

MANITOBA CHAPTER CACCN

SPRING 2008 NEWSLETTER

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President's Report Lissa Currie

How time flies! I cannot believe a year has gone by already. I would like to thank the Executive for all the hard work they have done behind the scenes to keep the Manitoba Chapter viable and strong. It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with such an enthusiastic group. A special

thank you to Karen Schnell-Hoehn for all the support and mentorship she has shown me. The Conference Committee has been hard at work planning the annual Edge of Excellence. We are very excited with its new case presentation format and location. This year's event will be held at the Club Regent on May 12th, 2008. Mark your calendars; you don't want to miss it!!!

The Chapter's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will also be held on May 12th, 2008 as a breakfast meeting. All members are invited to attend the AGM. Simply indicate your plan to attend on your Edge of Excellence registration form in the space provided. Business at hand will include the elections of the 2008-2009 Executive and awarding of the Critical Care Nurse of the Year Award. Please feel free to contact myself or any member of the Executive if you or someone you know is interested in becoming involved with the Manitoba Chapter Executive. It is a rewarding learning experience and an excellent way to network with fellow critical care nurses throughout the province. Throughout the year, the Executive has been busy

developing newsletter submission guidelines, updating the Chapter web page and working on initiatives to encourage membership. Our goal in updating the Chapter web page is to create an up to date resource for our membership. We also would like to place photos featuring our members in action on the website and are asking for help from some of our camera savvy members. If you have any photos that you would like to submit, please email to lcurrie@sbgh.mb.ca.

National CACCN is very busy planning Dynamics 2008 in Montreal. It is going to be a fantastic event celebrating CACCN's 25th Silver Anniversary. Look for brochures arriving in the mail sometime in early May.

That's all for now, hope to see you on May 12th at Edge.



Past President's Report Karen Schnell-Hoehn

This past year, I have had the pleasure of working with an enthusiastic group on the Executive

who have brought fresh ideas and quality educational workshops to membership. It has been a very rewarding experience to have been involved with the Manitoba Chapter Executive of CACCN for the past seven years. During this time, I have seen a lot of growth and accomplishments with the Manitoba Chapter, as I have moved from Programs Chair/Co-Chair to Chapter President, and now Past President. I encourage members to consider becoming involved with the Executive, as we are always looking for keen and eager nurses willing to shape the future of critical care nursing in Manitoba. Please mark your calendar for Edge of Excellence on May 12th, as this conference is set to be a very exciting event with a new location and lots of interesting presenters. Hope to see you there!!

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**Vice President
Sean Jardine**

Hello to all members. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Vice President of your Chapter for the 2007-2008 term. We have had a successful year with exciting workshops and what looks to be a great conference at Dynamics in a few months. I would like to welcome all our new members and thank all of our current and long term members for helping make our Chapter a strong one. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Edge of Excellence Conference in May.
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**Secretary
Rhonda Matheson**

Reflecting on the past year the Manitoba Chapter has accomplished a lot and shows no signs of slowing down! The monthly meetings are always jam packed. Every meeting our finances are updated and initiatives for membership recruitment are discussed (see the MB webpage for details of the stethoscope draw!). The Committee planned 2 excellent workshops for the year and published 2 newsletters. The Edge of Excellence Committee (a sub committee of the Manitoba Chapter) has been meeting every 2 weeks in preparation for the exciting day conference on May 12th, 2008. Dynamics in Montreal should also be a great time in September, 2008. The Manitoba webpage has been developed to include helpful links and upcoming events, so be sure to log on and stay tuned! Thanks to the CACCN Executive for a great year, and thank you to all the members for joining and taking an interest in critical care nursing!
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**Treasurer
Sandra Christie**

Greetings. Our current account balance is \$13,286.17 in chequing and \$5,000.00 in a Guaranteed Investment Certificate. In the previous newsletter I indicated that the Executive was exploring the idea of completing an audit of the account. Unfortunately, the quoted cost of an audit was around \$4,000-5,000. Given the balance of our accounts it did not seem that completing an audit was in the best interest of the membership at this time. Please feel free to send me your comments on the issue. Thanks and have a great Spring.
sandra.christie@yahoo.ca



**Membership/Contact Report
Rosalie Grant**

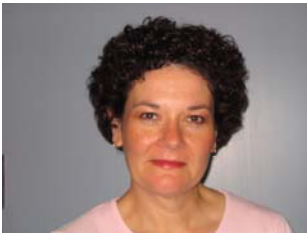
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being members and for helping us make this Chapter a success! I would also like to invite you to cash in on some opportunities to save some money on future membership fees and at a chance to enter a ballot into the draw for a Littman Stethoscope!! If you take advantage of the Twin and Win promotion being offered by CACCN National you can reduce your fees by \$10 for each additional member you sign up. As an added bonus our Manitoba Chapter will be having a draw at the Edge of Excellence Conference for a Littman Stethoscope on May 12th!! All you have to do to get a ballot is to purchase a membership and/or sign up new members. We are trying to meet National's Challenge to increase membership by 25% to celebrate CACCN's 25th Anniversary. Take advantage of these great opportunities in addition to the benefits you are entitled to just for being a member!!

