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CACCN *Critical Connections* Bulletin

October 2023



AGM

Annual General Meeting

The Board of Directors of the CACCN invite you to join us for the **2023 Meeting of the Members** and **webinar: *An Evening with the Coroner*** featuring Dr. Akshai M Iyengar MSc. MD FRCPC, Chief & Medical Director – Dept. of Critical Care Medicine, Medical Director – Quality and Patient Safety at Queensway Carleton Hospital. Dr. Iyengar will share information on what prompts a call for the coroner, best practices, toxicology and questions/concerns critical care nurses may have.

This is a Members Only event!

Date: October 25 @ 1600 hrs ET (1300 hrs PT, 1400 hrs MT, 1500 CT, 1700 hrs AT, 1730 NL)

Register by October 23 at 1500 ET: <https://forms.office.com/r/8YEAguXma4>

Voting Members: Current active members of the CACCN meeting the following criteria: Registered Nurse currently working in affiliated with critical care are encouraged to attend and vote on motions presented at the meeting.

Non-Voting: Affiliate members and students are welcome to attend the meeting & webinar, however, do not hold voting rights.

Proxy Votes: Voting members who are unable to attend, may provide a proxy form. To be recognized as valid for the meeting, a signed proxy form must be signed and returned CACCN by email - caccn@caccn.ca - no later than October 23, 2023 @ 1600 hrs ET.

2023 Meeting Information including proxy forms, meeting agenda, access to minutes, the draft annual report and the approved financial audit: <https://caccn.ca/about-caccn/annual-general-meeting/>

We look forward to seeing you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at caccn@caccn.ca or 866-477-9077.

Sincerely

Sarah Crowe, President, CACCN

Brandi Vanderspank-Wright, Vice-President, CACCN

WELCOME

New & Returning Members!
We appreciate your support!

FOLLOW US!



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<https://tinyurl.com/FBCACCN/>

<https://ca.linkedin.com/company/caccn>

[www.twitter.com @CACCN1](http://www.twitter.com/CACCN1)

Communities of Practice (CoPs)

Critical Care Nurse
New Nurses
Managers & CNEs
Nurse Educators
APNurses

New / renewing members are
added automatically!
Check your email for the invitation to join!

Share the sign-up link with your colleagues
<https://forms.office.com/r/Msx1yi7wuX>

Links to all CoPs are available on the CACCN
Resources:

<https://caccn.ca/education-certification-resources/communities-of-practice/>.

Questions/Issues contact
memberrelations@caccn.ca

JOIN THE DISCUSSION!

Collaborate
Share
Support

Upcoming Events

<https://caccn.ca/upcoming-events/>

- October 25 CACCN AGM & Webinar:
An Evening with the Coroner
- November 9 CVAA/CACCN Joint Webinar
- November 23 Webinar or Journal Club
- December 7 Webinar: Mentorship Series
Session 4: *Panel Discussion*
- December 18
to January 2 Office Closed for holidays



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE!

An exploration of the nursing medication practices in acute care settings in Canada.

To understand registered nurse practices during the complex workflow of medication administration in the acute care hospital setting in Canada.

When to intubate in hypoxemic respiratory failure.

When to intubate in hypoxemic respiratory failure is an important and understudied problem facing critically ill patients.

Examining internal & eXternal Influences leading to healthcare worker Turnover in ICUs: EXIT-ICU Study (provincial and national surveys)

The primary aim of this research is to understand what factors have led healthcare workers to leave or consider leaving their positions in ICU since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Have your say on working conditions for Canadian nurses – CNA Survey

The COVID-19 pandemic revealed many historic challenges faced by nurses, including unsafe and untenable workloads, and was accompanied by an emerging urgency to confront and tackle injustices such as racism and discrimination within nursing and across health systems. What has been your experience over the past few years?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND LINKS!

<https://caccn.ca/surveys/>

PRESENTED BY:



CAROLINE PENNER
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CHANDA MacDONALD
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WEBINAR SERIES 2023



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CVAA and CACCN are pleased to present a joint educational webinar to address issues and opportunities in vascular access and critical care.

