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## Critical Connections Bulletin

July 2025



### New & Returning Members!

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



We will be

Closed

July 14 - 18

July 21 - 25

August 25 - 29

*We will not be unable to  
respond to emails, or  
telephone calls during these  
times.*

June, July & August

Open

Monday to Thursday  
0800 - 1600 hrs ET

*Have a safe  
and happy  
summer!*

## Congratulations

To the following

**CACCN Members**

on the successful completion of the May 2025

*CNA critical care specialty examination*

CNCC(C) \* and CNCCP(C) \*

**Reece B**

Cornwall, PE

**Laura F**

Waterloo, ON

**Kelly B**

Port Coquitlam, BC

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Edmonton, AB

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Victoria, BC

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Petit-Rocher-Nord, NB

**Laura S**

Edmonton, AB

**Julie D**

Prince George, BC

**Jacqueline W**

Kitchener, ON

## Consider joining the CACCN Board of Directors!

The following positions are available

Eastern Region: Two (2) Directors

Western Region: One (1) Director

Director @ Large: One (1) Director

Nominees must be an active current member in accordance with the [CACCN](https://caccn.ca/about-caccn/annual-general-meeting/)

criteria: Individuals holding a registered nursing license currently working in critical care.

More information:

<https://caccn.ca/about-caccn/annual-general-meeting/> or email [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca)

# Coming *Soon!*

## Board of Director Nominations

**Two Year Term**  
**May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2028**

**Eligible: Active CACCN Members**  
**working in Critical Care**





Nomination information will be released in early September 2025

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



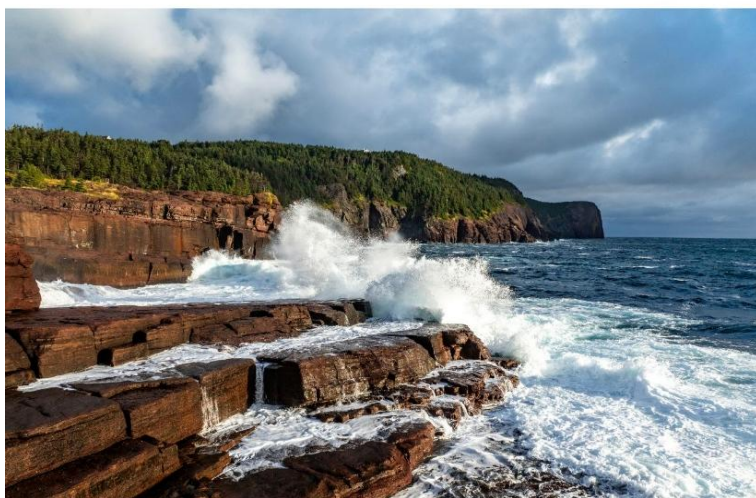
## SAVE THE DATE – NL NURSES!

### Canadian Intensive Care Week Educational Event

October 20 and 21, 2025

Holiday Inn, St. John's, NL

## SAVE THE DATE!



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# Vantive

### Reimagine, Redefine & Reinspire Preliminary Schedule

#### October 20, 2025

- 0800 Registration (coffee / pastries)
- 0900 Opening Comments
- 0905 Session 1: New Graduate Transition
- 1005 Session 2: CBS Presentation
- 1100 Exhibit Hall - CBS and Vantive Demos
- 1200 Lunch
- 1300 Session 3: Palliative & EOL Symptom Management
- 1405 Session 4: CBS Presentation
- 1500 Beverage break
- 1515 Vantive CRRT Power Course (3 hrs)

#### October 21, 2025

- 0800 Registration (coffee / pastries)
- 0900 Opening Comments
- 0905 Session 1: NP Role/Scope/Support in ICU
- 1000 Session 2: Vantive Presentation
- 1115 Exhibit Hall - CBS and Vantive Demos
- 1200 Lunch
- 1300 Session 3: CBS Presentation
- 1405 Session 4: Massive Transfusions - Major Site and Rural Site
- 1500 Beverage break
- 1515 Vantive Presentation
- 1610 Closing Remarks