I would also like to take a moment to ask for some help in informing our Chapter if you have changed your E-mail or home address, or if you are

aware of members who may not be receiving newsletters or workshop information. Any suggestions for improving the delivery of information or for any interest in participating on the committee can be sent to rggrant@mts.net. Thank you for your cooperation and support!!!



Program Co-Chair
Chris Kuttinig



Program Co-Chair
Shelley Munro

On November 21, 2007, a group of approximately 56 nurses attended an evening education session at the Sam Cohen Auditorium at St. Boniface Hospital on "*Everything an ICU Nurse needs to know about HIT*". Dr. Eric Jacobsohn, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anesthesia at the University of Manitoba and Medical Director for the WRHA Anesthesia Program provided us with an informative presentation about heparin-induced thrombocytopenia. We were fortunate to have Jackie Ataman from Organon provide an unrestricted education grant for the CACCN MB Chapter as per Dr. Jacobsohn's request. The evaluation forms from the education day provided some comments we wanted to share with you.

Facility: "very comfortable", "name of the building would have been helpful", "a little too cool though"

Presentation topic: "very informative", "very good"

Additional comments: "very informative and interesting", "great presentation", "Dr. Jacobson is a wonderful speaker", "excellent presentation", "I enjoyed the presentation very much! The speaker was excellent."

Suggestions for future topics: "cardiac tamponade", "DIC", "sepsis", "arrhythmia treatment", "respiratory conditions – BOOP"

Suggestions for future locations/facility: "The Gates", "Club Regent", "McPhillip Street Station", "Nursing Education Parlour"

March 3, 2008 was our Spring education session. Sara Unrau, RN, BN and Margaret Lukianchuk, RN shared their case presentation entitled "*Age 20: 1 Appy, 181 Blood Products, 124 Days in Hospital. What went wrong?*" at the Concordia Hospital. Thank you to both for their informative talk on systemic capillary leak syndrome. 15 nurses were in attendance. CACCN members attended free of charge. Some of the feedback from this session included:

"Excellent presentation! Very well organized and succinct."

"Excellent presentation. Interesting care."

"Well done, informational, concise and organized."

"Well done."

"Very interesting."

Thank you to those that attended the education sessions. We hope to continue to provide future sessions that are so well received. We look forward to seeing you at our annual Edge of Excellence

Conference on May 12, 2008 at the Club Regent Casino.

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Publicity Newsletter Chair
Trica Garrioch

2007-2008 has been an exciting year. The dynamic members of CACCN Manitoba Chapter have suggested some interesting changes. You have already witnessed the move to the Spring and Fall electronic newsletters. In future, we will be moving the Education Fund Guidelines and Guidelines for Newsletter submissions to the Chapter website caccn@caccn.ca (follow the link to MB Chapter). This will keep the newsletter from containing the same content time after time and save some trees. We will be continuing to look at other content to be placed on the website rather than in the newsletter. We have dedicated a column to upcoming educational events occurring within our province. If you have any educational opportunity that would be of interest to Critical Care Nurses let us know. We would also like to start a section for..... "members in the news"....and....."from your department"...do you have something new and interesting you have tried and wish to share? We would like to hear from you. Feel free to contact myself or any of the executive with comments, ideas and feedback.

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NOTICE OF MEETING AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given by the Manitoba Chapter President of CACCN to all members that the Annual General Meeting of the Chapter will be held on Monday, *May 12, 2008* from 0730 – 0830, at Club Regent Casino, 1425 Regent West., Winnipeg, MB.

This will be a general Chapter meeting where all members are welcome to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to review annual activities of the Chapter, accept committee reports, discuss Chapter business, elect Executive Officers for 2008/09, and present the Manitoba Chapter Critical Care Nurse of the Year Award(s).

Elections for all Executive positions (except Conference Chair) will occur at this meeting. Duties for 2008/09 Executive will begin in June for a term of one year. All Manitoba Chapter CACCN members are invited to nominate for the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer,

Membership Chair, Program Chair, Newsletter/ Publicity Chair.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Approximately two months prior to the date of the election, the membership will be informed of all vacant positions for officers along with the job descriptions of these positions. Members will be invited to submit nominations of members to serve in those positions. This invitation will include the time and date for receipt of nominations, approximately one month prior to the date of the AGM.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at this meeting. Once there has been a reasonable opportunity to nominate, it will be announced that nominations are closed. Voting may be performed by secret ballot or by a show of hands.

The chief scrutineer presents the results to the president, who will in turn announce the results to the general membership.

**MANITOBA CHAPTER - CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CRITICAL CARE NURSES
ELECTION OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
NOMINATION FORM**

I, _____ A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE C.A.C.C.N., DO
HEREBY NOMINATE _____
FOR THE POSITION OF _____.

Signature of nominator

Signature of nominee

Membership number

Membership number

VOTING

If members are unable to attend the annual general meeting but wish to have a vote cast, a proxy form may be completed and given to a member who will be in attendance at the meeting. Each member present (or represented by proxy) shall be entitled to one vote on each matter of business brought before the general membership.

