



# Critical Connections

## January 2024



### New & Renewing Members!

### CERTIFICATION BURSARIES

**Initial Certification:** Did you write the certification examination in Spring or Fall 2023?

**Renewal Certification:** Did you renew your certification in 2023?

If so, apply for the **certification bursaries** for 2023! Total of \$ 2,000 in funding available: 2 bursaries @ \$500 for initial and 4 bursaries @ \$250 for renewal.

View the Overall Criteria and the Bursary Criteria:

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

**Apply Today!**

**Initial**



**Renewal**



**Deadline March 31, 2024 @ 1600 hrs ET**  
**Draw to take place by April 5, 2024**

Canadian Association of  
Critical Care Nurses

## MEMBER REFERRALS

CACCN members are eligible to win a complimentary one year membership extension for new members referred to CACCN



**BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING A STRONGER ASSOCIATION!**

[caccn.ca](https://caccn.ca)



## PRESENTATION OPPORTUNITIES – CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



**CALL FOR  
ABSTRACTS**

**REimagine  
define  
inspire**

**CANADIAN CRITICAL CARE  
NURSING CONFERENCE 2024**  
Delta Regins, Regina, Saskatchewan  
SEPTEMBER 23 TO 28, 2024

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF  
CRITICAL CARE  
NURSES

**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>

**#CCCNC24  
#CACCN**



## CONFERENCE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The **Canadian Association of Critical Care (CACCN)** is inviting interested CACCN members to serve on the following committees for the Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference 2024.

**ABSTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE 2024:** CACCN members at all career levels and in all domains with knowledge and expertise in the following topics to assist with the **abstract review** (short term commitment): Clinical Practice, Education, Leadership, Mentorship, Research and Quality Improvement and Sustainable Practices. **For more information: [Volunteer with US!](#)**

**LOCAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE 2024:** CACCN Members from **Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and Yukon** may apply for the committee. Commitment: March to October 2024. **For more information: [Volunteer with US!](#)**



**Baxter** presents

# iCONNECT Healthcare Summit

You are cordially invited to attend a Baxter LIVE online Education Event. SPECIAL EVENT

## Writing for Publication

"Plan and Outline an Article that has the Potential of being Accepted for Publication by CJCCN"

**Session Objectives:**

- Identify key characteristics of a manuscript.
- Create an outline** for your manuscript.
- Apply free writing and **generative writing techniques**.
- Format and structure the main sections of a standard journal article.
- Construct a plan to **guide you to the completion** of an entire manuscript.
- Begin to build a critical care **nursing writing community of practice**.

**Presented by:**  
**Asha Pereira RN, PhD**  
 Chief Editor, Canadian Journal of Critical Care Nursing (CJCCN)  
 Instructor II, University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences

Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 12pm EST – 1pm EST

**REGISTER HERE**

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 January 25  
 @ 1200 hrs ET

[https://baxter.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_fqesYlioTkaJcln-SlxHlg#/registration](https://baxter.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fqesYlioTkaJcln-SlxHlg#/registration)



**Job Opportunity**

**LOOKING FOR A CHANGE?  
 A NEW ADVENTURE?**

Interior Health  
 Hospital for Sick Children  
 Provincial Health Services Authority

Visit [caccn.ca](https://caccn.ca)  
**Employment Opportunities!**

<https://caccn.ca/employment-opportunities/>

**Congratulations!**

**Joleen D, Saskatchewan  
 &  
 Stephanie S, Prince Edward Island**

*Recipients of a complimentary  
 1-year membership extension for  
 member referrals in Q2 - 2023-2024*

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

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

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

### CONTINUOUS RENEWAL Refresher!

CACCN processes your membership renewal on or about the first day of the month following the expiry date. Cancellation may be completed up to fifteen (15) days prior to the expiry/renewal date. If notification of cancellation is not received by the deadline, refund of payment is not provided. Review [Continuous Renewal FAQs](#) or [scan →](#)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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



- January 25 Webinar: [Writing for Publication](#)
- February 8 Webinar: [Communities of Practice: Clinical Nurse Educators \(Open Forum\)](#)
- February 15 Deadline! [Call for Volunteers](#) – Abstract reviewers & Conference LOC Members
- February 22 Webinar: [to be determined](#)
- February 29 Deadline! [CCCNC2024 Call for Abstracts](#)
- March 7 Webinar: [Paula Price Memorial Education Series: Session 1: OB Emergencies](#)
- March 21 Webinar: [Spacelabs Healthcare](#)
- March 31 Deadline! [Certification Bursary applications](#)
- 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 \(Open Forum\)](#)
- June 1 Deadline! [CACCN Awards](#)
- June 6 Webinar: [Paula Price Memorial Education Series: Session 2: Children are not little adults](#)

## CACCN Position Statement

### Wellbeing

The Board of Directors of the CACCN is pleased to announce the completion and release of the **Critical Care Nurse Wellbeing Position Statement**.

*The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses acknowledges the importance of critical care nurse wellbeing for the provision of quality patient care, including improved outcomes for patients, family, team, organization, and systems outcomes. Fostering nursing wellbeing is an integrative and shared responsibility between individual nurses, organizations, and health care systems.*

**Read the Statement:**

<http://tinyurl.com/CACCNPSNew>



**Thank you to Christine Filipek, Director, Mélanie Gauthier, Past President, the committee, and the reviewers for their work on the statement**

## Caring Intensively

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 **17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Intensive and Critical Care**

**September 16-19, 2025, Vancouver, BC**

*CACCN Members on the Steering Committee, Scientific Planning Committee, and the Local Planning Committee*  
- Sarah Crowe, Brandi Vanderspank-Wright, Tricia Curtis, Sybil Hoiss, & Sharon Hickin  
For more information, please visit: [www.wcicc2025.com](http://www.wcicc2025.com).