# WCICC2025

## Critical Care Nurse Registration

**4 – Days**  
**\$ 700 plus taxes**

**Registration**

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



September 13 | World  
2024 | Sepsis  
Day

**World Sepsis Day**

is an initiative by the

[Global Sepsis Alliance.](#)

[GSA website](#)

## WCICC2025

### PRECONFERENCE OFFERINGS!



**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 Gumprich  
SLP, MHSc



Tammy Vigliotti  
RRT, BHSc



Vininder K Bains  
RN, MSN CNCC(C)

**Advancing Kidney Care: Exploring AKI, Prevention, and CRRT in  
Critical Illness**  
Vancouver-Canada- September 15<sup>th</sup>



**REGISTER NOW AT**  
[wcicc2025.com](http://wcicc2025.com)

**Date:** September 15, 2025  
**Time:** 0900-1630 hrs PT

Designed for critical care professionals, this event features expert-led sessions, evidence-based strategies, and a hands-on interactive CRRT session to elevate your clinical practice.



Register at <https://wcicc2025.com/preconference-workshops#advancing-kidney-care-exploring-aki-prevention-and-crrt-in-critical-illness>



# 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.



## FALL EVENT SCHEDULE

**SEPTEMBER**  
**11** Beyond the ICU: PICs severity and survivorship strategies  
P Price Memorial Education Series

**SEPTEMBER**  
**15-19** 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Intensive and Critical Care  
Vancouver BC

**OCTOBER**  
**20-21** Canadian Intensive Care Week Educational Event  
St. John's NL

**OCTOBER**  
**30** Understanding and Utilizing Nasal High Flow Therapy  
**Fisher & Paykel**  
HEALTHCARE

**OCTOBER**  
**30** Annual General Meeting

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



**Clinicians' Awareness, Attitudes,  
and Practice regarding Patient  
and Family / Caregivers Delirium-  
Related Distress in Intensive Care  
Units: A Grounded Theory Study**

**Acute Dialysis/CRRT: Nursing and  
Providers Survey**

For more information

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





# 2026 WEBINARS LET US KNOW!

Member input is requested for the **2026 Webinar series**.

Share topics of interest, potential speakers, suggested themes for the 2026 Paula Price Memorial Education Series, and more.

Survey closes September 30, 2025



Survey:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/2rwZVQfUse>



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## Fatal Choking Incident Associated with Inappropriate Use of Psyllium

This bulletin raises awareness about the contraindication of psyllium use in individuals with dysphagia and the risks of psyllium administration with an inadequate volume of liquid. [Read more...](#)

## Learning from Reports of Errors with Elastomeric Pumps

ISMP Canada has received reports of elastomeric pumps delivering medications more quickly or more slowly than expected, leading to patient concerns, the need for extra monitoring, and reported side effects. [Read more...](#)

View all [ISMP Canada Safety Bulletins](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

### When clean hands come at a cost

*Canadian Occupational Safety Magazine*

<https://www.thesafetymag.com/ca/topics/safety-and-ppe/when-clean-hands-come-at-a-cost/530283#:~:text=Hidden%20epidemic%20in%20plain%20sign,with%20damaged%20skin%20to%20patients.>

### How the nursing work environment moderates the relationship between clinical judgment and person-centered care among intensive care unit nurses

*PLOS ONE*

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0316654>

### Advance directives in the context of pediatric intensive care nursing

*SCI Flo Brazil*

<https://doi.org/10.1590/1983-803420243637EN>

### Impact of a Quality Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Coach on Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Resuscitation Teams

*American Journal of Critical Care Nursing*

<https://doi.org/10.4037/ajcc2025828>

### Experiences of Moral Distress in Canadian Intensive Care Unit Professionals During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic:

