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CRITIQUES

October 2026

Critical Connections Bulletin

AGM

Annual General Meeting

All members are invited to attend the CACCN
Annual Meeting of the Members (AGM)

AGM Information and Registration: [HERE](#)



Meeting details

- October 22, 2026
- 1600 hrs ET
- Zoom

Registration is required.

Why you should attend

- **Exercise your Voting Rights:** Cast your vote on crucial matters like approving financial statements, or appointing auditors.
- **Financial Transparency:** Review the annually audited financial reports to see how funds or investments were managed.
- **Strategic Insights:** Hear firsthand about upcoming goals and initiatives.

Proxy Votes

- Unable to attend? Proxy Form: [PDF](#) / [PDF Fillable](#)
- Proxy votes are due by October 19, 2026 @ 1600 hrs ET.
- Proxy votes do not count towards the required quorum for voting at the meeting.

Agenda

- [Download Agenda and Information regarding voting](#)
- Access to the meeting information is available by [logging into](#) About Us: Association Reports in the Members Only area of the website: [HERE](#).
- Hold an open forum.
- Stay for the webinar: **Resuscitation to Evacuation: Critical Care Nursing Officers in the Canadian Armed Forces**



New & Returning Members!

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

Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference 2026

**Thank you to all attendees,
sponsors and exhibitors!**

Continuing Learning Hours

- The credit system remains available until November 15.
- Your username (email address) and password will be required to log in and complete the evaluation(s).
- Evaluations may be completed on a laptop, tablet, or mobile device.
- Once finished, delegates may print, email, or save their Continuing Learning Hours certificate.
- CL Hours certificates will be issued through the online system after delegates complete the full conference evaluation, including the overall evaluation and individual session evaluations.
- Link:
<https://www.xcdsystem.com/caccn/credits/index.cfm?ID=PxCwphV>



Canadian Intensive Care

WEEK

October 18 to October 25, 2026



Each year,
over 100,000 Canadians
receive life-saving care
in Intensive Care Units.

Your ICU team,
caring for patients and families
every second, every day.

The Intensive Care Team
there for **YOU**
in critical moments.



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Toot your own horn!

Start a conversation with a patient and/or their family about critical care nursing! Tell them why you do what you do! Ask if they have any questions and thank them for listening.

Offer tours of the Intensive Care Unit.

Set up an information table or display showcasing the ICU Team! Have volunteers available to share information about what we do.

Write a brief article for your hospital/facility internal newsletter!

How to participate :

Print & post **ICU Week** posters on information boards in your unit/hospital.

Encourage your CACCN [chapter leadership](#) to visit your ICU to share information about CACCN!

Tell a coworker...or two...what a great job they do on a daily basis!

The CACCN annually proclaims the last week of October as **Canadian Intensive Care Week**. This is a week to reflect on the dedication, commitment and passion of the ICU team, take time to reflect on our practice, promote the work we do, promote our workplace, acknowledge our co-workers and celebrate the work we do!

Le CACCN proclame chaque année la dernière semaine d'octobre **Semaine canadienne des soins intensifs**. C'est une semaine pour réfléchir au dévouement, à l'engagement et à la passion de l'équipe des soins intensifs, prendre le temps de réfléchir à notre pratique, promouvoir le travail que nous faisons, promouvoir notre lieu de travail, reconnaître nos collègues et célébrer le travail que nous faisons!

SEMAINE

Canadienne des Soins Intensifs

18 octobre to 25 octobre 2026



Chaque année, plus de
100 000 personnes au Canada
bénéficient des soins vitaux offerts
par les Unités de soins intensifs

L'équipe des Soins intensifs
prend en charge les patients et
leurs familles tous les jours,
à chaque instant

L'équipe des Soins intensifs
PRÉSENTE aux moments critiques



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World Federation of Critical Care Nurses

Clinical Knowledge and Practice Gap Survey

This survey aims to better understand existing gaps in clinical knowledge and practice and identify educational and system-level interventions that are practical, culturally relevant, and adaptable to resource-limited settings. Your participation is valuable in helping identify priority areas for improvement and supporting the development of meaningful, context-appropriate educational initiatives for critical care nurses worldwide.

