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## Critical Connections Bulletin

September 2024

**OPEN NOW!**

### BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS!

### OPEN POSITIONS

**One Director**

in each of the following regions

**Central, Eastern and Western**

2 Yr Term - May 2025 to April 2027

#### Criteria & Responsibilities

Active current member, RN, working in critical care.

Manage the governance of the Association.

Address issues in critical care nursing.

Participate in decision-making.

Serve as Committee Chair.

Attendance at two in person meetings

(2 days each) Spring & Fall

Attendance at Teams meetings

(every 6 weeks or as required)



**Deadline October 1!**

<https://caccn.ca/about-caccn/annual-general-meeting/>

## IMPORTANT DATES



September 18-30	<b>CACCN Office Closed</b> for Board Meetings & Conference
September 20-21	Board Meetings
September 22	Baxter Preconference Baxter Dinner & Learn
September 23-25	<a href="#">CCCNC24</a> - Regina, SK
September 30	<a href="#">National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</a>
October 1	BOD Nomination deadline
October 7-11	<b>CACCN Office Closed</b>
October 9	<a href="#">PPrice Memorial Education Series – S3 – Burns</a>
October 21-26	<a href="#">Cdn Intensive Care Week</a>
October 30	<a href="#">CACCN AGM &amp; Webinar</a>
November 7	<a href="#">Journal Club</a>
November 18	<a href="#">Webinar: 2SLGBTQI+ in CC &amp; Organ Donation</a>
November 21	<a href="#">NGNs / New Nurses Open Forum – CoPs</a>
December 5	<a href="#">PPrice Memorial Education Series S4 - Neuro Assessment</a>



## New & Returning Members!

We look forward to seeing you in the Communities of Practice and at the Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference!

### LONDON CHAPTER MEMBERS

Annual General Meeting  
September 23 @ 4:30 pm ET  
Contact  
londonregional@caccn.ca



The Canadian Journal of  
Critical Care Nursing

## DEADLINE EXTENSION!

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

The CJCNC & CJCNCN are pleased to announce the **extension of the deadline** for the call for papers for a special collaborative theme issue on cardiovascular and critical care nursing has been extended.

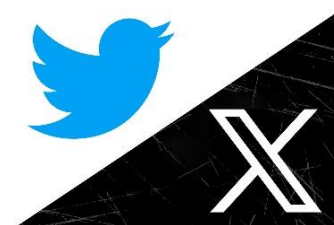
**Deadline for submissions: January 31,**



More information  
<https://cjcnc.ca/special-collaborative-issue-cjcnc-cjcn/>

## CACCN Social Media

Click the icons for access!



# REVISED

## CACCN Position Statement

### Deceased Organ and Tissue Donation (2024)

This position statement revision was completed with contributions from CACCN Members:

**Wendy Sherry, MN, RN**  
CRN, Organ & Tissue Donation  
McGill University Health Centre

and

**Allana LeBlanc, MScN, RN, CNCC(C)**  
CNS, Vancouver General Hospital.

<https://tinyurl.com/CACCNPSDOTD>



# RE imagine define inspire

**We look forward to welcoming everyone to the  
Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference!**

CACCN has been actively providing critical care education for 40 years!  
**Conference Attendees – visit our Exhibitors and Sponsors!**

**Reimagine! Redefine! Reinspire!**

## 17<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONGRESS – SEPTEMBER 2025



The **World Congress of Intensive and Critical Care** is conducting a **needs assessment** to determine the educational interests and needs of attendees. Your feedback is important as it will help inform the content, programming, and mode of delivery for the World Congress. The completion of this survey is a mandatory requirement for our accreditation process.  
**Deadline September 27th.**

**NEEDS ASSESSMENT!** <https://form.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=25b9af52-5f4d-4a89-a8be-432951b6c1ba>



### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS OPEN!**

*Abstracts should be written in English, limited to 300 words, formatted using the following sections headers: Purpose, Background/Objective, Methods, Results, Conclusions. Do not include figures, tables, or references. Accepted abstracts will be presented as oral or electronic poster presentations.* Notice of Acceptance: Notification of acceptance will be sent by email to the submitting author beginning the week of January 6, 2025. Registration will open on Tuesday January 2, 2025. Please sign-up for our [newsletter](#) to stay up to date.

### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**



### **CONGRESS WEBSITE**





## CANADIAN VASCULAR ACCESS ASSOCIATION

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We are now accepting abstract submissions for Plenary, Concurrent, Skills Labs, Poster Presentations and this year a NEW field!

Deadline: OCTOBER 31, 2024

<https://cva.info/en/conference/2025-conference/call-for-abstracts>



Canadian  
Nurses  
Association

## Third National Summit on Racism in Nursing and Health Care

November 20 & 21, 2024 12-4 pm ET

The summit, hosted by the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), will be a pivotal gathering aimed at addressing systemic racism within the nursing profession and health-care sector. The theme of the summit is Changing Lives. Shaping Tomorrow. **Registration is required:** **Zoom Event:** <https://events.zoom.us/j/754rzxtfTa5ZcAYhHXeQTGXIk3Cdw2HD332q2Rxy~Aplx6T4RFyhRqtvfS5jgM2J2v066WXfOS2fh0nxO2Y3Ts8nb48LGsVA>.

