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Critical Connections Bulletin

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

SEPT 30



On September 30, observe National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day), a day to honour and remember the children taken from their families, those who never returned home, and the individuals, families, and communities who continue to live with the lasting trauma and impacts of Canada's residential school system.

Remembering this tragic and painful history, and its ongoing consequences, is an essential part of reconciliation.

Welcome!

New & Returning Members!

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

GET ON BOARD!

Board of Director Nominations



CACCN is seeking an interested Association member to serve as a **volunteer Board Member** on the **National Board of Directors** for a two-year term from May 1, 2027, to April 30, 2029.

Region: Central

Region Eligibility: Members from Manitoba and Ontario

Position(s): One (1)

Eligibility Criteria: Active member of CACCN, holding a registered nursing license, and currently working in critical care.

Why Serve on the Board?

Serving on the Board is an opportunity to use your skills, experience, and voice to make a meaningful impact in your specialty nursing association.

As a Board Member, you will help provide governance and operational leadership, support strategic direction, and contribute to the Association's long-term strength and sustainability.

**Nominations will be accepted until 1600 hrs ET
on October 1, 2026.**

More information

<https://caccn.ca/about-caccn/annual-general-meeting/>

Join your CACCN member colleagues for the upcoming **Annual General Meeting of the Members** on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 1600 hrs ET.

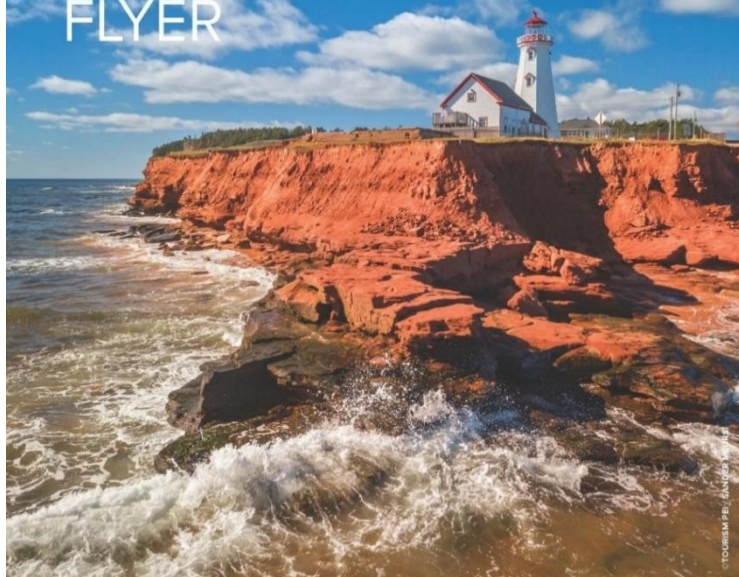
Why your participation matters: Your participation in your professional nursing association is important!

Who can attend: Active members of the Association (RNs working in critical care in Canada) hold voting rights at the annual meeting of the members. Affiliate members and student registrants may attend the Annual meeting of the members but do not hold voting rights.

AGM
Annual General Meeting

AGM Registration: [HERE](#)

CONFERENCE FLYER



EVENTS 2026

UPCOMING

SEPT
13

WORLD SEPSIS DAY

SEPT
16

CACCN NATIONAL JOINT
WEBINAR WITH CVAA

SEPT
29 & 30

CDN CRITICAL CARE NURSING
CONFERENCE

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1

BOARD OF DIRECTOR
NOMINATIONS CLOSE

OCT
18 - 24

CANADIAN INTENSIVE CARE
WEEK 2026

OCT
23

ALBERTA CHAPTER
EDUCATION DAY

NOV
3

CACCN NATIONAL JOINT
WEBINAR WITH CANN

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
CACCN.CA



We look forward to welcoming attendees, sponsors and supporters to the Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference 2026.

Attendees watch for your conference information email to arrive soon!



World Sepsis Day

September 13, 2026!

Theme of the [2026 World Sepsis Day](#): **Invest in Sepsis – Save Lives** - Millions of Sepsis cases and Sepsis-related deaths in children, women, and men are preventable. Yet Sepsis remains critically under-prioritized and underfunded.

The 2030 Global Agenda for Sepsis makes clear that achieving meaningful reductions in Sepsis deaths and disabilities requires investment in national policies, health systems and health workers, prevention and early detection, research and innovation, survivors and communities, and pandemic and other health emergency preparedness. Investment in Sepsis is not an additional cost to health systems.

It is an investment in stronger health systems, Universal Health Coverage, global health security, and sustainable development.