WORLD CONGRESS OF  
INTENSIVE & CRITICAL CARE

SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2025 - VANCOUVER, CANADA

WCICC2025

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Canadian Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing (CJCN) & Canadian Journal of Critical Care Nursing (CJCCN) invite submissions for a collaborative theme journal:

### *Cardiovascular & Critical Care Nursing: Connections to Care*

The CJCN & CJCCN are pleased to announce the call for papers for a special collaborative theme issue on cardiovascular and critical care nursing.

We invite researchers, clinicians, educators, and administrators to consider submitting short reports on novel research projects, clinical/practice, education, or administrative-related topics related to cardiovascular and critical care. Accepted papers will be published in a theme issue of the CJCN & CJCCN.

- Deadline for submissions: June 1, 2024.
- Criteria for all submissions: Page limit: max 15 double-spaced pages [including title page]; Abstract: max 200 words; APA 7<sup>th</sup> ed.
- For all other submission criteria, follow the author guidelines for [CJCN](#) or [CJCCN](#) for research/non-research papers (note: specify which guidelines were followed in the cover letter).
- Potential topic areas common to cardiovascular and critical care nurses:
  - Case reports
  - QA projects
  - Advanced cardiac assessment
  - Advanced/novel arrhythmias?
  - Advanced organ support
  - Support/initiatives for inclusion of family
  - Specific initiatives or research directed toward care of diverse populations.
  - Novel models of care across the continuum.

Queries/submissions to Dr. Asha Pereira, Chief Editor, CJCCN, [cjccneditor@caccn.ca](mailto:cjccneditor@caccn.ca)



### ONTARIO NURSES!

#### **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.

### PEDIATRIC NURSES!

#### **Barriers and Facilitators to Comfort Holding in Critically ill Kids (CHiCKs): A Survey of Healthcare Professionals in Canadian PICUs**

Research study about comfort holding practices within Pediatric Intensive Care Unit nationwide.

### ALL REGISTERED NURSES

#### **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.

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



CMIRPS is a national voluntary medication incident and 'near miss' reporting

<http://tinyurl.com/ISMPCMIRPS>

#### **Pre-pouring Medications: A Risky Approach**

<http://tinyurl.com/ISMPDec2023>

#### **Sick Days: Medications and Dehydration**

SafeMedicationUse.ca newsletter described an individual who died after experiencing euglycemic diabetic ketoacidosis.

<http://tinyurl.com/ISMPSickDays>



# Publications of Interest

## [Facilitating Family Presence During Resuscitation and Invasive Procedures Throughout the Life Span](#)

*Critical Care Nurse*

## [Exploring Medication Safety Practices from the Nurse's Perspective](#)

*American Journal of Nursing*

## [Registered nurses' knowledge and interpretation of ECG rhythms: A cross-sectional study](#)

*BACCN Nursing in Critical Care*

## [Solutions to tackle the nursing shortage and burnout immediately: a review of the literature](#)

*Canadian Nurse*

## [Occupational fatigue, compassion competence and caring behaviours of intensive care nurses: A structural equation modelling approach](#)

*BACCN Nursing in Critical Care*

## [Nurses' perceptions of the nurse-patient assignment process in critical care: A qualitative study](#)

*Critical Care Medicine*

## [The cross-cultural adaptation and validation of the Critical-care Pain Observation Tool \(CPOT\) into the Indonesian version](#)

*International Journal of Nursing Sciences*

## [The Impact of Nursing Education on Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia Prevention Bundle to Reduce Incidence of Infection: A Quality Improvement Project](#)

*Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing*

## [Developing an Operating Room-to-Intensive Care Unit Patient Handover Checklist: A Combined Quantitative and Qualitative Research Design](#)

*Critical Care Nursing Quarterly*

## [Association Between Daily Toothbrushing and Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis](#)

*JAMA Internal Medicine*

## [A Path to Better Staffing: Meeting the Needs of Novice Nurses \(Part 1\)](#)

## [The Journey to Better Staffing Continues: Supporting Novice Nurses \(Part 2\)](#)

*AACN Blog*

## [ChatGPT Is Trending: Trust but Verify](#)

*Advanced Critical Care*

## [Current State of Knowledge on the Definition, Pathophysiology, Etiology, Outcomes, and Management of Fever in the Intensive Care Unit](#)

*Advanced Critical Care*



Public Health  
Agency of Canada

Agence de la santé  
publique du Canada

### **Disease Prevention Updates**

[Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on Respiratory Illness Season](#)

[Respiratory infectious diseases: How to reduce the spread with personal protective measures](#)

[Respiratory virus detections in Canada](#)

[Canada Communicable Disease Report \(CCDR\): Volume 49-11/12, November/December 2023: HIV and Other Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections](#)

[Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention in Canada, Vol 43, No 12, December 2023](#)

### **Health Equity**

[The federal government addresses health inequities across Canada](#)

[Backgrounder: Intersectoral Action Fund: Government of Canada helps to address health and social inequities](#)

### **Seeking Input**

[Consultation: A vision for public health assessment for Canada's future](#)