## CRITICAL CARE CERTIFICATION

CACCN provides certification resources for members !

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

### IMPORTANT DATES – FALL EXAMS

**Application deadline:** September 30

Exam writing window:

November 1 – 15

Receive your results in December

[Renewal by continuous learning](#)

Apply before December 15, 2024

### OTHER CERTIFICATION RESOURCES

[CNA Resources](#)

[Looking for a Mentor?](#)

Many CACCN members serve as certification mentors!

Writing with your colleagues?

Consider starting a [Study Group!](#)

Save \$20 with the discount code in

[Members Only](#) for the [Critical Care Concepts Certification Review](#)

### RENEWING?

[CNA Information](#) [Eligible CL Activities](#)

*\*note CACCN and CNA are separate organizations. Membership with one does not provide membership with the other. As well certification does not provide CACCN membership.*



# UPCOMING CACCN EVENTS

**Join Us !**  
**1 hour webinar**  
**= 1 continuous learning hour**

**October 09 @ 1200 hrs ET:**

## **Session 3: Critical Care Conundrums Burns**

**Presenter: Emily Hagg**

*Open to all CACCN members and non-members. Should all seats fill – preference will be given to CACCN Members for the live event.*

Registration closes October 7 at 1600 hrs ET.

Zoom link will be sent October 8 and 9.

[Register today!](#)

**October 30 (tentative)**

## **CACCN Annual General Meeting and Webinar.**

Members Only.

Registration to follow.

**November 7 @ 1200 hrs ET**

## **Journal Club**

**Article: Specialized inserters and pediatric peripheral intravenous attempt success: Prospective cohort**

**Presenters: Tanya Spence and Laurie Lee**

*Open to CACCN Members and Non-Members. Should all seats fill – preference will be given to CACCN Members for the live event.*

Registration closes November 5 at 1600 hrs ET.

Zoom link will be sent November 6 and 7.

If you registered earlier via Zoom – your registration has been transferred to the Office365 form. [Register today!](#)

**November 18 @ 1200 hrs ET**

## **2SLGBTQI+ in Critical Care & Organ Donation**

**Presenter: Murdoch Leeies, sponsored by [Canadian Blood Services](#)**

*Open to CACCN Members and Non-Members. Should all seats fill – preference will be given to CACCN Members for the live event.*

Registration closes November 13 @ 1600 hrs ET.

Zoom link will be sent November 14 and 18.

[Register today!](#)

**November 21 @ 1200 hrs ET: New Graduates/Nurses Open Forum – Communities of Practice.**

**Facilitator: Caroline Penner**

Open to CACCN Members and Non-Members. Should all seats fill – preference will be given to CACCN Members for the live event.

Registration closes November 19 @ 1600 hrs ET.

Zoom link will be sent November 19 and 20.

[Register today!](#)

**December 5 @ 1200 hrs ET: Session 4: Neurological Assessment**

**Paula Price Memorial Education Series 2024 – Critical Care Conundrums**

**Presenter: Karine Allard**

Members Only

Registration closes December 3 @ 1600 hrs ET.

Zoom link will be sent December 4 and 5.

[Register today!](#)



**AACN National Teaching Institute Poster Abstracts - Submit for NTI 2025**

**Submissions close at 2359 hrs PT  
 Sept. 25, 2024.**



## IMPORTANT REMINDER

### CONTINUOUS RENEWAL

<https://caccn.ca/join-us/membership-processing/>

**What is Continuous Renewal?** The CACCN “Continuous Renewal” allows for continuous renewal of your membership on its expiry date if you pay via credit card. You will no longer have to worry about remembering to renew! With this worry-free feature, your membership benefits will continue without interruption!

**How does it all work?** Members who complete their membership online / with a credit card are automatically included in the Continuous Renewal Program. By completing the membership / renewal online, the member is confirming and consenting that you have read, understand and agree to continuous renewal of membership. [Read the FAQs!](#)

CACCN will continue to charge membership dues to your credit card at the selected membership interval (i.e. every one or two years) **until you request cancellation.**

**Is notification of the renewal provided?** Approximately 45 to 60 days prior to your renewal date, CACCN sends a renewal letter via Canada Post advising of the renewal, the processing and how to cancel the continuous renewal. CACCN cannot and will not be responsible for mail that is not received. Members can also check membership information by logging into the database and ensuring all information is up to date: [Membership file](#).

**Does CACCN store my credit card information?** CACCN does not store your credit card information in our database nor in any record held at the National Office. If your credit card information changes, you will need to renew your membership using the new card information. All credit card information is explicitly stored with the credit card processing company Eigen Developments and Global Payments. Eigen Developments and Global Payments meet and exceed the industry standards in ensuring the financial safety of our members.

