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Critical Connections Bulletin

June 2025

National
Indigenous
History **Month**

#NIHM2025



Celebrating our Indigenous nursing colleagues and all Indigenous peoples during National Indigenous History Month. NIHM honours the histories, achievements and resilience of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples, who have cared for this land since time immemorial.



New & Returning Members!

Thank you for your membership and look forward to your participation in your specialty nursing association!



June, July & August

Open - Monday to Thursday

0800 – 1600 hrs ET

Closed – July 14 - 18 & 21 – 25

Closed - August 25 – 29

*We will not be responding to emails, or
telephone calls the weeks of
Julv 14-18. 21-25 & Augaust 25-29.*

CELEBRATING

PRIDE MONTH!

Your lives matter. Your voices matter.

Your stories matter.



Celebrating our 2SLGBTQIA+ colleagues and all others with diverse genders and sexualities. Happy Pride Month!

JOIN US! FINAL WEBINAR BEFORE SUMMER

CACCN WEBINAR - MEMBERS ONLY



Session 2

Paula Price Memorial Education Series 2025

**Reimagining family-centered care (FCC) in the context of post-intensive care syndrome-family (PICS-F):
A call for renewed focus.**

In this presentation, critical care nurses will delve into the multifaceted realm of **post-intensive care syndrome (PICS)** and **post-intensive care syndrome-family (PICS-F)**.

Attendees will learn about PICS-F within the context of critical care nursing practice and will gain insight into the pivotal role of informal caregivers, defined as individuals providing unpaid care to family members or friends with illness or disability, and the unique challenges they face within the healthcare system. Through a critical examination of existing resources and literature gaps, opportunities for enhancing support systems tailored to the needs of family caregivers affected by PICS-F will also be presented.



Presenter: Angie Grewal

**JUNE 26
1200 hrs ET**

Register by
June 25 @ 1200 hrs ET

CACCN Upcoming Events
<https://caccn.ca/upcoming-events/>
or scan the QR Code



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On behalf of
St. Lawrence College
and the entire
Synapse 2025 Planning Committee,

I want to extend our gratitude for your support and contribution. Your sponsorship and contributions played a significant role in making this year's conference incredible.

Thanks to your commitment, we assembled a vibrant community of students, professors, innovators, and thought-provoking leaders who strive to advance research within the St. Lawrence College community.

Sincerely

Natalie Garvey (Student)
Synapse Nursing Symposium

WORLD CONGRESS 2025



JOIN US IN
VANCOUVER, CANADA!

SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2025
VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE
#WCICC2025 #CARINGINTENSIVELY



“Caring Intensively”

Critical Care Nurse Registration = 4 – Days = \$ 700 plus taxes

NOTE: You will be asked if you are a CACCN Member. This is for tracking purposes only.
A CACCN member discount is not available as a reduction in the registration fees was negotiated.

Registration <https://www.wcicc2025.com/registration-fees>



Congress Tuition

Register for the World Congress
and apply to WIN your tuition fees!
(\$700 max tuition fee reimbursement)

Criteria:

- Be an active or affiliate CACCN member for a minimum of one continuous year (as of August 15).
- Register and pay the World Congress tuition fees.

Process:

- Complete the draw application.
- Upload a copy of your paid World Congress receipt.

Draw:

- Three (3) draws for \$700 will be completed

Apply by no later than August 15!
Draw will be held between August 18 – 22.

Applications: <https://tinyurl.com/WCDraw2025>

Those who do not meet the criteria and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.
Draw will be completed using online technology to select recipients.



Registration

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/practical-strategies-to-communicate-with-your-critically-ill-patient-tickets-1311966690689?aff=ebdssbdes_tsearch



WCICC2025
Pre-Conference
Workshop

Sept. 15, 2025
1:00-5:00pm

Vancouver Convention
Centre
Room 214

You want to what?!?
**Practical Strategies to Communicate
with your Critically Ill Patient.**



Susan Bello
RN, BSN



Gail Gumphrich
SLP, MHSc



Tammy Vigliotti
RRT, BHSc



Vininder K Bains
RN, MSN CNCC(C)



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Advanced Cardiology Education | **ACE Program**

September 5, 2025 - May 8, 2026

Early bird rates available until July 18

REGISTER NOW

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The SickKids Advanced Cardiology Education (ACE) Program equips healthcare professionals with cutting-edge technical, cognitive, collaborative, and empathetic skills essential for providing optimal care to children with heart disease.