**Central Line Insertion:
Critical Care & Vascular Access
Considerations**

 Thursday November 9, 2023
12:00pm ET

 Register [here](http://www.cvaa.info) or visit www.cvaa.info

**FREE for
CVAA and
CACCN
MEMBERS**

www.cvaa.info
www.caccn.ca

To Register

Visit

Upcoming Events

for registration information

<https://caccn.ca/upcoming-events/>

OR

Click this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAld-iuqz8jGtOU76auFdaFF84bgdmqA8f6#/registration>



Thank you on behalf of the CACCN Board of Directors and the Local Operations Committee to all who attended the **Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference 2023** in Fredericton in September 2023

Conference Evaluations

To obtain your continuing learning hours credits, please complete the overall and session evaluations to access the certificate to download in PDF format or send to your email. **Deadline: November 15.**

Username: Email on file with CACCN

If you do not have a password or cannot remember your password, select - Password Reset - on the log in page.

Link: <https://www.xcdsystem.com/caccn/credits/index.cfm?ID=B6iAmwD>

Conference Presentations

Thank you to our conference presenters for their excellent presentations over the three days.

We have had several attendees request access to conference presentations. If you are interested in providing your presentation for posting on the website in PDF format, please forward to caccn@caccn.ca.

CHAPTER EVENTS



CACCN Alberta Chapter Presents:

CRITICAL CARE STRATEGIC CLINICAL NETWORK (SCN) WEBINAR



This webinar will focus on what the CC SCN is and what it provides for front line staff, as well as a clinical overview of current projects and initiatives!

CURRENT INITIATIVES:

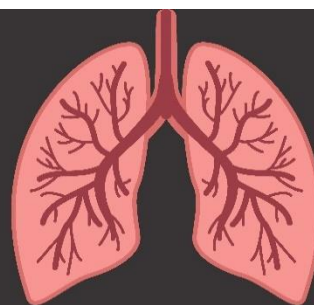
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DON'T MISUSE MY BLOOD
ROSA (OPTIMIZING SEDATIVE AND ANALGESIA)



OCTOBER 19TH 2023
1430 - 1530

TO SIGN UP EMAIL:

CACCNALBERTA@CACCN.CA



CACCN ALBERTA CHAPTER PRESENTS

ARTERIAL BLOOD GAS ANALYSIS... COMPLEX YET SIMPLE

Presented by **Kim Scherr NP**

KIM SCHERR IS A CRITICAL CARE NP WITH OVER 30 YEARS OF NURSING EXPERIENCE, 26 AS A NURSE PRACTITIONER IN CRITICAL CARE, CARDIOVASCULAR NURSING AND INTERNAL MEDICINE.



OCTOBER 27TH 2023
1300 - 1400 VIA ZOOM

TO SIGN UP EMAIL:

caccnalberta@caccn.ca

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London Regional
Chapter CACCN Event



**University Hospital,
Auditorium A,
London, ON**

November 23, 2023

0830-1630

Lunch and door prizes provided

Deadline to register is November 17, 2023.
Late registration is negotiable, please
email londonregional@caccn.ca



If you are unable to attend due to
financial concerns, please email
londonregional@caccn.ca
Education is for all!



REGISTRATION VIA EVENTBRITE

EVENTBRITE REGISTRATION LINK:
SENT BY EMAIL JULY 19, 2023

Cost:

\$20.00 for members and
\$50.00 for non-members

Individuals can become London Regional
chapter members by registering at CACCN/Join Us
Member rate will be offered to anyone who
becomes a member by October 31, 2023.

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Information and Registration

Contact: londonregional@caccn.ca

ONTARIO NURSES!

Registration for the [ECHO Critical Care Nurse Well-Being](#) program has opened for Critical Care Nurses across Ontario! This free program aims to promote resilience, connection, and wellness at a time that many are experiencing isolation, burnout, and stress.