**Can Continuous Renewal be cancelled?** Cancellation of continuous renewal may be completed by submitting a written request to CACCN National Office a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to your membership expiry date.

**If I don't cancel before the 15 days – can your refund me?** Refund of payment is not issued for continuous renewal of membership fees if the member has not contacted CACCN National at least 15 days prior to the membership expiry date to cancel continuous renewal.

## CJCCN Fall 2024



The Canadian Journal of  
Critical Care Nursing

**Implementation of a swallow screening protocol in a tertiary adult intensive care unit: A quality improvement project**

*CJCCN Fall 2024 – Page 7*

<https://cjccn.ca/>

**A rapid scoping review of barriers and facilitators of implementing delirium prevention practices in adult critical care**

*CJCCN Fall 2024 – Page 22*

<https://cjccn.ca/>

**Nursing geography as space and place: Providing critical care in Canada's northern context**

*CJCCN Fall 2024 – Page 14*

<https://cjccn.ca/>

**Precepting in critical care: Communication and collaboration**

*CJCCN Fall 2024 – Page 32*

<https://cjccn.ca/>

*Intensive and Critical Care Nursing*

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2023.103596>

## Recorded Webinars

1 hour webinar = 1 CL hour

Log into Members Only

[https://caccn.ca/login/?redirect\\_to=/members/national-events-journal-club-webinars/](https://caccn.ca/login/?redirect_to=/members/national-events-journal-club-webinars/)



## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

**The impact of an animal assisted activity on healthcare worker well-being in the inpatient hospital setting**

*MedCrave*

DOI: [10.15406/ijcam.2024.17.00701](https://doi.org/10.15406/ijcam.2024.17.00701)

**Emotional intelligence:  
A neglected nursing competency**

*American Nurse*

<https://www.myamericannurse.com/emotional-intelligence-a-neglected-nursing-competency/>

**Unfinished nursing care in intensive care units and the mediating role of the association between nurse working environment, and quality of care and nurses' wellbeing**

*Intensive and Critical Care Nursing*

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2023.103596>

**Patient mobilization in the intensive care unit:  
Assessing practice behavior –**

**A multi-center point prevalence study**

*Intensive and Critical Care Nursing*

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2023.103510>

**Quality of life in ICU survivors and their relatives with post-intensive care syndrome: A systematic review**

*BACCN Nursing in Critical Care*

<https://doi.org/10.1111/nicc.13077>

**The complexity of providing nursing care during the initiation of long-term ventilation in a PICU**

*Australian Critical Care*

[https://www.australiancriticalcare.com/article/S1036-7314\(24\)00147-4/abstract](https://www.australiancriticalcare.com/article/S1036-7314(24)00147-4/abstract)

**Open Versus Closed Suctioning in Invasively Ventilated Critically Ill Patients for Sustainability of ICU Care: A Life-Cycle Assessment Comparison**

*Respiratory Care*

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4187/respcare.11189>

**Competency-based assessments for nursing specialties: a quality improvement project in Nicaragua (part 1)**

*Canadian Nurse*

[https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2024/08/12/quality-improvement-project-nicaragua-part-1?\\_zs=711901&\\_zl=00633](https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2024/08/12/quality-improvement-project-nicaragua-part-1?_zs=711901&_zl=00633)

**Competency-based assessments for nursing specialties: a quality improvement project in Nicaragua (part 2)**

*Canadian Nurse*

[https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2024/08/19/quality-improvement-project-nicaragua-part-2?\\_zs=711901&\\_zl=20633](https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2024/08/19/quality-improvement-project-nicaragua-part-2?_zs=711901&_zl=20633)

**Competency-based assessments for nursing specialties: a quality improvement project in Nicaragua (part 3)**

*Canadian Nurse*

[https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2024/08/26/quality-improvement-project-nicaragua-part-3?\\_zs=711901&\\_zl=30633](https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2024/08/26/quality-improvement-project-nicaragua-part-3?_zs=711901&_zl=30633)

**Non-pharmacological interventions to prevent PICS in critically ill adult patients: a protocol for a systematic review and network meta-analysis**

*Springer Link*

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s13643-024-02542-z>

**Nurses' alarm fatigue, influencing factors, and its relationship with burnout in the critical care units: A cross-sectional study**

*Australian Critical Care*

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aucc.2023.06.010>

**Incidence, characteristics, and associated factors of pressure injuries acquired in intensive care units over a 12-month period: A secondary analysis of a quality improvement project**

*Intensive and Critical Care Nursing*

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2023.103587>

**Harm Reduction Saves Lives: 11-part series aims to help nurses offer better support for people who use drugs**

*Canadian Nurse*

[https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2024/06/06/harm-reduction-saves-lives-series?\\_zs=711901&\\_zl=60633](https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2024/06/06/harm-reduction-saves-lives-series?_zs=711901&_zl=60633)