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## Critical Connections Bulletin February 2026



Oops! Something went wrong:(

Due to a **system error**, two renewal notification emails were sent on February 9, 2026, to **all** CACCN members advising of membership renewal on March 31, 2026. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Following notification that the emails were issued, CACCN National office immediately sent an email to all advising of the system error.

There were no automatic payments processed or set to process due to this error. The only payments that would have processed would be those for members on continuous renewal with an actual expiry date of March 31, 2026.

Members due to renew March 31, 2026, will receive an email in the next couple of days with the subject line: *CACCN Membership Renewal - March 31, 2026 (to all March Member Renewals)*

Members can check the status of their membership including the expiry date by logging into the database at

<https://www.xcdsystem.com/caccn/store/index.cfm?ID=hhFE7PD>



**New** and **Renewing** members! Thank you for your participation and support!

### MEMBER REFERRALS

Thank you to the following  
CACCN members for  
**member referrals**

from October 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026.

**Andrea A**, Ontario    **Chelsea S**, Alberta  
**Lisa GR**, Nova Scotia    **Melissa IW**, Alberta  
**Jessica N**, Saskatchewan    **Becky G**,  
Saskatchewan

**Congratulations**

to

**Chelsea S**, Alberta  
**Lisa GR**, Nova Scotia

received complimentary 1 year membership extensions for their referral(s) \*\*.

For information regarding the referral draws:

<https://caccn.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Member-Referrals-Feb2025-Flyer.pdf>

### CACCN 2025 CERTIFICATION BURSARIES

**Did you certify or renew in 2025?**  
**View the criteria for the bursary**  
**and apply by the deadline!**

[Awards/Recognition – deadline March 31](#)



**CALL FOR  
ABSTRACTS**

**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF  
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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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## SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSALS!

**Do not Delay!**

**Closes February 26, 2026**

### Two abstract categories:

- Non-research
- Research

**CCNC2026 is accepting abstracts 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



## RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

Participate in Critical Care Nursing Research:

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



- Navigating Transition into Canadian Critical Care Settings: Experiences, Needs, and Impact on Migrant Black Nurses
- Clinical practice guidelines for palliative/end-of-life care and withdrawal of life-sustaining measures (WLSM) used in ICUs in Canada



## NOTICE: Renewal notifications

- Renewal Notifications are now being sent by email!
- February 28 renewal notices were emailed January 6, 2026.
- March 31 renewal notices will be emailed by February 20.
- Know the [Continuous Renewal FAQs](#)

## Complimentary Webinars

CANADIAN COLLEGE OF  
HEALTH LEADERS



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LEADERS EN SANTÉ

### Calling out the Leadership B.S.: What the Evidence Actually Shows

 February 26 | 12 ET

 Registration details\*\*:

<https://cchl-ccls.ca/event/fellowship-knowledge-translation-webinar-with-dr-jaason-geerts/>



Complimentary evidence-based leadership webinar. The session examines common leadership myths that directly affect nurse leaders—who should lead, what counts as credible evidence in leadership, and diverse team performance—and contrasts them with what the peer-reviewed research shows. The intent is constructive and rigorous: to strengthen leadership practice and standards across the system, particularly for nurses navigating increasingly complex leadership expectations.

Given that we are collecting data from event registrants for a peer-reviewed academic publication, we are aiming for maximum engagement.

\*\* CCHL account creation required for registration.



**WFPICCS**

World Federation of Pediatric Intensive &  
Critical Care Societies

February 19 @ 1030 hrs ET

Registration

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/YEAytsMUSaW1q-R8TT-Gtw#/registration>



The second session of the WFPICCS Pediatric Respiratory Critical Care Series (PRCCS) focuses on ventilation-perfusion (V/Q) mismatch, shunt, and dead space ventilation as key mechanisms of hypoxemia in critically ill children, linking core respiratory physiology to everyday bedside decision-making in the PICU.

## CHAPTER EVENTS

### Alberta Chapter

Webinar February 26

*Rescue mechanical circulatory support  
for cardiogenic shock*

Register by emailing [caccnalberta@caccn.ca](mailto:caccnalberta@caccn.ca)

### Montreal Chapter

March 24

*Pediatric Education Day*

### Saskatchewan Chapter

Education Night

March 11

*Toxicology Cases in the ICU*

*In person, virtual & recording tickets available*

### Education Night

April 23

*BRAIN WAVE, a look into EEG's*

*In person, virtual & recording tickets available*

### Nova Scotia Chapter

Webinar – March 5

*Back to Basics: Inotropes and Pressors*

### Southwestern Ontario Chapter

Education Day

May 27

Save the Date!

For registration information:

CACCN Upcoming Events

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

or

CACCN Chapters

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



CACCN has been provided with the following for members who are interested in attending the 22<sup>nd</sup> Emirates Critical Care Conference in Dubai:

**Five (5) Complimentary Registrations** - If you are attending, contact CACCN at [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca) to request a code. First come / first serve basis.

#### **CACCN discount code for Members**

Receive **50% off** registration for CACCN members when you register using the discount code

**CACCNC50**

Registration: <https://eccc-dubai.com/physical-registration/>

## **Share with your**

### **PICU Allied Health Professional colleagues!**

Join the WFPICCS AHP Network:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2e324860b67e4ee584aece91e7b35c2d>

**WFPICCS** is committed to ensuring that all professionals working in pediatric intensive care are represented, connected, and supported.

Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) play a vital role in PICU care worldwide, and their expertise, perspectives, and leadership are essential to advancing our field.

WFPICCS warmly invites AHPs working in PICU to join the WFPICCS AHP Network and become part of this expanding global community.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Improving Care Where It Happens: The Value of Hospital-Based Research**

*OHA Health System News*

<https://tinyurl.com/OHAFeb2026>

### **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>

### **AACN Practice Alert: Implementing Effective Oral Care Practices for Acutely and Critically Ill Patients**

*Critical Care Nurse*

<https://doi.org/10.4037/ccn2026463>

### **Moral distress of intensive care unit nurses: a systematic review and meta-analysis**

*BMC Nursing*

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s12912-025-04274-4>

### **Follow Her Heart: Addressing Gaps in Women's Heart Health Patient Resources**

*Canadian Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing*

<https://cccn.ca/uploads/695e738c1576a.pdf>

### **Pre-hospital fibrinogen levels in major trauma patients transported by helicopter emergency medical service: determining who might benefit**

*Canadian Journal of Emergency Nurses*

<https://doi.org/10.29173/cjen534>

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

*American Journal of Critical Care Nursing*

<https://aacnjournals.org/ajconline/article/35/1/54/32930>

### **Harnessing AI to Decode the Heart**

*OHA Health System News*

<https://tinyurl.com/OHAFeb2026-2>