Diagnosis and Assessment

5 distinct modules. Each module is made up of a series of subtopics with fully referenced text



You must first register your details on the website before you can access the training curriculum and obtain your education certificate. Please click on the "Register" button and follow the instructions.

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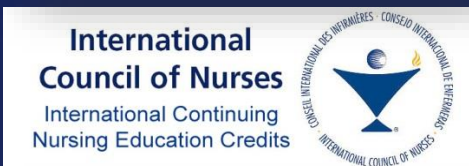
Icons help learners navigate their way through the module

Flashing icons are interactive icons – click on these icons for extra information

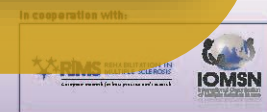
Illustrations, graphics and video clips assist the learning experience

# Widely accredited and endorsed

## Accreditations



## Endorsements



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# Launched in 6 countries

**May 2015: Launched and live in six countries**



**UK launch  
March 2013**



**Ireland launch  
November 2013**



**Spanish launch  
May 2013**



**Italy launch  
November 2013**



**Czech Republic  
launch  
June 2013**



**Germany launch  
January 2015**



# Looking to the future...

## National launches planned in the near future



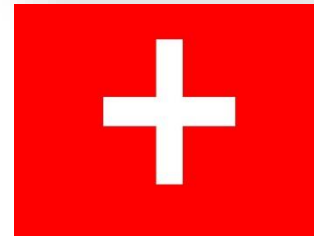
France launch  
2015



Belgium launch  
2015



The Netherlands  
launch  
2015



Switzerland launch  
2015



Austria launch  
2015



Poland launch  
2015

# MS Nurse PROfessional: Registered Users and Feedback

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# Vital Statistics – Programme Users

**2,379** total registered users across **30** different countries

	Spain 1,533		South America 12		Austria 5		Romania 3
	Italy 331		Greece 8		Denmark 4		India 3
	UK 210		Hungary 7		Norway 4		Saudi Arabia 2
	Ireland 100		Switzerland 5		Australia 4		Poland 2
	Czech Rep 50		Netherlands 5		Portugal 4		Turkey 2
	Germany 50		Belgium 5		France 3		Finland 2
	USA/ Mexico/ Canada 15		Thailand & Philippines 5		South Africa 3		Slovakia 1

*For the period March 2013 – March 2015*

# Users who have completed the course

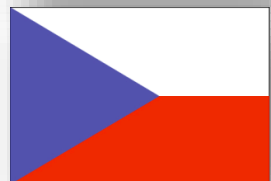


Spain  
636



Argentina  
5

**Total: 801**



Czech  
Rep  
22



Hungary  
3



India  
1



UK  
24



Germany  
1



Switzerland  
1



Italy  
92



Finland  
1



Belgium  
1



Ireland  
12



Norway  
1



Greece  
1



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# User Feedback

**"I am delighted with all I have learnt, thank you very much"**

**"Fabulous course, thank you so much"**

**"Very practical, can use immediately in my day to day work"**

**"Excellent e-learning programme. I am applying for a MS CNS role and felt I needed to have a better understanding of the disease prior to interview"**

**"I now have more information to discuss issues with the patient"**

**"Scientific and interesting – I gained a lot of information"**

**"Well written interesting course that can be referred to in order to refresh knowledge as required"**

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# Thank you...



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