### A Qualitative Exploratory Multiple Case Study in Ontario and Alberta, Canada

*Journal of Intensive Care Medicine*

<https://doi.org/10.1177/08850666251329828>

### An Exploration of Nursing Medication Practices in Acute Care Settings in Canada

*Scholarship at UWindor*

<https://scholar.uwindor.ca/etd/9755/>  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.enfie.2025.100494>

# PUBLICATIONS

## Nurses' role in spiritual care for patients and families in intensive care units:

### A scoping review

*Enfermeria Intensiva (English ed.)*

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.enfie.2025.100494>

## Pharmacotherapy Considerations for Inpatient Advanced Cardiac Life Support

*AACN Advanced Critical Care*

<https://doi.org/10.4037/aacnacc2025540>

## Coping strategies and interventions to alleviate moral distress among pediatric ICU nurses: A scoping review

*Nursing Ethics*

<https://doi.org/10.1177/09697330241252875>

## Inclusive leadership, self-efficacy, organization-based self-esteem, and intensive care nurses' job performance: A cross-sectional study using structural equation modeling

*Intensive and Critical Care Nursing*

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2024.103880>

## Critical care nurses' prioritisation of patient care, including delirium prevention and management strategies: A mixed-method study

*Australian Critical Care*

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aucc.2024.101154>

## Intensive End-of-Life Care: Implementation of a Canadian Guideline-Based Order Set for the Withdrawal of Life-Sustaining Therapy in the Intensive Care Unit

*Palliative Medicine Reports*

<https://doi.org/10.1089/pmr.2024.0091>

## Pediatric Nurses' Challenges in Implementing and Sustaining Clinical Handover in Intensive Care Units: Advocating for the Safety of Critically Ill Paediatric Patients

*Journal of Clinical Nursing*

<https://doi.org/10.1111/jocn.17681>

## Preventing Catheter-Associated Bloodstream Infections (CABSI) in Adults

*APIC*

<https://apic.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/2025-CABSI-Implementation-Guide-004.pdf>

## Pharmacotherapy Considerations for Inpatient Advanced Cardiac Life Support

*AACN Advanced Critical Care*

<https://doi.org/10.4037/aacnacc2025540>

## An Innovative Approach to Interdisciplinary Training: A Pharmacy Resident's Day with a Critical Care Nurse

*Canadian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy*

<https://doi.org/10.4212/cjhp.3780>

## Intensive care nurse perspectives on family centred rounds in adult critical care units

*Canadian Journal of Critical Care Nursing*

<https://cjccn.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/CJCCN-Vol-36-N1-Spring-2025.pdf#page=23>

## Prevalence of sleep disturbances among intensive care nurses: A systematic review and meta-analysis

*BACCN Nursing in Critical Care*

<https://doi.org/10.1111/nicc.13151>

## Virtual reality for distraction during painful procedures in pediatric surgery: A randomized clinical trial

*Journal of Pediatric Nursing*

<https://www.pediatricnursing.org/article/S0882-5963%2825%2900069-7/fulltext>

## Should we use artificial intelligence (AI) for writing ICU diaries? Yes!

*Intensive & Critical Care Nursing*

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2024.103867>

# PODCASTS

## The Best Nursing Podcasts for Practicing Nurses

<https://tinyurl.com/BestNursingPodcasts>

## The Best Nursing Podcasts for Students

<https://tinyurl.com/BestNursingPodcastsStudents>

## Building Better Teams with HWE Collaborative

*AACN Voices in Nursing Podcast*

<https://tinyurl.com/BuildingBetterTeams>

## AACN Nursing Leadership

*AACN*

[https://blubrry.com/aacn\\_leadership\\_podcast/](https://blubrry.com/aacn_leadership_podcast/)

## The Dose

*CBC News*

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/cbc-podcasts/410-the-dose>

## White Coat, Black Art

*CBC Radio*

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/whitecoat>