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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



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**CANADIAN CRITICAL CARE
NURSING CONFERENCE 2026**

Delta Prince Edward, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

SEPTEMBER 29 and 30, 2026

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NOW OPEN!

Closes February 26, 2026

Two abstract categories:

- Non-research
- Research

Abstracts are being accepted for the following presentation types:

- Concurrent
- Skills lab (hand-on learning)
- Posters (printed)
- Posters (oral)
- Other innovative educational presentations.

Content may focus on various aspects of critical care/acute care including but not limited to:

- Education
- Clinical Practice
- Leadership
- Research
- Mentorship
- Quality Improvement
- Sustainable Practices
- (environmentally friendly)
- Maximizing Resources
- Innovative Practice Changes
- Optimizing, Recognizing Clinical Expertise



ADVOCACY / DÉFENSEUR

CACCN and **CANN** recognizing that **Chronic Hand Eczema** is a significant occupational health concern for Canadian nurses recently sent a unified letter to Dr. L Chapman, PhD, RN, CNO of Canada and to Dr. V Grdias, PhD, RN, CEO, CNA as well as provincial nursing officers and our nursing association colleagues advocating for hand eczema to be recognized as a significant occupational health issue and that Health Canada and the CNA champion initiatives that prioritize prevention, protection, early intervention and appropriate care for nurses across the country. [Read the letter](#) and [view the survey!](#)

Reconnaissant que l'eczéma chronique des mains constitue un problème important de santé au travail pour les infirmières canadiennes, l'ACCN et la CANN ont récemment envoyé une lettre commune au Dr L. Chapman, PhD, RN, directrice des soins infirmiers du Canada, et au Dr V Grdias, PhD, RN, PDG de l'AIIC, ainsi qu'aux responsables provinciaux des soins infirmiers et à nos collègues des associations d'infirmières, afin de plaider en faveur de la reconnaissance de l'eczéma des mains comme un problème important de santé au travail et pour que Santé Canada et l'AIIC soutiennent des initiatives qui accordent la priorité à la prévention, à la protection, à l'intervention précoce et aux soins appropriés pour les infirmières et infirmiers de tout le pays. [Lisez la lettre et consultez le sondage !](#) Traduit avec DeepL.com (version gratuite)

RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

Participate in Critical Care Nursing Research:

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

- Exploring and Strengthening Day-to-day Teamwork in Critical Care: A Qualitative Study
- SHINE Study
- Pediatric Critical Illness Outcomes Study (PECIOS)
- Sedation practices in the care of severe pediatric traumatic brain injury (TBI)
- Paediatric Adaptive Sepsis Platform Trial (PASSPORT)
- International Critical Care, Emergency Nurse, and Critical Care Transport Nurse Intent to Stay Study.

CERTIFICATION

Congratulations!

to all CACCN members on the successful completion of the 2025 Certification examinations (spring/fall) and renewals.

[2025 Examination & Renewal Lists of Members](#)

Certification Bursary!

Apply for the
2025 CACCN Certification Bursary.
[Apply at Awards/Recognition by March 31](#)



NOTICE: Renewal notifications

- Renewal Notifications [now being sent by email!](#)
- January letters were mailed December 5, 2025.
- February letters were emailed January 6, 2026.
- [Know the Continuous Renewal FAQs](#)

CONFERENCES



ECC|C Dubai 2026

22nd Emirates Critical Care Conference

8-10 May 2026
Event Centre, Intercontinental Dubai Festival City, Dubai, UAE

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OTHER EVENTS

Who Decides? Power, Protection, and Paternalism in Critical Care

The Architecture of Difficult Conversations: Civil Discourse Across Fields

Massey College, Toronto

February 2nd, 5:00-6:30pm

In the ICU, clinicians, researchers, and ethics boards frequently make judgement calls about what families can handle- which conversations to have, which options to offer, and which decisions families are 'ready for.' This panel explores essential questions about civil discourse in critical care. When does protecting families turn into removing choice and deciding for them, and how can we have civil discourse when the stakes are so high?

