

Sun Pharma Excellence in Dermatology Nursing Award 2023 – Sue Anderson

Firstly, I wish to express my gratitude to ADNA for working hard to improve the professional advancement of dermatology nursing in Australia and give the opportunity to nurses working within the specialty recognition and support for further enrichment of their professional education.

Receiving the Sun Pharma Nurse Excellence Award nearly a year ago was an honour and a privilege. The recognition bestowed upon me was a testament to my hard work and dedication to improving nurses' knowledge of advanced therapies and patient outcomes over many years.

It has been a busy year since receiving the award. In December 2023, I decided to reduce my dermatology nursing work and left my education leadership role at the Skin Health Institute. Still, nonetheless, I am continuing in my clinical role at Austin Health in Melbourne, working with patients receiving advanced therapies in dermatology, and after many years of work with the Australasian Psoriasis Registry, I am continuing to contribute being a member of the Psoriasis Steering Advisory Committee on the Australian Dermatology Registry (ADR). I am also an associate investigator at the Austin Health ADR site. I will take on a leadership role there, ensuring our patients' data will contribute to the critical collection of real-world evidence.

The resources the award provides will allow me to advance my education and professional development in several meaningful ways. One of the most notable benefits will be the opportunity to attend our annual conference in Perth this year. This significant meeting allows me to expand my knowledge base, stay updated on the latest dermatology advancements and our nursing practice, and connect with other dermatology healthcare professionals from around Australia. The insights I gain from attending meetings enrich my practice and enable me to contribute more effectively to the healthcare community.

In conclusion, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity provided by the Sun Pharma Nurse Excellence Award and for the support of ADNA in sharing my experiences with others. I would encourage more nurses to pursue excellence in their practice and contribute to advancing healthcare. I sincerely believe nurses can make a profound difference in the success of treatments. Nurses can connect with patients, identify issues and work effectively with their medical colleagues as part of the healthcare team.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to reflect on the impact of the Sun Pharma Nurse Excellence Award.

Sue Anderson