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Critical Connections Bulletin

National Indigenous History Month

In Canada is an opportunity to learn about the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis who have lived on this land since time immemorial and whose presence continues to shape Canada today. It is also a moment for reflection and to recognize the ongoing impacts of colonization and to reflect on how we can all contribute to reconciliation.

NIHM honours the histories, achievements and resilience of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

We celebrate our Indigenous nursing colleagues and all Indigenous peoples during NIHM.

National Indigenous History Month

#NIHM2026



Happy Pride Month and Pride Season!

Pride Season refers to the many Pride events held from June to September, when 2SLGBTQI+ communities & allies come together to honour resilience, celebrate talent, & recognize the contributions of 2SLGBTQI+ people. We celebrate with our 2SLGBTQIA+ nursing colleagues & everyone of diverse genders and sexualities.

Upcoming Office Closure

CACCN National office will be **CLOSED**:
July 10, July 13 to 17 and July 20 to 24

Email and telephone messages will not be monitored during this time.



New & Returning Members!

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

Registration Is Open

Save Your Spot Today!

Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference 2026

Join critical care nurses from across Canada in beautiful Charlottetown, PE - September 29–30,

#CCNC2026

Register Early and Save

- **Early bird member rates:**
- 2-day conference: \$550 plus HST (15%)
- 1-day conference: \$300 plus HST (15%)

Early bird pricing ends August 24

— don't miss out.

Register and pay before the early bird deadline for your chance to win your tuition.

Registration closes September 10

— reserve your place now.

Why You'll Want to Be There

- Two preconference events on September 28 to help you kick off your conference experience
- Two full days of inspiring education designed for critical care nursing professionals
- Earn 12 continuing learning hours while investing in your professional growth
- Connect with peers through networking, posters, and exhibits
- Two Dinner & Learn events (proposed) for even more opportunities to connect and learn
- Enjoy Nurses Night Out on September 29 and make the most of your time with colleagues



Stay Close to the Action

Book your stay at the Delta Prince Edward for convenient access to the conference.

Travel Discounts Available

Take advantage of travel codes for Air Canada and WestJet when planning your trip.

Ready to Learn More?

<https://caccn.ca/2026-canadian-critical-care-nursing-conference/>



Turn your conference into a getaway.

Discover what PEI has to offer and start planning your visit here: <https://www.tourismpei.com/>

DO YOU HAVE STRONG CLINICAL EXPERTISE IN NEUROCRITICAL CARE?

CACCN has recently connected with two neurocritical care physicians who are eager to partner with us in bringing nurses and other clinicians together from across Canada.

Together, we aim to: Build a strong national network of neurocritical care providers and Expand access to timely, high-quality neurocritical care education across Canada.

If you are passionate about advancing neurocritical care and have the skills and experience to organize and deliver timely education, we would love to hear from you.

Please email us at president@caccn.ca with a copy to vicepresident@caccn.ca by July 15.

We will compile a list of interested nurses and connect you with the physician partners to help move this important work forward.



Register for the SickKids Advanced Cardiology Education (ACE) Program! Starting Sept. 4

A 33-week online paediatric cardiac care curriculum that includes:

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SICK KIDS ACE PROGRAM! HURRY!

Early bird registration ends on June 16, 2026.

Scan the QR Code, download the [flyer](#) or visit: <https://cvent.me/gBQb09>

Research Studies and Participation

ONTARIO NURSES: 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.

ALL NURSES: Understanding Health Care Providers knowledge, experience, and perceived barriers to organ donation in Canada.

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



Survey for Nurse Practitioners

Why your opinion matters to caregivers!

The [Department of Employment and Social Development Canada \(ESDC\)](#) is conducting an evaluation of the [Employment Insurance \(EI\) Family caregiver benefits and the Compassionate care benefits](#). We are kindly asking [nurse practitioners](#) to set aside **10 - 15 minutes** to complete a short survey. The survey will remain open from **June to October 2026**. We are seeking your feedback on the requirement for a medical doctor or nurse practitioner to fill out a medical certificate for a patient who is critically ill or injured or in need of end-of-life care.

Link to the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/ESDCSurveyEN>

Sondage pour les infirmier(ère)s praticien(ne)s Pourquoi votre opinion compte pour les proches aidants!

