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Critical Connections Bulletin

November 2025

Happy National Nurse Practitioner Week

Celebrating Nurse Practitioners Leading with Care

November 9-15, 2025

Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada / Association des Infirmières et Infirmiers praticiens du Canada

Joyeuse semaine nationale des infirmières praticiennes

Célébrer les infirmières praticiennes qui dirigent avec bienveillance

Du 9 au 15 novembre, 2025

Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada / Association des Infirmières et Infirmiers praticiens du Canada

WELCOME

New & Returning Members!

Thank you for your membership!

We look forward to your participation in your specialty nursing association!

Dates to Remember

November 24 to 28: Office Closure

December 4: Webinar : ICU Diaries

December 22 to January 2: Office Closure



Annual General Meeting of Members

The annual general meeting was held **October 30, 2025**.

Access to the meeting information:

1. annual report
2. financial audit
3. draft minutes
4. PowerPoint,
5. Zoom recording

is available by logging into the **Members Only** area: **About Us: Association Reports** (scroll down the Members Only page): [HERE](#).

JOIN US AT OUR LAST EVENT FOR 2025

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

CACCN WEBINAR - MEMBERS ONLY



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Session 4

Paula Price Memorial Education Series 2025

From chaos to clarity: The therapeutic potential of journals and diaries to recall the intensive care unit (ICU) journey.

Critical care diaries and journals are significantly underutilized in the clinical setting and yet provide significant therapeutic benefit. Applicable to all critical care areas and demographics, the benefits of this creative outlet for both families and patients has been explored greatly. This presentation will summarize the evidence behind encouragement of journaling during the critical illness experience; educate about positive outcomes for patients, families, and care teams; identify barriers to implementation; and provide project implementation strategies for units and families at all accessibility and budget levels.

Presenter: Carly Hickey, MN, RN, CNCC(C), IBCLC

**DECEMBER 4
1200 hrs ET**

Register by
December 3 @ 1400 hrs ET

CACCN Upcoming Events
<https://caccn.ca/upcoming-events/>



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family hospital direct
patient happy idea
icu care feel good sad
team nurse great
hope understand diary
doctor home express
disease feelings event
hidden everyone
changed relatives

CHAPTER EVENTS

Register today!

Nova Scotia Chapter

November 26, 2025 - Webinar

Registration

Positive Pressure Partners: A Refresher on Intubation, Ventilation, and Collaboration

This webinar offers a practical refresher on the care of intubated and mechanically ventilated patients.

Saskatchewan Chapter

November 27, 2025 - Education Night

Registration

Evidence-Based Physical Therapy Treatment in Critical Care

Whether you're a healthcare provider, student, or someone with an interest in the complexities of critical care, this is an event you won't want to miss. We look forward to seeing you for an engaging and informative evening!

Alberta Chapter Webinar

January 29, 2026 - Webinar

Register by

emailing caccnalberta@caccn.ca

Understanding Connection: First Nation Views on Pharmacist Relationships

This webinar will highlight perspectives from a master's research project with a First Nation community in Edmonton, exploring how trust, relationships, and culturally safe care can shape pharmacist-patient interactions.

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SW Ontario Chapter Intensive Care Week Celebration

THANK YOU

October 23 @ Bingemans FunWorxs!

Fisher & Paykel
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Announcement

Chapter Name Change

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the **renaming** of the London Regional Chapter to the

Southwestern Ontario Chapter.

New email address
SWOntario@caccn.ca.



Membership!

Know the [Continuous Renewal](#) FAQs

November 30 renewals were emailed on October 5th due to the postal strike.

Good Luck

to all **critical care nurses** writing the **Canadian Nurses Association Critical Care Certification Exam** this month!

You've got this!

Reminder: CNA Renewal Deadline

Deadline: December 15

When you receive your successful exam or renewal results be sure to apply for the **CACCN Certification Bursary**

[LINK](#)



National Nursing Students' Week
November 24 to 30

CACCN is celebrating with the Canadian Nursing Students' Association (CNSA) during National Nursing Students' week 2025! This is a week dedicated to recognizing the contributions, voices, and leadership of nursing students across the country.

Semaine nationale des étudiants en soins infirmiers
Du 24 au 30 novembre

L'ASIISC célèbre avec L'Association des étudiant(e)s infirmier(ère)s du Canada (AEIC) la Semaine nationale des étudiants en soins infirmiers 2025 ! Cette semaine est consacrée à la reconnaissance des contributions, des opinions et du leadership des étudiants en soins infirmiers à travers le pays.

OPPORTUNITIES: INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PARTICIPATION!



WFCCN Research Committee Expressions of Interest

The WFCCN is an international federation comprised of national critical care nursing associations from over 50 countries and regions. The key aims of the WFCCN are to represent critical care nursing at an international level and to help improve critical care nursing practice worldwide.

WFCCN supports effective international cooperation between health professionals, institutions, agencies, healthcare industry and charities that have an interest in the care of critically ill patients. The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses is a member of the WFCCN.

WFCCN is requesting **expressions of interest** in joining the WFCCN Research Committee.

