Janet Pearce
Multiple Sclerosis Nurse Education Program 2012

PRESENTED BY:
the New York City-Southern New York Chapter of the National MS Society

March 23 - 24, 2012

LOCATION:
NYU Wasserman
The Center for Career Development
133 East 13th Street, Second Floor
New York, NY 10003

REGISTER NOW: SPACE IS LIMITED!

IOMSN has reviewed this project that was developed by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society New York City-Southern New York Chapter as a resource for Basic and Advanced Practice Nurses. IOMSN has concluded that this project is fair, balanced and accurate and is valid for educational purposes.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This program is designed for two groups of nurses; those experienced in the field of MS and those new to MS. The program offers two tracks. The advanced track is for nurses practicing at MS Clinical Care Centers or working with patients with MS in other settings who desire an advanced course in the treatment and care of individuals with MS. The basic track is for nurses who may have limited or no experience in working with MS patients but would like to expand their knowledge in this rewarding field of nursing.

During the two-day course, both nursing tracks will learn from experts in the field through lectures, case presentations and panel discussions, along with networking opportunities.

It is an exciting time for MS nursing. New treatments and symptom management options, as well as research advances emerge on a regular basis. MS nurses can have a significant impact on their patients’ lives – a career in MS nursing offers immeasurable professional satisfaction and ongoing educational opportunities.

This program was established in 2001 by Janet Pearce, a volunteer, fundraiser, and chapter member whose interest in educating nurses in the field of MS evolved from her own concerns as a patient, and her first-hand experience as one who values the nurse-patient relationship. Now in the 11th year of this program, Janet Pearce will join us at and speak to our nurses at the luncheon on Friday.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
- to provide a comprehensive overview of multiple sclerosis
- to describe the holistic and comprehensive scope of MS research
- to promote an understanding of the role of the MS nurse and a framework for providing care with compassion
- to support basic and advanced practicing nurses in their assessment skills of patients with MS
- to offer a synopsis of MS symptoms, treatments and therapies for nurses practicing with patients with MS

COURSE DESCRIPTION
11 contact hours
This activity has been submitted to the Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses, Inc., for approval to award contact hours. Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses, Inc., is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.
A Two-Day Program with Two Tracks: Basic and Advanced Practice

**DAY 1 – MARCH 23**

8:30 - 9 a.m. ______ Continental breakfast and registration

9 - 9:30 a.m. ______ Welcome and introduction

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. ______ Caring With Compassion...Caring for Ourselves

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. ____ BREAK

10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. ______ An Overview of MS and the Critical Role of the Nurse in MS Care

12 - 1:30 p.m. ______ LUNCH: Presentation by Janet Pearce

1:30 - 2:45 p.m. ______ BASIC TRACK: Management of Complex MS Symptoms: Tremor, Intractable Spasticity, Autonomic Dysfunction, and Trigeminal Neuralgia

2:45 - 3:00 p.m. ______ BREAK

3:00 - 4:15 p.m. ______ BASIC TRACK: A Model for Comprehensive Care in MS and Networking Resources for Nurses

**DAY 2 – MARCH 24**

8:30 - 9 a.m. ______ Continental breakfast and registration

9 - 10 a.m. ______ A Holistic Approach to MS Research

10 - 10:15 a.m. ______ BREAK

10:15 - 11:30 a.m. ______ Educating MS Patients of Risks/Benefits of Therapies/Medications and Supporting Them in the Decision Making Process

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ______ NETWORKING LUNCH

12:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. ______ BASIC TRACK: The Non-Visible Symptoms of MS: Part I: Fatigue, Pain, Sensory Symptoms, and Bowel/Bladder Dysfunction

1:45 - 3 a.m. ______ BASIC TRACK: The Non-Visible Symptoms of MS: Part II: Cognitive and Psychosocial Issues in MS

3 - 3:15 p.m. ______ BREAK

3:15 - 4:15 p.m. ______ CASE PRESENTATIONS/PANEL (Both Tracks)

4:15 - 4:45 p.m. ______ PROGRAM EVALUATIONS and WRAP-UP

Please note: In order to receive contact hours, participants are required to attend the entire program and complete an evaluation.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Degree(s)/Credentials: ________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ________ Zip: __________

Home phone: __________________________ Work phone: __________________

Cell phone: __________________________

Nursing License Number: __________________________

State of Nursing License: __________________________

Email: ________________________________________________________________

Employer: ____________________________________________________________

Position/Specialty: _____________________________________________________

Food Allergies: _________________________________________________________

Choose one: □ BASICS TRACK □ ADVANCED TRACK

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012

SPACE IS LIMITED

Course Tuition: Nurse-$100.00          Student Nurse-$50.00

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM

**TWO WAYS TO REGISTER**

1. Check (Payable to: National MS Society, NYC-Southern NY Chapter)

Mail with registration form to: Michele Madonna, RN, MA, MSCN

ATT: JANET PEARCE MS NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAM

National MS Society, NYC-Southern NY Chapter

733 Third Ave., Third Floor

New York, NY 10017

2. REGISTER ONLINE AT www.MSnyc.org

For further information regarding this program, please contact: Andrea Arzt, Associate Vice President, Clinical Programs and Direct Services

NYC-Southern NY Chapter at arztz@MSnyc.org or 212-453-3215