



CRITICAL CONNECTIONS BULLETIN

March 17, 2022

Happy

Certified Nurses Day

March 19



Congratulations

to the 15,000+ certified nurses in 22 nursing specialties
across the country!



Congratulations

and

Thank You

for certifying
in our specialty!

Certified Nurses Day is an **International Day of Recognition** celebrating certified nurses' contribution to the profession.

In celebration of **Certified Nurses Day**, the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN) thanks and acknowledges members for pursuing and maintaining your Canadian Nurses Association certification in Critical Care (CCNC(C) / CCNCP(C)).

You are one of over a thousand critical care nurses in Canada to hold this prestigious national credential. Well done!

Share your achievement on social media using the hashtags

#CertifiedNursesDay
#CertifiedCNCC
#CertifiedCNCCP

Congratulations!

Emily Dhaliwal, British Columbia

Angela Foote, Nova Scotia

winner of a 1-year CACCN membership extension!

CACCN has drawn* two one-year membership extensions from the over 370 members who identify on their member database profile as being certified! *Online randomizer used for draw



CMA–CNA COVID-19 Emergency Summit / Health Care Worker Crisis

Read the full release: [Canada's Healthcare](#)

Hill Times Notice to MPs: [Canada's Healthcare](#)

Two years into the pandemic, organizations representing health workers across the country are sounding the alarm that Canada's health care system is collapsing. Without immediate action, there is little to hope for in the future. While Canadians are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel and public health measures are being loosened, the same cannot be said for health workers. On top of severe exhaustion and burnout from working through two years of COVID-19, health care workers now face both massive system backlogs and a shortage of colleagues to cope with demands.

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) and the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) were joined by almost 40 health organizations on March 9 for a second emergency meeting to discuss the health worker crisis.

The first meeting held in October 2021 resulted in the organizations calling for decisive action to address staff burnout and shortages, including immediate and urgent actions and long-term solutions to address the crisis.

Mélanie Gauthier, President of the **Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN)** has participated in these Emergency Summits regarding the Health Care Worker Crisis for CACCN.

During the meeting, representatives from provincial, territorial, and pan-Canadian organizations agreed: The issues faced by the health workforce have gotten worse since the fall of 2021, and while there has been recognition of the work of the health workforce during the pandemic, concrete commitments to address the issues in a sustainable manner are lagging.

Key priorities identified include:

- creating a robust data source of health human resources
- implementing a multi-disciplinary nationwide health human resource strategy, and committing to transform Canada's health care system for the future

There was also a shared recognition that the health system must be re-imagined to respond to the needs of patients in an aging society, and that health care environments must be transformed to be responsive to workers within it.

Without new thinking and a real commitment from political leaders across the country to rebuild health care, the crisis unfolding before us will simply not be resolved.



PHAC Information Updates
Vaccination Tool Kit
Webinars for Healthcare Providers
<https://caccn.ca/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/>

#NURSESFORPEACE



**Standing in support with the nurses
of Ukraine & calling for peace &
health for all. #NursesforPeace!**
<https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/nursesforpeace.html>



**NEW
&
RETURNING Members!**

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Professional Nursing Association!**

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to Thursday**

0800 to 1600 hrs ET



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SEPTEMBER 19, 20 & 21!



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YOUR
ABSTRACT

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS OPEN
UNTIL MARCH 31!

<https://caccn.ca/events/dynamics-of-critical-care-2022/>

Resources

[Abstract Instructions](#)
[Creating Impressive Abstracts](#)

OTTAWA CHAPTER CERTIFICATION BURSARY!

Did you write your CNA exam in Fall 2021?

The Ottawa Regional Chapter (ORC) is offering a bursary to any ORC member who completed their CNA critical care nursing exam & earned certification in **Fall 2021**. Please submit proof via email to ottawaregional@caccn.ca

of successful certification by **March 31**, and we will randomly select one person to receive a \$100 bursary.

Must be a member as of March 1 to be eligible

Canadian Nurses Association
Association des infirmières et infirmiers du Canada



CERTIFICATION

Certification Initial Examination

Applications for the 2022 Spring Examination are now being accepted. **Deadline March 31**

Exam Registration:

<https://tinyurl.com/CNACertificationInitial>

Certification Renewals

The new CNA certification system for renewal applications by [continuous learning](#) and inactive status applications has launched.