Le ministère de [l'Emploi et Développement social Canada \(EDSC\)](#) mène une évaluation des [prestations d'assurance emploi pour proches aidants et des prestations d'assurance emploi de compassion](#). Nous demandons aux [infirmier\(ère\)s praticien\(ne\)s](#) de bien vouloir réserver **10 à 15 minutes pour remplir un court sondage**. Le sondage sera ouvert de **juin à octobre 2026**. Nous souhaitons recueillir votre avis sur l'exigence qu'un médecin ou un(e) infirmier(ère) praticien(ne) remplisse un certificat médical pour un patient gravement malade ou blessé ou ayant besoin de soins en fin de vie. **Lien vers le sondage :** <https://tinyurl.com/ESDCSurveyFR>

CACCN UPCOMING WEBINARS

June 17: Optimal Humidity: An Essential Component of Care for Non-invasive and Invasively Ventilated Patients - Sponsored by Fisher & Paykel Healthcare - 90 Seats Available - Open to All

[Registration](#)

18 juin : Humidité optimale : un élément essentiel des soins prodigués aux patients sous ventilation non invasive et invasive - Parrainé par Fisher & Paykel Healthcare - 90 Places Disponibles - Ouvert à tous

[Inscriptions](#)

Did you miss our webinar 0 A Second Chance at Life: The Nurse's Role in the Journey of Living Donation – sponsored by Canadian Blood Services?

View Open Access until June 26, 2026 - [Webinar Link](#) Passcode: PGR1C2!O

Or Members Only: <https://caccn.ca/webinars-journal-clubs-recordings-3/>

COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR

JOIN the Debate! Choosing the Right Support – HHFNC vs NIV

18 June 2026 | 2.00 PM CET | **8.00 AM ET** | 5.30 PM IST | 90-minute webinar

Registration: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/WCrb04mdSRaBEzkQyHKQPQ>



Choosing the Right Support – A **Debate** on HHFNC vs NIV





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WFPICCS' Pediatric Respiratory Critical Care Series (PRCCS) 2026 – Session 6

18 June 2026

02:00 pm CET 08:00 am ET 5:30 pm IST



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Biosimilar Biologic Drugs

Health Canada's Biologic and Radiopharmaceutical Drugs Directorate (BRDD) is pleased to announce the publication of the final revised version of its [Guidance on information and submission requirements for biosimilar biologic drugs](#) (Biosimilars Guidance), along with a [Summary of changes: Guidance on information and submission requirements for biosimilar biologic drugs](#), outlining the revisions made since the 2016 guidance.

Médicaments biologiques biosimilaires

La Direction des médicaments biologiques et radiopharmaceutiques (DMBR) de Santé Canada a le plaisir d'annoncer la publication de la version finale révisée de ses [Lignes directrices sur les exigences en matière de renseignements et de présentation relatives aux médicaments biologiques biosimilaires](#) (Lignes directrices sur les biosimilaires), ainsi que d'un [résumé des modifications apportées](#) depuis 2016.

<https://cjccn.ca/>

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- Perspectives of patients in the ICU who are non-speaking, and their families, on goals-of-care and end-of-life discussions
- Cultural adaptation in Quebec of the COMHON index: A tool for assessing the risk of pressure injury in critically ill patients
- Practical Strategies for Hospital-Based Nurses to Write and Publish from the Bedside
- ISMP Medication Safety Practice Corner: Anatomy of an incident analysis – Part 2
- Practice Pearls: Before Calling It a Failed Sedation Vacation: Nursing Considerations

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

Environmental Noise in Intensive Care Units: Occupational Exposure, Nurse Well-Being and Care Quality—A Mixed-Methods Study

BACCN Nursing in Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.1111/nicc.70527>

Promoting Sleep in Acute and Critically Ill Adults: Enhancing Recovery Through Evidence-Based Practices

Critical Care Nurse

<https://doi.org/10.4037/ccn2026191>

Association Between Early Tracheostomy and Patient Outcomes in Critically Ill Patients on Mechanical Ventilator - A Retrospective Cohort Study

Critical Care Nursing Quarterly

<https://journals.lww.com/ccnq/abstract/2026/0700/association-between-early-tracheostomy-and-patient-outcomes-in-critically-ill-patients-on-mechanical-ventilator-a-retrospective-cohort-study.8.aspx>

Unplanned Extubation in PICU and Its Adverse Impact: A Case–Control Study

BACCN Nursing in Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.1111/nicc.70524>

Factors Associated With Early Recognition of Persistent Inflammation, Immunosuppression, and Catabolism Syndrome in Critically Ill Patients

Critical Care Nursing Quarterly

<https://journals.lww.com/ccnq/abstract/2026/0700/factors-associated-with-early-recognition-of-persistent-inflammation-immunosuppression-and-catabolism-syndrome-in-critically-ill-patients.3.aspx>

Innovations in Pediatric Nursing: Emerging Technologies Including Virtual Reality, Telehealth, Artificial Intelligence, and Digital Mental Health—A Scoping Review

Sage Open Nursing

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/23779608261433684>