How does it work? Critical care nurses practicing in Ontario can register for the program using the link below. Once registered, participants will receive a zoom link to join the sessions. Each session includes a short didactic talk on a relevant topic and interactive discussion and conversation focused on nurses' experiences related to this topic. Participants can register for the program and drop in on sessions that work for their schedule – they do not have to attend all sessions.

How to join? Click this link to register:

<https://edc.camhx.ca/redcap/surveys/?s=JYKXFXTD9C4T7MC>
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When does it run? The program will run 8 sessions every other week starting Friday, October 28, 2022, 2-3pm EST and ending Friday, February 17, 2023.



Ashley Wasnik, a CACCN Member is completing a capstone project to identify available *clinical practice guidelines for withdrawal of life sustaining measures (WLSM) across Canadian ICUs*, and then evaluate the guidelines using the AGREE II checklist. The guidelines will also be critically analyzed and compared to the guidelines from the Canadian Critical Care Society to identify knowledge and process gaps, and to improve end-of-life care for patients and families in Critical Care settings.

Ashey is requesting clinicians across the country who are willing to share their ICUs clinical practice guidelines as a part of an environmental scan to forward the information to awasnik@ualberta.ca.



The **Canadian Vascular Access Association (CVAA)** is hosting their national in-person conference in 2024 – Winnipeg, Manitoba April 24-26.

They are now accepting abstract submissions for Plenary, Concurrent, Skills Labs (hands-on) and Poster Presentations and want to encourage critical care clinicians to submit! They want to highlight speakers from the critical care community.

Get all the information and submit online: [here](#).

Submissions are accepted until October 31.

CONGRATULATIONS
and thank you

Thank you to the members who completed the Social Media survey in September 2023.

Recipients of a \$ 25.00 Amazon card

Kerry McD, Beachburg, ON
Janet B, Prince George, BC

Recipient of a one-year membership extension

Marianne R, Thorndale, ON

Publications of Interest

**Nurse Staffing: Ratios, Reimbursement,
and the Work Environment**

AACN Blog

https://www.aacn.org/blog/nurse-staffing-ratios-reimbursement-and-the-work-environment?sc_campaign=2459A1C37A064E53817C1C98D2594B0B&_zs=K0dSX&_zl=lfam3

**AWAreness during REsuscitation - II: A multi-center
study of consciousness and awareness in cardiac arrest**

Resuscitation

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.resuscitation.2023.109903>

**Naloxone Use in Novel Potent Opioid and Fentanyl
Overdoses in Emergency Department Patients**

JAMA Network Open

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2808868>

**The Emergency Department:
Critical Care Nurses' Other Home?**

AACN Blog

https://www.aacn.org/blog/the-emergency-department-critical-care-nurses-other-home?sc_campaign=2459A1C37A064E53817C1C98D2594B0B&_zs=K0dSX&_zl=Mfam3

**A systematic review of the effect of early mobilisation
on length of stay for adults in the intensive care unit**

BACCN Nursing in Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.1111/nicc.12785>

**Unseen inequity: why Canadian nurses need to know
about environmental racism**

Canadian Nurse Journal

https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2023/10/03/unseen-inequity-environmental-racism?_zs=71I9O1&_zl=eCng2

**A non-binary nurse explains why it's time to learn about
& reflect on transgender care**

Canadian Nurse Journal

https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2022/01/04/a-non-binary-nurse-explains-why-its-time-to-learn?_zs=71I9O1&_zl=kCng2

Practice Articles

Canadian Nurse Journal

https://www.canadian-nurse.com/content/practice?_zs=71I9O1&_zl=lCng2

**Ten recommendations for child-friendly visiting
policies in critical care**

What's New in Critical Care?

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00134-022-06974-w>

**Comprehensive assessment of factors contributing to
the actual turnover of newly licensed registered
nurses working in acute care hospitals: a systematic
review**

BMC Nursing

<https://bmcnurs.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12912-023-01190-3>

**Thematic analysis of intensive care unit diaries
kept by staff: insights for caring**

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2023.103392>

**Prevention of physical restraints in the acute care
setting (PROTECT): study protocol for a cluster-
randomised controlled pilot study**

BMJ Open

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/13/1/e066291.abstract>