Distinguished from conventional paediatric cardiology continuing medical education initiatives, this accredited program features a comprehensive 33-week curriculum with an opportunity to earn 200 learning credits and an Advanced Accredited Certificate of Completion.

Livestreamed webinars take place every Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time and are conveniently recorded for on-demand review.



PROGRAMMING

Assessment & Diagnosis	Physiology & Morphology	Treatment & Management
Postoperative Challenges	Subspecialty Areas	Affective Considerations

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X: @CACCN1 <https://x.com/caccn1?lang=en>

Instagram https://www.instagram.com/caccn_national/



Consultation on draft revised Guidance Document: Information and Submission Requirements for Biosimilar Biologic Drugs

On June 10, 2025, Health Canada's Biologic and Radiopharmaceutical Drugs Directorate (BRDD) posted a revised version of its [Guidance Document: Information and Submission Requirements for Biosimilar Biologic Drugs](#) (Biosimilars Guidance) for stakeholder consultation.

This guidance provides information to sponsors to enable them to satisfy requirements under the *Food and Drug Regulations* for the authorization of biosimilars. BRDD undertook a detailed review of the Biosimilars Guidance considering its cumulated experience in reviewing biosimilars since the guidance was last updated in 2016 and revised it to better reflect the current state of regulatory science and international regulatory developments.

Interested stakeholders are invited to review the revised guidance and provide their comments to BRDD before the closing of the stakeholder consultation period on September 8, 2025.

SURVEY

World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN)

Acute Dialysis/CRRT: Nursing & Providers Survey

Focusing on the utilization and practice variations of Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT). Despite the widespread utilization of CRRT techniques there is significant variation in how the technique is prescribed, delivered, and monitored for quality. We believe there is a great need to assess the knowledge and practice gaps that exist in this field.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YSP23BX>



Consultation sur l'ébauche révisée des Lignes directrices : Exigences en matière d'information et de présentation pour les médicaments biologiques biosimilaires

Le 10 juin 2025, la Direction des médicaments biologiques et radiopharmaceutiques (DMBR) de Santé Canada a publié une version révisée de ses [Lignes directrices : Exigences en matière d'information et de présentation pour les médicaments biologiques biosimilaires](#) (Lignes directrices sur les biosimilaires) aux fins de consultation auprès des intervenants.

Ces lignes directrices fournissent des renseignements aux promoteurs afin de leur permettre de satisfaire aux exigences du Règlement sur les aliments et drogues pour l'autorisation des biosimilaires. La DMBR a entrepris un examen détaillé des Lignes directrices sur les biosimilaires compte tenu de son expérience accumulée en matière d'examen des biosimilaires depuis la dernière mise à jour en 2016 et a révisée ces lignes directrices afin de mieux refléter l'état actuel de la science réglementaire et les développements réglementaires internationaux.

Les intervenants intéressés sont invités à examiner les lignes directrices révisées et à faire part de leurs commentaires à la DMBR avant la clôture de la période de consultation le 8 septembre, 2025.



Do Not Use: Dangerous Abbreviations, Symbols, and Dose Designations - 2025 Update

This bulletin describes the development of an updated list through a multi-input process that included an environmental scan, incident analyses, and stakeholder consultations from health care sectors and regions across Canada.

[Do Not Use List](#) – Printable Bulletin

<https://ismpcanada.ca/resource/do-not-use-list/>



2025 SPRING EDUCATION EVENT

St. Marys Golf & Country Club ★



Over 90 nurses from 21 different organizations across South Western Ontario attended the May 27th Spring Education Day held in St. Marys, Ontario.

This event, co-hosted by the South Western Chapter of CVAA and the London Regional Chapter of CACCN, included a full day of information sharing and hands-on skills practice.

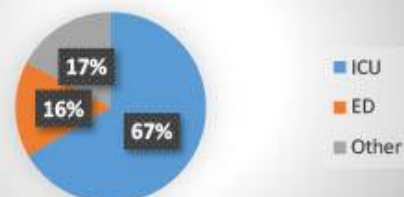
Our speakers covered topics including: Non-surgical Approach to Raised Intracranial Pressure, High-Risk Overdoses: Management of Calcium Channel Blocker (CCB) and Bupropion Toxicity, Prehospital and Transport Medicine Information for Critical Care, Managing Sepsis in 2025 and Best Practices in Vascular Access.

