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CACCN
Critical Connections
December 2023



On behalf of the
Board of Directors and
staff, we thank you for
your expert, compassionate
care for your patients and
their families.

Thank you for your
membership with your
specialty nursing
association.

Whatever your plans are,
wherever you are going,
Have a happy, peaceful,
and safe holiday season!





SURVEYS!

Don't miss out on these opportunities to participate!

New Critical Care Outreach Team (CCOT) Nurse's Role in End-of-Life (EOL) Discussions - This study aims to fill current gaps in knowledge of the CCOT nurse's role in EOL discussions and generating meaningful change in practice.

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.

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 – CNA Survey - The COVID-19 pandemic revealed many historic challenges faced by nurses. What has been your experience over the past few years?

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



**THANK YOU
TO ALL OUR
WEBINAR
PARTICIPANTS**

**This past year, we have offered at minimum one educational opportunity per month!
Have you missed one?**

**Take some time to watch the replay!
Each webinar/journal club is equal to one continuing learning hour.**

December 7, 2023: Paula Price Memorial Education Series – Mentorship - Session 4: Panel Discussion

November 9, 2023: Central Line Insertion: Critical Care & Vascular Access Considerations.

October 25, 2023: Coroner Death Investigation.

October 12, 2023: Paula Price Memorial Education Series – Mentorship - Session 3 - Examining the role of healthcare organizations and their leaders in fostering mentorship in nursing.

Access via [CACCN Members Only!](#)

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JOIN THE DISCUSSION

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Links to all
CoPs:

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

Watch for the
CoP
Open Forum
Events
in 2024

February 8
Clinical Nurse
Educators

May 23
Managers

CACCN 

Communities
of Practice

1. Managers
2. Advanced Practice Nurses
3. New Nurses
4. Critical Care Team

Join the Conversation

This national SharePoint site is a great way to chat with critical care nurses across Canada. Ask a question, create a poll, share a resource. Let's support each other as we optimize critical care.

FREE TO JOIN

Right now on the CoP's managers are chatting about staffing. Educators are chatting about CRRT. Nurses are looking for information on Ebola education & end of life care. Do you have something to ask or share?

<https://CACCN.ca>

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

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

Upcoming Events

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

2023

December 18 to January 1

Office Closed for holidays

2024

January 2

[CCCNC2024 Call for Abstracts open](#)

[Call for Volunteers](#) – Abstract reviewers & Conference Local Operations Committee Members

January 11

Webinar: [Enhancing Mental Health Awareness in Critical Care](#)

Webinar: **Alberta Chapter: Sepsis**

January 25

Webinar: Tentative collaboration with Baxter Corporation iConnect – Preparing to Publish

February 8

Webinar: [Communities of Practice: Clinical Nurse Educators](#)

February 15

Call for Abstract Reviewers and Local Operations Committee closes

February 22

Webinar: to be determined

February 29

Call for Abstracts closes

March 7

Webinar: [Paula Price Memorial Educational Series: Session 1: OB Emergencies](#)

March 21

Webinar: Spacelabs Healthcare

April 4

Webinar: CJCCN Journal Club

April 18

Webinar: Targeted Temperature Management – BD Canada

May 9

Webinar: Nurse's Week

May 23

Webinar: [Communities of Practice: Nurse Managers](#)

June 1

CACCN Awards Deadline

June 6

Webinar: [Paula Price Educational Series: Session 2: Children are not little adults](#)

Critical Care



Paula Price

Memorial Education Series 2024

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

Session 1 - March 7 @ 1200 hrs ET
Obstetrical emergencies

Speaker: Brenda Morgan

Session 2 - June 6 @ 1200 hrs ET
Children are not little adults

Speaker: Karen Dryden-Palmer

Session 3 - October 10 @ 1200 hrs ET
Burns

Speaker: to be determined

Session 4 - December 5 @ 1200 hrs ET
Neurological Assessment

Speaker: Karine Allard



**WORLD CONGRESS OF
INTENSIVE & CRITICAL CARE**

SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2025 · VANCOUVER, CANADA

The **Canadian Critical Care Society (CCCS)**, in partnership with the **Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN)**, and the **Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT)** are excited to host the [17th World Congress of Intensive and Critical Care](#) from **September 16-19, 2025**, in **Vancouver, Canada**.

The theme of the program is “**caring intensively**” and we hope you will join us!

For more information, please visit:

www.wcicc2025.com.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

CANADIAN CRITICAL CARE NURSING CONFERENCE 2024
Delta Regins, Regins, Saskatchewan
SEPTEMBER 23 TO 25, 2024

Join us for the Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference!

CACCN has been actively providing critical care education for 40 years!

We come together each year at the Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference (formerly Dynamics of Critical Care) to **REimagine**, **REdefine**, and **REinspire** ourselves, our careers, our colleagues and nursing in Canada.

The conference allows you to share and learn the latest on a multitude of topics, and to hone your skills both clinical and professional through Fast & Focused, Concurrent, Mastery, Plenary and Poster presentations. This national event also provides an excellent opportunity to network with nurses and interprofessional colleagues from across the country and abroad.