Please complete the survey by **October 21, 2026**.

Survey links by language:

- English:
<https://form.jotform.com/261255590323050>
- French:
<https://form.jotform.com/262594996002162>
- Spanish:
<https://form.jotform.com/262595324361156>
- Portuguese:
<https://form.jotform.com/262595921647166>

Certification

Good luck to our critical care nursing colleagues writing the critical care certification examination in November!

Certification Bursaries

CACCN offers bursaries to support members on their certification journey.

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.



WFPICCS

World Federation of Pediatric Intensive & Critical Care Societies

Call for Nominations

for the

World Federation of Pediatric Intensive & Critical Care Societies (WFPICCS)

Board of Directors

1 January 2027 to 31 December 2028 term.

WFPICCS Member Societies are invited to nominate eligible colleagues to serve on the incoming WFPICCS Board. In accordance with the approved WFPICCS Bylaws, Member Societies are encouraged to consider both regional and professional balance when putting forward nominees, with the aim of supporting a broadly representative and multidisciplinary Board.

Current WFPICCS Committees and areas of activity include:

- Education
- Allied Health Professionals
- Nursing
- World PICU Awareness Week (WPAW)
- Website
- Global Health and Advocacy

If you are interested in sitting on the WFPICCS Board of Directors, please provide the following to CACCN at vicepresident@caccn.ca for consideration and submission by no later than November 2, 2026:

1. A statement of intent, outlining why the nominee would like to serve on the WFPICCS Board and how they hope to contribute to WFPICCS.
2. A current Curriculum Vitae (CV).
3. Identification of at least one WFPICCS Committee in which the nominee would be willing to actively participate during their Board term.

WFPICCS Website: <https://wfpiccs.org/>

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Care of the Critically Ill Obstetric/Peri-Partum Patient

October 14, 2026

Saskatchewan Chapter

In-Person, Virtual and Recording Options Available

Montreal Chapter Quarterly Conference

October 22, 2026

The most exciting Conference yet!

Join us for a morning of learning at the Montreal Neurological Hospital, de Grandpré Conference room, followed by an afternoon of hands-on experiences at the Strathcona Anatomy lab. We will have access to hands on learning opportunities like you have not experienced before. A morning snack and lunch will be provided.

Beyond the Alarms

October 23, 2026

Alberta Chapter and UAH GSICU Team

Featured topics include Hyperammonia Syndrome, Navigating Difficult Conversations, and Esophageal Balloons. Your ticket includes two coffee breaks, lunch, prizes, and more!

The Human Side of Health Systems: Part 1: Understanding the Individual Experience of Burnout in Critical Care Nursing

October 27 @ 1200 hrs ET

Nova Scotia Chapter

Madison Hickey is a Registered Nurse with a background in critical care, health research, implementation science, and clinical innovation, bringing a unique perspective on the relationship between nurse experience, wellness, and health-system performance. Her work is grounded in a central question relevant to critical care nursing: how can we move beyond understanding the challenges nurses face to designing systems that enable nurses, and the patients and families they care for, to thrive?

Chronic Hand Eczema w/ Cdn Association of Neonatal Nurses

November 3 @ 1200 hrs ET

This session will explore the underrecognized burden of chronic hand eczema (CHE) among Canadian nurses and its implications for workforce sustainability.

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.

Additional Educational Opportunities

The Treatment of Viral Pneumonia in Critically Ill Patients

October 21, 2026 @ 12:00 hrs ET

Learning Objectives:

1. Discuss the clinical presentation and epidemiology of critical illness due to influenza.
2. Explain the latest evidence for antiviral use in critically ill patients with influenza.
3. Compare the role and impact of steroids in influenza pneumonia versus other viral pneumonias.

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Mucolytic Agents Within the Ventilated Patient Population

November 27, 2026 @ 1200 hrs ET

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the mechanisms by which mechanical ventilation impairs mucociliary clearance and predisposes to mucus plugging.
2. Distinguish the main mucoactive agent classes and their mechanisms.
3. Summarize current evidence for mucoactive therapy in ventilated patients.
4. Describe a potential approach to mucolytic prescribing: indications, safety, alternatives.