Participants were also able to choose to attend 6 out of 10 break-out stations: Rapid Sequence Intubation; Managing Chest Tube Complications; Trach Tube Dislodgement; DKA Review Kahoot; Implanted Port Accessing & De-accessing; Securing Our Patient's Catheters – Tips & tricks; Small Bore Feeding Tube Insertion & Complications; High Flow Nasal Oxygen; 10. Ultrasound Guided IV (USGIV) Insertion

Our participants:

- Place of work ranged from Toronto to Windsor, to as far north as Owen Sound!
- 66% were bedside nurses, and 34% were in advanced practice roles or leadership.
- 66% worked in ICU, 16% worked in ED, and the remaining 17% worked in other inpatient settings or in the community.

Work Setting



Thank you to our
participants and sponsors!



Organizational Mental Health & Wellness Supports

Three nursing organizations, Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions (CFNU), Canadian Federation of Mental Health Nurses (CFMHN) and Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) have come together with Dr. Leigh Chapman, Chief Nursing Officer of Canada to address a major theme within the *Nursing Retention Toolkit: Improving the working lives of nurses in Canada*: **Organizational Mental Health & Wellness Supports**.

Session 1: June 18 @ 1300 hrs ET - Proven Solutions to Enhance Nurse Wellness.

Session 2: June 25, 2025 (1500 to 1600 hours EDT)

Session 3: September 2025 (date/timing TBD)

Register: https://cna-aiic-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WkPSAIP1RDyjsSI1pvMz5Q

For Nursing Retention Toolkit, go to link: [nursing-retention-toolkit-improving-working-lives-nurses.pdf](#)

For Psychological Health & Safety Tools, go to link: [Home - Team Health and Safety](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Practice recommendations for culturally sensitive communication at the end of life in intensive care: A modified eDelphi study

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S096433972400199X>

Exploring the impact and challenges of tele-ICU: A qualitative study on nursing perspectives

Applied Nursing Research

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apnr.2025.151914>

Podcast

Navigating Professional Life:

Supporting New Nurse Graduates

<https://outcomesrocket.health/mass-general-hospital-2/2023/03/>

How do patients feel about research ethics review?

The Healthy Debate

<https://healthydebate.ca/2025/05/topic/how-do-patients-feel-about-research-ethics-review/>

The effectiveness of a three-dimensional printed model for training novice healthcare professionals in central venous catheter insertion: A cross-sectional study in a critical care setting

Australian Critical Care

[https://www.australiancriticalcare.com/article/S1036-7314\(25\)00027-X/fulltext](https://www.australiancriticalcare.com/article/S1036-7314(25)00027-X/fulltext)

Nursing for Planetary Health and Well-being

ICN Topic Brief

https://www.icn.ch/sites/default/files/2025-05/Planetary%20Health%20Topic%20Brief%20-%20EN_0.pdf

Wake-up call: paediatric cardiac intensive care nurse and advanced practice provider well-being and intent to vacate

Cambridge Care

<https://tinyurl.com/ArticleCCare1>

100: CREATIVE STAFFING SOLUTIONS FOR NURSING SHORTAGES IN PICU WHILE IMPROVING QUALITY OF CARE

Critical Care Medicine

https://journals.lww.com/ccmjournal/citation/2025/01001/100_creative_staffing_solutions_for_nursing.53.aspx

Facilitating Family Presence During Resuscitation and Invasive Procedures Throughout the Life Span

AACN Practice Alert

<https://doi.org/10.4037/ccn2023733>

Family-centered care in neonatal and pediatric critical care units: a scoping review of interventions, barriers, and facilitators

BMC Pediatrics

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s12887-025-05620-w>

Beyond Patient Safety: Exploring the Mechanism of How Organizational Support Influences Nurses' Safety Behavior in Pediatric Intensive Care Units

Risk Management and Healthcare Policy

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.2147/RMHP.S517964>

How simple non-verbal cues can help Indigenous patients trust the health-care system

Canadian Nurse

<https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2025/05/05/non-verbal-cues-can-help-indigenous-patients?zs=71901&zl=gTHL3>

Sepsis in the hospital setting: A case study

American Nurse

<https://www.myamericannurse.com/sepsis-in-the-hospital-setting/>