Come rekindle friendships, start new friendships, share ideas and have fun!

**Submit your abstract
by February 29!**

<https://tinyurl.com/CCCNC2024>

**Opens
January 2, 2024**



**CALL FOR
LOCAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
CCCNC2024**

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Applications open on January 2, 2024!

The *Canadian Association of Critical Care Nursing (CACCN)* is inviting interested CACCN members to serve on the **Local Operations Committee** for the **Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference 2024**. The conference will be held in Regina, SK, September 23 to 25, 2024. Members from *Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and Yukon* may apply for the committee.

For more information: [Volunteer with US!](#)

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for more
information



**CALL FOR
ABSTRACT REVIEWERS
CCCNC2024**

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Applications open on January 2, 2024!

The *Canadian Association of Critical Care (CACCN)* is inviting interested CACCN members to serve on the **Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference 2024 Abstract Review Committee**. We are seeking members at all career levels and in all domains with knowledge and expertise in the following topics to assist with the **abstract review**: Clinical Practice, Education, Leadership, Mentorship, Research and Quality Improvement and Sustainable Practices

For more information: [Volunteer with US!](#)



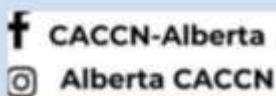
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WITH DR. ANDREA LETOURNEAU
JANUARY 11, 2024 @ 1300-1415 MST



To register email
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CACCN Awards, Grants & Bursaries

It's never too early to start planning your applications & nominations for the CACCN Awards, Grants and Bursaries!

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

Deadline is June 1, 2024



Do you have a mentor or colleague sharing their expertise? Nominate your colleague for the **BBraun Sharing Expertise Award**.

Have you or are you developing a project for professional development? Consider submitting for the **Spacelabs Innovative Project Award**.

Look around your unit for that exceptional colleague who demonstrates outstanding leadership & excellence and consider nominating them for the **Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award**.

If you are pursuing your master's or PhD, apply for the **CACCN Graduate Education Bursary**.

Are you an Investigator on a research study relevant to critical care nursing? Submit your application for the **CACCN Research Grant**.

Do you have a colleague who demonstrates excellence in critical care nursing practice? If so, consider nominating them for the **CACCN Chasing Excellence Award**.

Canadian Intensive Care Week 2024 is October 19 to October 26. Apply for the **Canadian Intensive Care Week Spotlight Challenge** to help with your event planning!

Is there a long time CACCN member or past member who deserves Life Member status? Life Member status is conferred on individuals who have demonstrated sustained support & exceptional contributions to the Association, as well as the advancement of the art & science of critical care nursing. Submit a request for consideration for **CACCN Life Member Status**.

**LOOKING FOR A CHANGE?
A NEW ROLE?
A NEW JOB?**

Visit caccn.ca
Employment Opportunities!

Interior Health
Interior Health - Kamloops
Hospital for Sick Children
Provincial Health Services Authority

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Chapter Activities

LONDON REGIONAL CHAPTER

Over 40 nurses from the London Region participated in CACCN Education Event at University Hospital– London Health Science Centre on November 23. This engaging and fun educational event covered topics including anticoagulation and reversal agents, aortic stenosis and transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI), neuro emergencies and TNK in stroke patients, inhaled nitric oxide in ARDS, methylene blue for refractory hypotension, new nomenclature around death by neurological criteria, and various high acuity low occurrence (HALO) skills such as transvenous pacing and IO insertion.



Event planning committee: (l-r)

Brad Joosse (WH Director CCU and Dialysis),
Andrea Aikens (RN WH CCU)
Paula North (Charge Nurse WH CCU)
Marianne Rowland (WH CCU Educator)
Ian Dashnay (MSICU/CVICU LHSC Educator).

Absent from photo:

Jennifer Larocque (RN, NP student)
Marley Gregorio (LHSC Regional Critical Care Educator)



Canadian Intensive Care Week Spotlight Challenge

Last October 23, 25 and 27, 2023, the Brandon Regional Health Centre Critical Care Team celebrated **Canadian Intensive Care Week**.

The event was well attended by leadership, staff, and students (nursing, medical and RTs).

We have flyers and banners posted in different areas of the hospital, we advertised in the weekly newsletter (PROMPT) and the facility's social media. We also have food items and prizes provided for our attendees to enjoy.

We modified some things from our submitted plan. We missed the actual ICU tour as our COVID cases increased again and for infection control purposes, we decided not to do the actual tour. However, we received positive feedback from the leadership team and staff who attended the event.

Some staff suggested we will hold it in a bigger venue to set up more stations. Overall, the event was successful. It was a team effort. Most of us are looking forward for next year's celebration.

Again, I am grateful for the bursary.