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Leading science. Leading practice.

The Critical Care Canada Forum (CCCCF) is an internationally recognized conference dedicated to advancing the care of critically ill patients. We bring together healthcare professionals, researchers, and trainees to share knowledge, showcase innovation, and foster collaboration that improves critical care practice and patient outcomes.



**November
23-25, 2026**

Sheraton Centre
Toronto, Canada



**Pre-Conference
November
21-22, 2026**



Pre-Conference: 7 Sessions Over 2 Days **Main Event: 70 Sessions Over 3 Days**

- Acute Respiratory Failure / Mechanical Ventilation
- ECMO & Mechanical Circulatory Support
- Shock, Hemodynamics & Cardiovascular Critical Care
- Neurocritical Care
- Sepsis, Infection & Immunology
- Recovery, Outcomes & ICU Survivorship
- Education, Ethics, Systems & ICU Practice

Plus interactive sessions, hands-on workshops, morning and lunch rounds, industry showcase and poster presentations!

Why Attend?



Over 900+ Attendees



From 32 Countries (primarily Canada & USA)



Multiple Hands-On Workshops & Interactive Sessions



150+ International Faculty



120+ Research Abstracts



10+ Free Educational Webinars per Year

The most comprehensive critical care education program of the year!

Early Bird Deadline: October 7, 2026

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PUBLICATIONS

2025-26 HEC Impact Report: Forward, Together

Healthcare Excellence Canada

https://a-ca.storyblok.com/f/850807391887861/x/9d4c7235d8/healthcare-excellence-canada-impact-report-2025-26-en-compressed.pdf?utm_source=email&utm_medium=mailout&utm_campaign=impact-report-2026

The heartbeat of nursing: finding purpose through advocacy – A message to every nursing student and nurse: your voice matters

Canadian Nurse

<https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2026/10/05/heartbeat-of-nursing?zs=71I9O1&zl=OVim3>

A review of free radicals and antioxidants for critical care nurses

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2004.07.007>

Reducing workplace injuries: impact of an air-powered turning system on staff safety and satisfaction

Canadian Nurse

<https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2026/08/24/workplace-injuries-air-powered-turning-system?zs=71I9O1&zl=dVim3>

Implementing Evidence-Based Practice in Critical Care Nursing: An Ethnographic Case Study of Knowledge Use

Journal of Advanced Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1111/jan.70054>

Translating compassion into innovation: why nurses belong at the decision-making table

Canadian Nurse

<https://www.canadian-nurse.com/blogs/cn-content/2026/09/28/translating-compassion-into-innovation?zs=71I9O1&zl=RVim3>

Experiences of intensive care nurses on dying with dignity: A qualitative study

Nursing Ethics

<https://doi.org/10.1177/09697330251403146>

Palliative Care in Intensive Care Units: Nurses' Perspectives on Challenges and Strategies

BACCN

<https://doi.org/10.1111/nicc.70240>

Dual role caregivers in critical care nursing: Matrescence and workforce sustainability

Intensive and Critical Care Nursing

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2026.104334>

Not So F.A.S.T.: Uncovering the Decision Making Processes Behind Seeking Emergency Medical Care for Stroke Among Survivors and Their Caregivers — An Exploratory Qualitative Descriptive Study in Northern British Columbia

Canadian Journal of Cardiovascular Nurses

<https://cccn.ca/uploads/6aba6620d6a3c.pdf>

Basilic vein transposition arteriovenous fistula: Outcomes in a tertiary hospital

Canadian Journal of Vascular Access

<https://cvaa.info/Portals/0/2026%20Files/Publications/20-2%20Tanmit%20et%20al.pdf>

Intravenous fluid resuscitation: Learning from a case study with complex presentation

British Journal of Nursing

<https://cvaa.info/Portals/0/2026%20Files/Publications/20-2%20Henson%20and%20Perkins.pdf>