

# CACCN “Critical Connections” Bulletin

October 2019



CANADIAN  
ASSOCIATION OF  
CRITICAL  
CARE  
NURSES

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# AGM

Annual General Meeting

**Halifax Convention Centre  
Halifax, NS  
September 16, 2019**

On behalf of the CACCN Board of Directors, thank you for attending the CACCN Annual General Meeting on September 16 at the Halifax Convention Centre, Halifax, NS. The CACCN Annual Report and Financial Audit are located on the CACCN Website at: <https://caccn.ca/about-caccn/annual-general-meeting/>. Minutes from the meeting will be posted on the website in the near future.

# ✓ vote

**Board of Director Elections**

*Thank you* to **all nominees** for putting your name forward!

The CACCN Board of Directors election took place electronically from August 19 to September 9. All active voting members across the country received emailed voting ballots from **Simply Voting** on a weekly basis up to September 9. After the voting period CACCN received a certified copy of the voting results via email from Simply Voting.

## Central Region (acclaimed)



**Lissa Currie**  
BN, RN, CNCC(C)

**Brandi  
Vanderspank-Wright**  
PhD, RN, CNCC(C)



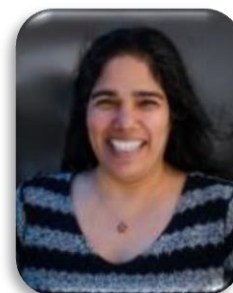
## Director at Large (any region) (acclaimed)



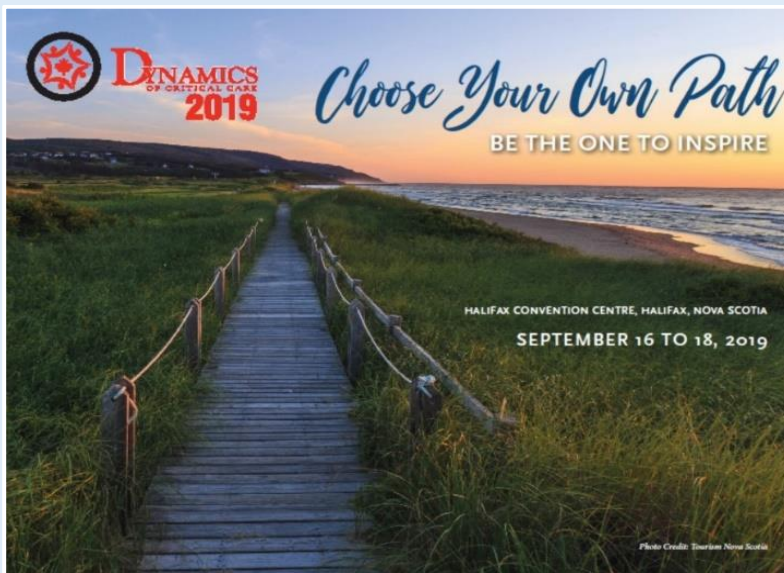
**Lara Parker**  
MSN, RN, CNCC(C)

## Western Region (elected)

**Vininder (Vini) Kour  
Bains**  
MSN, RN, CNCC(C)



# DYNAMICS OF CRITICAL CARE™ 2019



*Thank you*

**to everyone who attended the  
Dynamics of Critical Care Conference**

## **Conference Evaluation**

Access the evaluation through the conference app or via [CACCN.CA](http://CACCN.CA).

**Deadline for completion of the **OVERALL**  
and **SESSION EVALUATIONS** as been  
extended to **October 30, 2019**.**

## **Session Presentations**

Presentations from the conference are being posted as we receive them. Visit [CACCN.CA](http://CACCN.CA).

## **Presenters**

If you would like to share your presentation, please email to [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca).

## **Conference Special**

Canadian Vascular Access & Infusion Therapy Guidelines – CVAA/ACAV

**Discount Code** for purchase: **CACCN19**

Visit [CVAA.INFO](http://CVAA.INFO)

## Invitation to provide feedback on the CNA/CANE Eco literacy Survey

Deadline October 30, 2019

CNA and the Canadian Association of Nurses for the Environment (CANE) invite nurses to provide feedback for this Eco literacy survey. Tell us about your awareness, level of education and use of teaching resources with patients/clients regarding environmental health.

L'AIC et l'Association canadienne d'infirmières et infirmiers pour l'environnement vous invite à fournir vos commentaires dans le sondage sur l'écolittératie. Parlez-nous de vos connaissances, de votre niveau d'éducation et de votre utilisation des ressources pédagogiques avec les patients / clients en matière de santé environnementale.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cnaecoliteracy>



## **What is eco literacy?**

Eco literacy is the power that comes from the knowledge and consciousness of how nature's living systems operate.

To be Eco literate means understanding the principles of organization of ecological communities, collaboration, and using these principles for creating sustainable human communities.

Eco literacy takes place when we humans let Nature become our teacher.

Eco literacy takes place when we form a legacy by passing our knowledge and our Eco literate worldview on to other members of our community.

