

# INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY

## HEARING THE NURSE'S VOICE IS INTEGRAL TO IMPROVING PATIENT OUTCOMES AND HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS



### STUDY TITLE

Nurses' perceptions and experiences of caring for critically ill patients in rural hospitals. The intersection of critical illness and rurality within a publicly funded healthcare system in Ontario, Canada.

### INCLUSION CRITERIA

- YOU ARE A REGISTERED NURSES (RNS) OR REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSES (RPNs)
- YOU SPEAK/READ IN ENGLISH
- YOU HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY A RURAL INSTITUTION FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS.
- YOU HAVE INDICATED THAT YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CARE OF A CRITICALLY ILL PATIENT AT THIS RURAL HOSPITAL.
- THE HOSPITAL THAT YOU WORK AT RECEIVES FUNDING FOR NO MORE THAN LEVEL 2 CRITICAL CARE BEDS OR DOES NOT RECEIVE ADDITIONAL CRITICAL CARE FUNDING.

### PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

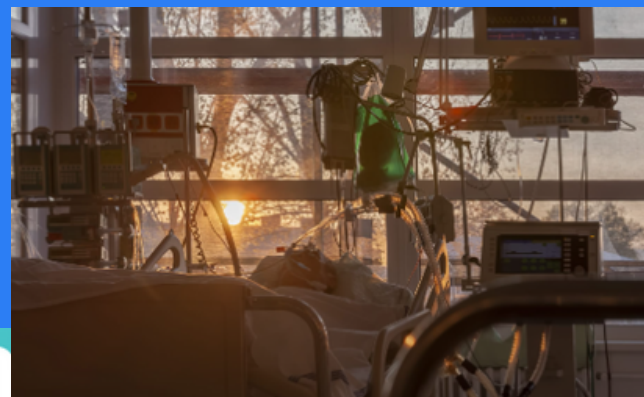
Maximum 2 virtual focus groups or 1:1 Virtual interviews  
Approximately 60-120 min each  
Eligible participants selected on a first come, first served basis.

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING  
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### PURPOSE OF STUDY

THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY IS TO EXPLORE THE PERCEPTIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF NURSES WHO CARE FOR CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS IN RURAL HEALTHCARE SETTINGS. WE SEEK TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE SERVICES AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO RURAL HOSPITALS, AS DIRECTED BY PROVINCIAL GUIDELINES (ONTARIO HEALTH, 2025), INTERSECT WITH THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF NURSES CARING FOR A CRITICALLY ILL PATIENT IN A RURAL HOSPITAL. WE ANTICIPATE THIS PERSPECTIVE WILL FACILITATE FURTHER RESEARCH INTO STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT NURSES AND HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS IN MANAGING THE CARE OF CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS.



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