2021 Renewals: Deadline April 1, 2022, with payment of the renewal fee and a late fee of \$99.00 plus taxes.

2022 Renewals: Deadline November 1, 2022. Submit your certification renewal by continuous learning application now.

Renewal Registration:

<https://tinyurl.com/CNACertificationRenew>

Note: If you have issues logging into your CNA online account, send an e-mail to members@cna-aiic.ca. If you have issues completing the application, send an e-mail to certification@cna-aiic.ca.

For initial and renewals – make sure you allow CNA to [share your information](#) with your national specialty association, CACCN.

CACCN CERTIFICATION RESOURCES Members Only!

Review/Refresher Webinars: Adult

- [Becoming Certified](#)
- [Cardiovascular](#) Part 1, 2, and 3*
- [Endocrine, Hematology & Immunology](#)
- [End of Life in Critical Care](#)
- [Gastrointestinal System Review](#)
- [Neurological System Review](#)
- [Critical Care Pharmacology](#)

* Cardiovascular Part 1 & 3 are pdf – no audio

Review/Refresher Webinars: Pediatric

- [Pediatric](#) webinars and resources



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BY MARCH 31!

<https://caccn.ca/cjccn-seeking-co-editor/>

The Canadian Journal of Critical Care Nursing

VOLUME 33, ISSUE 1 SPRING 2022
Available at cjccn.ca – open access

PUBLISH WITH US

Original articles on any aspect of
critical care nursing are welcome.


<https://cjccn.ca/aim-scope-guidelines-for-authors/>



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Mitigating Risk for Medication Errors Involving Paxlovid
Paxlovid (a co-packaged product containing nirmatrelvir and ritonavir tablets) was recently approved by Health Canada for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in adults at high risk for progression to severe disease. [Read more](#)

Updated Analysis and Shared Learning from COVID-19 Vaccine Errors
Earlier this year, an ISMP Canada Safety Bulletin was published to proactively inform stakeholders about risks associated with vaccination processes and safeguards to prevent errors. The key learnings are presented [here](#).

Lack of Pediatric Formulations – A Call to Action
Many pediatric prescriptions are considered off label because the medications have not been reviewed and approved by Health Canada for pediatric use. This bulletin describes 2 recently reported incidents involving pediatric prescriptions and the need for system improvements. [Read more](#).

WEBINARS

Ottawa Regional Chapter of CACCN
Professional Practice in Critical Care Nursing:
An ICU Unit Council
Webinar replay link available in [Members Only!](#)

Montreal Chapter of CACCN
ICU bridge Program and the PPE portraits in Canada
<https://tinyurl.com/CACCNMontrealPPE>



Health
Canada

Santé
Canada

On February 16th, 2022, Health Canada launched consultations on its draft [Handbook for healthcare professionals: Biosimilar biologic drugs](#). This handbook has been specifically tailored to meet the information needs of healthcare professionals.

This consultation is open for **until Sunday, April 17th**. Interested parties are invited to email comments to brddopic-bpcidmbr@hc-sc.gc.ca. All comments will be considered in the finalization of the documents.

Le 16 février 2022, Santé Canada a lancé des consultations sur son [Guide à l'intention des professionnels de la santé : Médicaments biologiques biosimilaires](#). Ce manuel a été spécialement conçu pour répondre aux besoins d'information des professionnels de la santé.

Cette consultation est ouverte pour une période **jusqu'au dimanche 17 avril**. Les parties intéressées sont invitées à envoyer leurs commentaires par courriel à to brddopic-bpcidmbr@hc-sc.gc.ca. Tous les commentaires seront pris en compte lors de la finalisation des documents.

iCONNECT Healthcare Summit

March 22, 2022 | 11AM – 1PM EST



Sarah Crowe, MN, PMD-NP(F), CNCC(C), NP

Critical Care Nurse Practitioner
Surrey Memorial Hospital

COVID and Mental Health in Nursing

Healthcare workers have historically experienced symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety with previous infectious outbreaks. Also known for demonstrating resiliency during adverse situations Sarah conducted a study aimed to examine the mental health of Critical Care Registered Nurses providing direct patient care during the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada. Join us as she shares the outcomes and strategies implemented to support staff.