Interested candidates submit an email, along with a CV, to adriano@hdmsarist.hr, with a copy to wfccnexecutiveofficer@wfccn.org and caccn@caccn.ca so we are aware of your interest.

The call will remain open until 24 November.

For more information: [Surveys](#)



COST Action Project SAFE ICU (CA24017)

approved by the European Commission. The project was officially launched on 23 October 2025 in Brussels and will run for four years. This international network aims to advance patient safety through the **standardised measurement of three key patient safety outcomes**: pressure ulcers, healthcare-associated infections (HCAIs), and delirium. In addition, the project will investigate the processes contributing to the development of these conditions.

There is currently an **open call for participation** on several working groups focusing on pressure ulcer prevention, healthcare-associated infections delirium, education of intensive care nurses and policy impact and dissemination. Apply to be part of these international research groups.

To apply: [Action CA24107 - COST](#)

RESEARCH / SURVEYS

SHINE Study:

Take part in the **SHINE Study: Shaping ICU nurses' future – How an ICU Nurse Envisions** the professional role in 2030 and beyond! **Share your vision for the future of ICU nursing!** Complete the expression of interest - [LINK](#)

Exploring and strengthening day-to-day teamwork in critical care: A qualitative study:

Research study aimed at characterizing the nature of teamwork in critical care settings to generate a nuanced understanding of how teamwork functions to influence care delivery. **Invitation to Participate!** [Flyer](#) with QR Code or [LINK](#)

New Graduate Nurses in Pediatric Critical Care Float Pools: Qualitative research to explore mentorship's role in facilitating the transition of new graduate nurses into pediatric critical care float roles. *Seeking interested participants!* **Participate:** scan the QR Code on the [flyer](#) or email K Yee kyee041@uottawa.ca.

Critical Care, Emergency Nurse and Critical Care Transport Nurse Intent to Stay Study: To examine factors which influence the intent to stay of nurses working in critical or intensive care, emergency or critical care transport: [Survey Flyer](#) and [Survey Link](#).

Publish with us!

The CJCCN welcomes the following types of submissions:

- Original Research
- Clinical Reviews
- Innovative Design or Quality Improvement Reports
- Systematic Reviews
- Case Studies/Case Reports
- Discussion / Analysis / Commentary Articles
- Letters to the Editor

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<https://cjccn.ca/aim-scope-guidelines-for-authors/>

Questions: Email cjccneditor@caccn.ca
with a copy to caccn@caccn.ca



PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

The impact of AI-based decision support systems on nursing workflows in critical care units

International Nursing Review
<https://doi.org/10.1111/irn.13011>

Barriers and Facilitators in Implementing Clinical Practice Guidelines Among Nurses in Emergency Departments and Critical Care Units: A Systematic Review

Journal of Clinical Nursing
<https://doi.org/10.1111/jocn.70086>

What motivates critical care nurses to stay in their job?

– Structural aspects for empowering intrinsic motivation in permissive professional contexts: A scoping review

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2024.103929>

Simulation-based learning in postgraduate critical care and anaesthesia nursing: an interview study from postgraduate nurses' perspectives

BMC Nursing
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s12912-025-03336-x>

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

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2024.103814>

The role of critical care nurses in organ and tissue donation: A position statement of the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses

Australian Critical Care
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aucc.2024.05.010>

Integrating Artificial Intelligence Into Critical Care Nursing: Next Steps

Critical Care Nurse
<https://doi.org/10.4037/ccn2025194>

Care amongst the chaos: the voices of nurses working in conflict

Royal College of Nursing (United Kingdom)

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/Professional-Development/publications/rcn-care-amongst-the-chaos-uk-pub-012-203>

Exploring Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Critical Care Nursing: A Systematic Review

Nursing Reports

<https://doi.org/10.3390/nursrep15020055>

Influence of clinical practice stressors on critical care nursing student's burnout: Resilience as a mediating factor

Teaching and Learning in Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.teln.2025.05.031>

Critical care nurses' experiences of ethical challenges in end-of-life care

Nursing Ethics

<https://doi.org/10.1177/09697330241252975>

Challenges and best practices for moving forward in interprofessional collaboration in critical care units: nurses' perspectives

BMC Nursing

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s12912-025-02860-0>

Integrating Artificial Intelligence Into Critical Care Nursing: Next Steps

Critical Care Nurse

<https://doi.org/10.4037/ccn2025194>

The impact of a clinical academic nurse researcher in critical care: A 1-year service review

JAN

<https://doi.org/10.1111/jan.16367>

Risk factors for colonisation by Multidrug-Resistant bacteria in critical care units

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2024.103760>

Longitudinal trajectories of health-related quality of life among critical care survivors: A latent class growth approach

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2024.103892>

Prevalence of Post-intensive care syndrome among intensive care unit-survivors and its association with intensive care unit length of stay: Systematic review and meta-analysis

PLOSone

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0323311>

Reliability, validity and practicability of the Chelsea Critical Care Physical Assessment tool (CPAx) following an e-learning programme: A clinimetric study

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2025.103959>