The 2026 World Sepsis Day therefore calls on governments, international financing institutions, global health organizations, development partners, philanthropies, and the private sector to **Invest in Sepsis – Save Lives**.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Beyond Survival: A Sepsis Symposium for Systems, Science, and Recovery

September 1, 10, 22 & 29 @ 1400 hrs ET

Hosted by Critical Care BC

A four-part, recorded, virtual educational series focused on advancing sepsis care across the continuum, from early recognition and treatment through recovery and future innovation. The series aims to share current evidence, practical lessons, emerging research, and lived experiences, bringing together clinicians, researchers, quality improvement leaders, and patient and family partners. These sessions will offer valuable insights and opportunities for learning, whether you work in acute care, critical care, emergency medicine, prehospital care, pediatrics, quality improvement, or healthcare leadership.

Beyond Usual Care: Does New Randomized Evidence Support a New Standard for CVAD Locking

September 16 @ 1700 hrs ET

Joint Webinar with the Canadian Vascular Access Association

Sponsored by SterileCare

This webinar will explore the scientific rationale for CVAD locking strategies and review contemporary evidence supporting catheter maintenance and complication prevention. Faculty will review the pathophysiology of catheter occlusion and intraluminal biofilm formation, explore the role of calcium in coagulation and microbial attachment, and discuss how different locking agents may influence these pathways.

Setting the Ventilator in pARDS – The First Six Hours

17 September 2026 @ 10:30 AM ET

Sponsored by WFPICCs

In this engaging session, Expert Speaker Dr. Vicent Modesto i Alapont will explore key considerations when setting the ventilator during the crucial first hours of pARDS, with a focus on supporting thoughtful, patient-specific bedside decision-making.

Med Safety Exchange – Complimentary webinar

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 @ 12 noon ET

Join your colleagues across Canada for complimentary 50-minute webinars to share, learn and discuss incident reports, trends and emerging issues in medication safety! In recognition of **World Patient Safety Day 2026: "Safe care for noncommunicable diseases"**

Continuing Learning Hours: Activities must directly relate to improving knowledge and skills in your specific nursing practice specialty. Count one CL hour for each clock hour spent on the activity; activities must be at least 30 minutes long to qualify

Breakthroughs in blood: Advancements into action

September 29 @ 1300 hrs ET

Hosted by Canadian Blood Services

Join CBS for this webinar as Dr. Ryan Metcalf discusses the 2025 AABB and ICTMG International Clinical Practice Guidelines published in JAMA in 2025. This will be followed by a panel discussion on the implications for clinical practice.

Chronic Hand Eczema w/ Cdn Association of Neonatal Nurses

November 3 @ 1200 hrs ET

Joint Webinar with the Canadian Association of Neonatal Nurses

This session will explore the underrecognized burden of chronic hand eczema (CHE) among Canadian nurses and its implications for workforce sustainability. Beyond a skin condition, CHE is a significant occupational health issue contributing to attrition in an already strained healthcare system.

Initial Burn Care and Stabilization – Priorities in the First 24 Hours

November 25 @ 1300 hrs ET

Caring for patients with severe burn injuries presents unique challenges that extend far beyond wound management. From recognizing inhalation injury and securing a threatened airway to managing complex fluid resuscitation and identifying time-sensitive surgical emergencies, all critical care nurses can play a vital role in improving outcomes during the early phases of burn care.

Information and registration:

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

Certification Bursaries

CACCN offers bursaries to support members.

Initial Certification - Two bursaries are available. Each bursary is valued at \$500.

Renewal Certification - Four bursaries are available. Each bursary is valued at \$250.

Criteria

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

To qualify for the bursaries, you must meet the Overall Award Criteria, and your exam / renewal must be in 2026.

Canadian Nurses Association Certification Program

CNA certification is a nationally recognized nursing specialty credential for nurses.

Earning this credential shows your employer, peers, and clients that you are a dedicated professional committed to lifelong learning, patient advocacy, and professional practice. Certification is a great way to demonstrate your continuing competence in your nursing specialty. It can also help you fulfil some of the quality assurance program requirements of your employer and/or licensing body.

Fall examination

- **Apply before** September 30
- **Exam writing window:** November 1 – 15
- **Receive your results in December**

Renewal by continuous learning

- **Apply before** December 15, 2026

**Watch the CACCN Webinar recorded
September 3**

**Demystifying the critical care CNA certification:
Your critical care specialty roadmap**

[Members Only](#)



The Canadian Journal of Critical Care Nursing

Volume 37, Issue 2 is now available!