Dan Landry, BSc Pharmacy

Infectious Diseases Pharmacist
Dr. Georges-L. Dumont University Hospital Centre

A View From the Other Side:

When a Healthcare Professional Suffers From a Mental Illness

According to a Canadian Mental Health Association survey, 41% of Canadians reported that their mental health had declined since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Health care providers are not immune to the impacts of the pandemic to their mental health. In this session, Dan will share with you his own personal struggles with mental illness while being a health care provider. He hopes by sharing his firsthand experiences and struggles from a patient's side, it will highlight the stigma and misconceptions patients with mental health face.

Webinar Registration

Baxter

March 22 @ 11 am ET

Join Baxter Corporation for the iCONNECT Healthcare Summit. CACCN's Vice President, **Sarah Crowe, MN, PMD-NP(F), (CNCC(C))**, is presenting COVID and Mental Health in Nursing

Register now:

https://baxter.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7IN3OFfMQmu9k8Bblw06EA

Canadian Nurses Association Unveils Massive 28-storey Mural to Celebrate Nurses Nationwide



Immerse yourself in a **3D augmented reality experience** of the **#WeAnswerTheCall** mural via a desktop computer:

Visit <https://www.cna-augmentedmural.com/> on your desktop; Point your phone's camera at the mural's QR code; Once scanned, your experience will begin; Keep the mural within the camera's frame

#WeAnswerTheCall is also this year's theme for Nursing Week - May 9 to Sunday, May 15 - More information and resources: [CNA Nursing Week](#).

PARTNERS

Preserving Vascular Access in an Ever-Changing Era

**20% DISCOUNT
ON CONFERENCE REGISTRATION!**

There is a lot of cross over between critical care and vascular access and **Canadian Vascular Access Association (CVAA)** is offering a **20% discount** for CACCN Members to attend their **national virtual conference - April 27-29, 2022**.

Preliminary program: <https://tinyurl.com/CVAA2022Prog>

To access the discount code - Log into **Members Only!**

Registration page:

<https://cvaa.info/en/conference/delegate-registration>

PUBLICATIONS

A systematic review of de-escalation strategies for redeployed staff and repurposed facilities in COVID-19 intensive care units (ICUs) during the pandemic.

eClinicalMedicine

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eclinm.2022.101286>

Effective interventions for reducing moral distress in critical care nurses

Nursing Ethics

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/09697330211062982>

Critical care nursing role in low and lower middle-income settings: a scoping review

BMJ Open

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/12/1/e055585.abstract>

Job satisfaction as a mediator between structural empowerment and intent-to-leave:

A study of critical care nurses

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2021.103194>

**Maneuvering the Institutional Review Board Process
A Guide for Critical Care Nurses and Researchers**

Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing

https://journals.lww.com/dccjournal/Fulltext/2022/01000/Maneuvering_the_Institutional_Review_Board.7.aspx

Selecting a theoretical framework to guide research on the COVID-19 pandemic impacts on nursing care delivery and the critical care work system (using Reed's Intermodern approach to theory critique)

Applied Nursing Research

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0897189721001208>

**Early mobilization implementation for critical ill patients:
A cross-sectional multi-center survey about knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions of critical care nurses**

International Journal of Nursing Sciences

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352013221001095>

Critical Care Resource Nurse Team

A Patient Safety and Quality Outcomes Model

Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing

https://journals.lww.com/dccjournal/Abstract/2022/01000/Critical_Care_Resource_Nurse_Team_A_Patient.10.aspx?context=LatestArticles

Physical Restraint in the Critical Care Unit:

A Narrative Review

The New Bioethics

<https://doi.org/10.1080/20502877.2021.2019979>

Impact of sedation titration guidelines on nursing satisfaction and sedation exposure in the PICU.

Critical Care Medicine

https://journals.lww.com/ccmjournal/Fulltext/2022/01001/1311__IMPACT_OF_SEDATION_TITRATION_GUIDELINES_ON.1277.aspx

Nursing workforce, education, and training challenges to implementing extracorporeal membrane oxygenation services in Australian intensive care units:

A qualitative sub study

Australian Critical Care

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1036731421001776>

Critical care nurses' perceptions and practices towards clinical alarms

BACCN Nursing in Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.1111/nicc.12751>

Improving care quality through nurse-to-nurse consults and early warning system technology

Nursing Management

https://journals.lww.com/nursingmanagement/Fulltext/2022/01000/Improving_care_quality_through_nurse_to_nurse.6.aspx

Improving critical care patients' sleep quality in a surgical high-dependency unit:

An evidence-based practice project

SIGMA Global Nursing Excellence

<https://sigmapubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/wvn.12558>

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