# VOTE 2019



## Canada Votes 2019

*How do the main parties compare on the issues?*

<https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/elections/federal/2019/party-platforms/>

# Dynamics of Critical Care 2020



## Call for Abstracts

*Plan your  
submission now!*

### Abstract Resources

- [Submitting an Impressive Abstract](#)
- [Creating an Impressive Abstract \(MP4\)](#)
- [Creating an Impressive Abstract \(VOPP\)](#)
- [Abstract Preparation Worksheet](#)
- [APA Reference Resources](#)
- [Dynamics Abstract Submission System Tutorial \(PP\)](#)
- [Dynamics Abstract Submission System Tutorial \(PDF\)](#)

*Opening: October 15*

*Closes: January 10*



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Interior Health

The Ottawa Hospital

Ottawa Heart Institute

## Chapter Education Days

**London Regional**  
**October 29**  
Information: [here](#)

**Greater Edmonton**  
**November 1**  
Information: [here](#)



### CNA/McMasters survey

Dr. Vikas Parihar, a Faculty Associate with the Michael G. DeGroote Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research at McMaster University ([cannabisresearch.mcmaster.ca](http://cannabisresearch.mcmaster.ca)) and health-care provider at the Michael G. DeGroote Pain Clinic, Hamilton Health Sciences and, is conducting this cannabis survey.

The Canadian Nurses Association is collaborating with Dr. Parihar in order to understand nurses' experiences with medical and/or recreational cannabis in their respective practice settings.

The survey is designed to assess the comfort level among health-care providers (nurses, doctors, pharmacists) regarding encounters with either recreational or medical cannabis, perceptions on therapeutic benefits and potential harms, as well as learning needs and preferences.

The goal of the survey is to assess the needs of health-care professionals regarding education and training support as it pertains to cannabis, and whether health-care providers desire policy changes at the government level regarding the regulation and distribution of medical/recreational cannabis.

<https://chronicpain.mcmaster.ca/surveys/?s=X9A9J JMPDD>

It is the intention to publish results from this research database, and the information we report in publications or presentations will be anonymous and consist of responses from groups of people, not individuals. All responses are treated as confidential, and in no case will responses from individual participants be identified.

**The deadline is October 14, 2019.**

Thank you so much for your contribution to supporting nurses learning needs regarding cannabis!



**Choosing  
Wisely  
Canada**

In partnership with the  
Canadian Medical Association

### Choosing Wisely Canada Nursing List Survey

Choosing Wisely Canada (CWC) was launched in 2014 to help physicians and patients engage in conversations about unnecessary tests, treatments and procedures, which may cause harm or lack benefit. Since early 2016, CNA has actively partnered with CWC to bring a nursing voice to this excellent campaign. With CWC's support, CNA developed an initial list of recommendations relevant to nurses and their patients:

Nine Things Nurses and Patients Should Question. The list's evidence-based statements apply to a wide range of nursing practice areas and patient populations across Canada. It is the first non-medical CWC list.

CNA continued working with CWC and the Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties including CACCN to develop nursing lists that are specialty specific. Currently there are two such specialty lists, Seven Things Nurses and Patients Should Question, which was developed jointly by CNA and Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Canada, and Six Things Nurses and Patients Should Question, which was jointly developed by CNA and the Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association (CGNA).

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWCNsgLists2019>

In the survey, we want to know if the nursing lists helped reduce unnecessary services.

What would help you implement the recommendations in the lists?

We look forward to hearing from you!



**Choisir  
avec soin**

La campagne *Choisir avec soin* a été lancée en 2014 pour aider les médecins et les patients à entamer des conversations sur les examens, les traitements et les interventions non nécessaires qui pourraient causer du tort ou ne conférer aucun avantage. Depuis le début de 2016, l'AICC s'est alliée de façon active à *Choisir avec soin* pour apporter une perspective infirmière à cette excellente campagne.

Grâce au soutien de *Choisir avec soin*, l'AICC a élaboré une liste initiale de recommandations pertinentes à l'intention du personnel infirmier et de leurs patients : *Les neuf interventions et traitements sur lesquels le personnel infirmier et les patients devraient s'interroger*. Les énoncés factuels de la liste s'appliquent à une vaste gamme de domaines de pratique et de populations de patients de tout le Canada. Il s'agit de la première liste *Choisir avec soin* non médicale.

L'AICC a poursuivi son travail avec *Choisir avec soin* et le Réseau canadien des spécialités en soins infirmiers pour élaborer des listes à l'intention du personnel infirmiers particuliers aux spécialités. Actuellement, deux listes de spécialité de ce genre existent : *Les sept interventions et traitements sur lesquels le personnel infirmier et les patients devraient s'interroger*, qui a été élaborée conjointement par l'AICC et Prévention et contrôle des infections (PCI) Canada, et *Six interventions et traitements sur lesquels le personnel infirmier et les patients devraient s'interroger*, qui a été établie conjointement par l'AICC et l'Association canadienne des infirmières et infirmiers en gériatrie.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWCNsgLists2019>

Nous voulons savoir si les listes ont aidé à réduire les services inutiles ? Qu'est-ce qui vous aiderait à mettre en pratique les recommandations dans les listes ? Nous sommes impatients d'entendre vos commentaires!