<https://www.masseycollege.ca/events/the-architecture-of-difficult-conversations-civil-discourse-across-fields/>

Driving Medication Safety in Community Pharmacies Through Continuous Quality Improvement

(Webinar)

Join this complimentary webinar to explore practical quality improvement strategies that strengthen medication safety in community pharmacy practice. Learn how continuous quality improvement can support safer systems and better patient outcomes.

Click here to register: [February 9, 2026 \(12:00 pm to 1:00 pm EST\)](#)



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Critical Care Pronation Therapy

Island Health

shared their updated guideline and procedures for proning mechanically ventilated patients using the overhead lift or linen wrap method.

Pronation therapy videos - [watch here](#)

- [Procedure Prone Positioning for vented patients - overhead lift method.pdf](#)
- [Bedside Quick Guide Proning with Ceiling Lift \(OHL\).docx](#)
- [Guideline Prone Positioning for vented patients.pdf](#)
- [Procedure Prone Positioning for vented patients - linen wrap method.pdf](#)

Please reach out to Kelly Janzen (CNE Royal Jubilee Hospital ICU) for any questions about these resources – kelly.janzen@islandhealth.ca.

CHAPTER EVENTS

Alberta Chapter Webinars

Open to All

January 29 – 1500 hrs ET (1300 MT)
Understanding Connection:
First Nation Views on
Pharmacist Relationships

February 12 – 1500 hrs ET (1300 MT)
Exploring Families' Experiences with
End-of-Life Care in the Pediatric
Intensive Care Unit

February 26 – 1500 hrs ET (1300 MT)
Rescue mechanical circulatory support
for cardiogenic shock

Register by emailing
caccnalberta@caccn.ca

PUBLICATIONS

Nurses' Perspectives on Caring for Critically Ill Children During a Measles Outbreak: A Case Report

Critical Care Nurse

<https://doi.org/10.4037/ccn2025966>

Disaster Management in Critical Care Nursing

International Journal of Critical Care (IJCC)

<https://wfccn-ijcc.com/index.php/ijcc>

Return-to-Care After Discharge Directly Home From the PICU: A Propensity-Matched Cohort Study

Pediatric Critical Care Medicine

https://journals.lww.com/pccmjournal/fulltext/2025/12000/return_to_care_after_discharge_directly_home_from.7.aspx

Mortality effect of higher versus lower blood pressure targets in vasodilatory shock: an updated systematic review and meta-analysis

Critical Care

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s13054-025-05769-x>

The colonial wounds on Indigenous women's health

The Healthy Debate

<https://healthydebate.ca/2026/01/topic/colonial-wounds-indigenous-womens-health/>

Noninvasive Oxygenation Strategies in Critical Care: Applications and Challenges

AACN Advanced Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.4037/aacnacc2025174>

The implementation of a noise reduction bundle in the intensive care unit: A qualitative process evaluation

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2025.104305>

Exploring the role of virtual reality simulation in critical care nurses' training: A randomized controlled pilot study

Clinical Simulation in Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecns.2025.101868>

'A lot of work to do, one conversation at a time': New Year's resolutions for 2026

The Healthy Debate

<https://healthydebate.ca/2025/12/topic/new-years-resolutions-2026/>

"Do we still need physical restraints in ICU? No!"

Intensive and Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2025.104262>

Exploring Australian intensive care unit nurses' experiences, confidence, and knowledge in supporting breastfeeding women in the early postpartum period: A descriptive cross-sectional study

Australian Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aucc.2025.101467>

Unit Layout and Critical Care Nurses' Perceptions of Visibility, Teamwork, and Taking Breaks

American Journal of Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.4037/ajcc2026276>

Humanising paediatric care in the PICU: current strategies and emerging insights

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2025.104287>

Retrospective review of a weaning and rehabilitation cohort within a tertiary critical care unit

Australian Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aucc.2025.101496>

ICU command centres in critical care: Nursing workflows, organizational models, and implementation challenges. A narrative review

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2025.104245>

A Multidisciplinary, Phased Nursing Strategy for Skin and Mucosal Management in a Pediatric Case of Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis with Respiratory Failure: A Case Report

Frontiers in Pediatrics

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/pediatrics/articles/10.3389/fped.2026.1759262/abstract>