Mary Abuel-Kuijpers and the Brandon Regional Health Centre Critical Care Team

Ms. Abuel-Kuijpers was the recipient of the CACCN Canadian Intensive Care Week Spotlight Challenge Award 2023



Critical Care Articles of Interest

Ethical considerations in evaluating discharge readiness from the intensive care unit

Nursing Ethics

<https://doi.org/10.1177/09697330231212338>

Embracing Inclusive Language as a Powerful Communication Tool

Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing

https://journals.lww.com/dccjournal/fulltext/2023/1000/embracing_inclusive_language_as_a_powerful.11.aspx

Nurses' perceptions of barriers and supportive behaviors in end-of-life care in the intensive care unit: a cross-sectional study

BMC Palliative Care

<https://bmcpalliatcare.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12904-022-01020-4>

Association of Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation with New Mental Health Diagnoses in Adult Survivors of Critical Illness

JAMA Network

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2798012>

Nurses' Perceptions of Intensive Care Unit Orientation Patient Education Pamphlet

ATS Journals

<https://doi.org/10.34197/ats-scholar.2022-0142OC>

Feasibility of and experience using a portable MRI scanner in the neonatal intensive care unit

BMJ Journals

<https://fn.bmj.com/content/108/1/45.abstract>

Association between early nutrition support and 28-day mortality in critically ill patients: the FRANS prospective

Critical Care

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s13054-022-04298-1>

Association of Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation with New Mental Health Diagnoses in Adult Survivors of Critical Illness

JAMA Network

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2798012>

Advanced Variables to Optimize Hemodynamic Monitoring

AACN Advanced Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.4037/aacnacc2023903>

The Culture of Nurses in a Critical Care Unit

Global Qualitative Nursing Research

<https://doi.org/10.1177/2333393615625996>

Patient mobilization in the intensive care unit: Assessing practice behavior – A multi-center point prevalence study

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0964339723001271>

Grief Support and Coping Mechanism Mediate the Effect of Grief on Burnout Among Intensive Care Unit Nurses - A Structural Equation Modeling Analysis

Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing

https://journals.lww.com/dccjournal/citation/2023/1000/grief_support_and_coping_mechanism_mediate_the.8.aspx

Pressure Injury Prevention

*Intensive and Critical Care Nursing
Special Issue*

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/intensive-and-critical-care-nursing/special-issue/1048T0BTRKR>

Current Trends in Critical Care Nursing Research

American Journal of Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.4037/ajcc2023943>

**Understanding nursing perceptions of intravenous fluid management practices
Comprendre les perceptions des infirmières et infirmiers sur les pratiques d'administration de solutions intraveineuses (page 6)**

Vascular Access – CVAA Journal

<https://cvaa.info/Portals/0/Vol.%2017%20No.%201%20-%20Spring%202023.pdf>

The rate and assessment of muscle wasting during critical illness: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Critical Care

<https://ccforum.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13054-022-04253-0?s=09>

Use of a Digital Air Leak Detection Device to Decrease Chest Tube Duration

AACN Advanced Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.4037/ccn2023951>

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Vascular Access – CVAA Journal

<https://cvaa.info/Portals/0/Vol.%2017%20No.%201%20-%20Spring%202023.pdf>

Nurses' knowledge and experiences of peripheral intravenous catheter insertion at a tertiary paediatric health centre

Connaissances et expérience des infirmières en matière d'insertion des cathéters intraveineux périphériques dans un centre de soins tertiaires en pédiatrie

(page 8)

<https://cvaa.info/Portals/0/Vol.%2016%20No.%203%20-%20Fall%202022.pdf>

Teaching Bundle Care Approach to Intensive Care Nurses to Prevent Ventilator Associated Pneumonia with a Stratified Validated Module

Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing

https://journals.lww.com/dccjournal/abstract/2023/11000/teaching_bundle_care_approach_to_intensive_care.10.aspx

Integrated versus non-integrated peripheral intravenous catheters: A cross-sectional survey of nurse experiences

Cathéters intraveineux périphériques intégrés ou non intégrés : étude transversale sur les expériences des infirmières et infirmiers (page 13)

Vascular Access – CVAA Journal

<https://cvaa.info/Portals/0/Vol.%2017%20No.%201%20-%20Spring%202023.pdf>

Role of Fluid Stewardship in the Critically Ill

AACN Advanced Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.4037/aacnacc2023173>

Unidentified communication challenges in the intensive care unit: A qualitative study using multiple triangulations

Australian Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aucc.2022.01.006>

Open Intensive Care Units - A Global Challenge for Patients, Relatives, and Critical Care Teams

Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing

https://journals.lww.com/dccjournal/fulltext/2014/07000/Open_Intensive_Care_Units_A_Global_Challenge_for.2.aspx

5 Strategies to Interrupt Microaggressions

AACN Blog

https://www.aacn.org/blog/5-strategies-to-interrupt-microaggressions?sc_camp=2459A1C37A064E53817C1C98D2594B0B&zs=K0dSX&zl=Boer3

ChatGPT Is Trending: Trust but Verify

AACN Advanced Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.4037/aacnacc2023129>

Patient and Family Post-Intensive Care Syndrome

AACN Advanced Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.4037/aacnacc2016132>



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- [Government of Canada announces supports to improve well-being of health workers and help internationally educated health professionals enter the workforce more quickly](#)
 - Backgrounder: [Government of Canada announces supports to improve the well-being of health workers and help internationally educated health professionals enter the workforce more quickly](#)
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