<https://cjccn.ca/>

- A Bachelor of Science in Nursing learning pathway into critical care practice: An innovative workforce strategy focused on student support, transition, and success
- Canadian Post-graduate Education in Critical Care Nursing: An Environmental Scan of Programs
- Critical Care Nursing in the Face of Suffering: Camus's Absurdism in Practice
- Becoming a Critical Care Nurse: Scoping Review of Newly Graduated Nurses' Professional Transition to Practice
- Publishing as a Nurse: From Idea to Publication
- ISMP Canada Medication Safety Practice Corner: Safer packaging for neuromuscular blocking agents

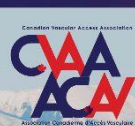
BRITISH COLUMBIA & ONTARIO MEMBERS!

Turn frontline insight into innovation.

Have you ever thought, *"This could be safer, more effective, or better with the right medical technology?"*

If you are a healthcare professional from **British Columbia** or **Ontario**, there is now a way to develop your insights! **Medical Device Development Centre (MDDC)**, a Canadian not-for-profit organization focused on need-driven healthcare innovation offers **Insight to Innovation (I2I)** giving healthcare professionals and connected students a supported pathway to identify unmet needs and move promising ideas forward, while retaining control over whether and how they pursue subsequent development.

For more information: <https://mddc.org/innovation/>.



**Power of Connection: Advancing
Vascular Access & Infusion
Therapy Together**



51st Annual CVAA Conference
April 7-9, 2027 • Calgary Alberta

**Now accepting abstract submissions for
Plenary, Concurrent, Skills Labs,
and Poster Presentations!**

**Submissions are accepted until
OCTOBER 31, 2026**

[More Information](#)

PUBLICATIONS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Health Product InfoWatch

Government of Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/medeffect-canada/health-product-infowatch/august-2026.html>

InfoVigilance sur les produits de santé

Gouvernement du Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/medicaments-produits-sante/medeffet-canada/infovigilance-produits-sante/aout-2026.html>

WHO Prehospital Toolkit Webinar WHO

Collaborating Centre on Integrated Clinical Care

https://youtu.be/6DI_Isca8hA
<https://youtu.be/plO5Dq2nzt8>

A qualitative study exploring critical care survivors' and their clinicians' shared experiences of navigating a fragmented care system

Scientific Reports

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-026-42385-3>

Mass intrahospital transport of the neonatal intensive care unit: a systems-based approach to safety, efficiency, and family-centered care

Journal of Perinatology

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41372-026-02721-x>

Improving peripheral arterial catheter placement in critically ill children: a pre-post quality improvement study

Frontiers in Pediatrics

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/pediatrics/articles/10.3389/fped.2026.1931589/full>

Insights Into Factors Affecting Nurses' Knowledge of and Attitudes Toward AI and Implications for Successful AI Integration in Critical Care: Cross-Sectional Study

JMIR Nursing

<https://nursing.jmir.org/2026/1/e85649/>

Treatment withdrawal and distress: Recognising the need for better support in critical care—A scoping review

Australian Critical Care

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aucc.2025.101459>

Latent profile analysis and influencing factors of compassion fatigue in intensive care unit nurses

Scientific Reports

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-026-48599-9>

International Competencies of Advanced Practice Nurses in Critical Care: An Integrative Review

Journal of Advanced Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1111/jan.70179>

Do-not-attempt-cardiopulmonary resuscitation decisions in critical care: The gap between theory and practice

Journal of Intensive Care Society

<https://doi.org/10.1177/17511437251369306>

Evidence-based sleep promotion in acute care from the perspective of nursing staff: a cross-sectional study

BMC Nursing

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s12912-025-04259-3>

Post-intensive Care Syndrome (PICS): an American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Critical Care Committee Consensus Guideline – Defining, Recognizing, and Managing PICS Associated Physical Impairment, Cognitive Dysfunction, and Thromboinflammatory Dysregulation

Trauma Surgery and Acute Care Open

<https://tsaco.bmj.com/content/11/2/e002172>

Current strategies and future directions to enhance recovery following critical illness

Thorax

<https://thorax.bmj.com/content/81/6/611.abstract>

Barriers and facilitators to the delivery of delirium care in intensive care units: an analysis informed by the Theoretical Domains Framework

Anaesthesia

<https://doi.org/10.1111/anae.70017> Digital Object Identifier (DOI)

Nurses' experiences of end-of-life communication with children who have life-threatening conditions in paediatric intensive care units: a qualitative descriptive study

BMC Nursing

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s12904-026-02007-1>