CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CRITICAL CARE NURSES

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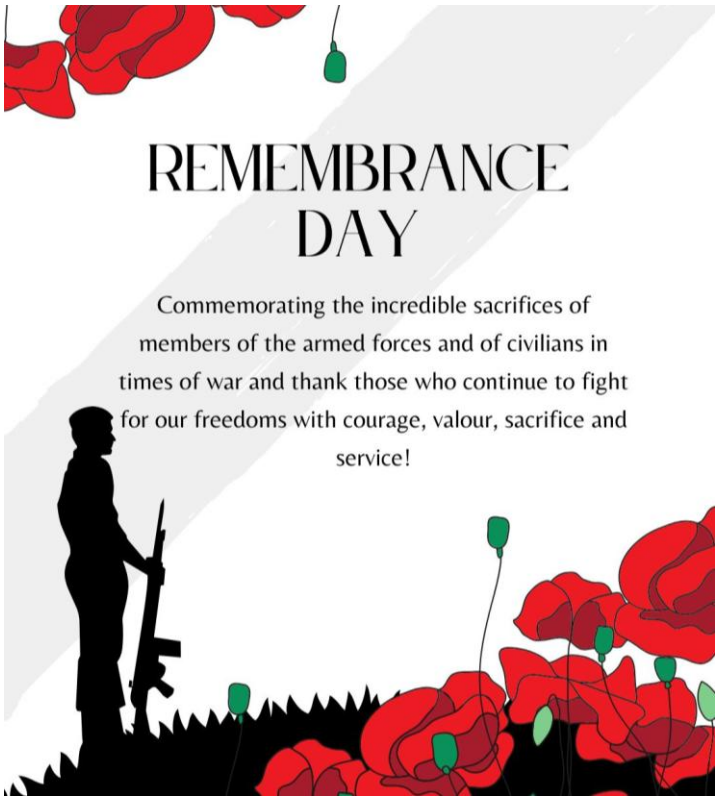
Critical Connections Bulletin

November 2026

This month we thank our Canadian Armed Forces for their service to our country.





AGM
Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all members who attended the CACCN Annual General Meeting of the Members on October 22, 2026.

Meeting information is available by logging into **About Us: Association Reports** in the **Members Only** area of the website - **HERE**

- AGM Minutes 2026 (draft)
- Annual Report 2025-2026
- Financial Statements 2025-2026
- General Operating Bylaw No 3

Certification

Good luck to our critical care nursing colleagues writing the critical care certification examination this month!

DON'T FORGET!

CACCN Certification Bursaries

CACCN offers bursaries to support members on their certification journey.

Initial Certification - Two bursaries $500/each.
Renewal Certification - Four bursaries $250/each.

Criteria – must meet the Overall Award Criteria and exam or renewal completed in 2026.

Apply by March 31, 2027:
https://caccn.ca/awardsandrecognition/

Welcome!

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

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Webinar Recordings
Upcoming Events page at the bottom!
Links to open access webinars and webinars in Members Only: https://caccn.ca/upcoming-events/

CACCN National

Initial Burn Care and Stabilization – Priorities in the First 24 Hours
Rescheduled to: January 14, 2027 at 1300 hrs ET
Registration

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. In this engaging 40-45-minute session, participants will review the key principles of burn management within the first 24 hours. The presentation will explore early assessment priorities, evidence-based fluid resuscitation strategies, recognition of the systemic hypermetabolic response, and interventions that support recovery while minimizing complications. Challenges and pitfalls of initial burn care will be discussed while transfer to specialized burn centers is being organized. The session concludes with a live 15-minute question-and-answer period focused on practical challenges and real-world clinical application. The target audience for this webinar is critical care nurses who are not experienced in providing burn care or who work in specialized burn care centers but may not work with this population.

Critical Care Canada Forum Academy

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.

REGISTER NOW

Preconference ~ CCCF

Serious Illness Conversations in Critical Care: A Skills-Based Workshop
Date: Saturday, November 21, 2026
Time: 1:00 – 5:00PM

Registration: Please click HERE

Conversations about serious illness are among the most challenging – and most important – moments in critical care. Whether discussing prognosis, exploring goals of care, or supporting families through difficult decisions, skilled communication is essential to patient-centered care. This interactive workshop equips healthcare professionals with practical, evidence-based communication skills through expert facilitation, realistic case discussions, and hands-on practice.

PUBLICATIONS

The Health and Well-Being of Trans and Nonbinary Youth in Canada
The Royal Society of Canada
https://rsc-src.ca/en/research-and-reports/health-and-well-being-trans-and-nonbinary-youth-in-canada
Webinar:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GWPMDVAMLQ

La santé et le bien-être des jeunes trans et non-binaires au Canada
La Société royale du Canada
https://rsc-src.ca/fr/research-and-reports/la-sant%C3%A9-le-bien-%C3%AAtre-des-jeunes-trans-non-binaires-au-canada
Webinaire:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GWPMDVAMLQ

Exploring generation Z nurses' experiences of shift work in intensive care units: A qualitative analysis
Intensive and Critical Care Nursing
https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2026.104489

Exploring and strengthening day-to-day teamwork in critical care: a qualitative study
Intensive and Critical Care Nursing
https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iccn.2026.104605

critical care canada FORUM

November 23–25, 2026
Sheraton Centre Toronto, Canada

Pre-Conference November 21–22, 2026



Leading science. Leading practice.

The Critical Care Canada Forum (CCCF) 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.

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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