Proxy votes must be registered with the secretary of the Manitoba Chapter prior to commencement of the meeting. All members shall be entitled to vote and must present their membership card upon request, as proof of active membership. Voting shall be by a show of hands unless otherwise directed by the residing officer. The residing officer of the meeting shall appoint two or

more members of the general membership to act as scrutineers. The scrutineers shall arrange for the holding of any vote, shall distribute, collect and count ballots if used, and shall report the results. Any decision made, as a result of a vote at a meeting shall take effect at the conclusion of the meeting if it is consistent with the National Association's bylaws.

MANITOBA CHAPTER OF THE CACCN - PROXY FORM

I, _____ A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE
C.A.C.C.N., DO AUTHORIZE _____ ALSO A MEMBER IN GOOD
STANDING TO VOTE FOR ME ON THE ISSUES OF _____
AT THE MEETING DATED _____ .

Signature

C.A.C.C.N. Number

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee will consist of:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Past President
- d. Secretary
- e. Treasurer
- f. Membership Chairperson
- g. Programs Chairperson
- h. Publicity/Newsletter Chairperson
- i. Conference Chairperson

a. PRESIDENT

Purpose:

1. Oversee chapter activities.
2. Act as chapter spokesperson and liaise with general membership, executive, and the national board.

Responsibilities:

1. Possess a working knowledge of the organizational structure for CACCN.
2. Establish and carry out the annual chapter goals/objectives with the executive.
3. Organize and preside at meetings of the general membership and the executive.
4. Serve as an ex-officio on all standing chapter committees.
5. Communicate chapter progress, nursing issues and national board information to the general membership.
6. Communicate information from the national board meeting minutes to the executive in a timely manner
7. Ensure chapter records are maintained and reports submitted to the national board in a timely manner.
8. Prepare the annual report for the chapter annual general meeting (AGM) and the national board.

b. VICE-PRESIDENT

Purpose:

1. Become familiar with the activities and president role of the chapter.

2. Assume the presidential role in the absence of the president at national and chapter meetings.

Responsibilities:

1. Assist the president and ensure leadership continuity in the executive.
2. Preside at meetings of general membership and the executive in the absence of the president.
3. Promote chapter activities to the critical care community.
4. Assist the executive and the conference planning committee as requested.
5. Be familiar with the chapter constitution and bylaws.
6. Prepare and present a report at the chapter AGM.

c. PAST PRESIDENT:

Purpose:

1. Support and guide the president and vice-president.
2. Assume the presidential role in the absence of both the president and vice-president at national and chapter meetings.
3. Act as a resource for the executive.

Responsibilities:

1. Assist with executive tasks as requested.
2. Preside at meetings of general membership and the executive in the absence of both the president and vice-president.

3. Prepare and present a report at the chapter AGM.

d. SECRETARY

Purpose:

1. Provide continuity of chapter proceedings through record keeping of all official activities.
2. Facilitate open communication among the executive through regular correspondence.

Responsibilities:

1. Maintain all official chapter records, including the constitution, by-laws, and minutes from the executive and the AGM.
2. Prepare and distribute meeting minutes to the executive in a timely manner.
3. Provide a verbal report of chapter minutes from the previous meeting as requested.
4. Remind the executive of upcoming meetings or responsibilities as required.
5. Provide chapter sub-committees with correspondence in their activities as required.
6. Prepare and present a report at the chapter AGM.

e. TREASURER

Purpose

1. Oversee the financial transactions of the chapter
2. Maintain all financial chapter records

Responsibilities

1. Review chapter finances for the previous year and prepare a budget for the fiscal year in consultation with the executive
2. Daily fiscal operation of the chapter, including:
 - Checking invoices and paying bills
 - Preparing bank deposits
 - Recording all payments and deposits
 - Ensuring all discrepancies with the monthly bank account are resolved
 - Processing expense reports of all executive members
3. Maintain accurate, systematic financial reports of the chapter.
4. Prepare and send the quarterly chapter financial reports to the national board as requested.

5. Prepare and present financial reports for executive meetings and the AGM.

f. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

Purpose:

1. Promote membership to nurses working in critical care or those with an active interest in critical care.
2. Liaise between executive and the provincial contacts.

Responsibilities:

1. Develop and carry out annual strategies for chapter recruitment and retention.
2. Maintain a current membership list from the national board (including member name, employer, CACCN number, contact information, membership expiry date).
3. Prepare and distribute membership renewal reminders.
4. Update and maintain the list of provincial contact persons.
5. Assist the program chairperson by informing the contact persons of upcoming chapter events.
6. Provide the executive with current mailing list as required.
7. Maintain attendance records for chapter activities and events.
8. Prepare and present a report at the chapter AGM.

g. PROGRAMS CHAIRPERSON

Purpose:

1. Provide quality critical care educational sessions in a fiscally responsible manner.
2. Assess and strive to meet the educational needs of the membership.

Responsibilities:

1. Organize and implement chapter programs based on the educational needs of the membership.
2. Implementation of the following components of program planning:
 - Arrange suitable facility location, date and time
 - Select presenter(s) and presentation topic(s)
 - Arrange presenter requirements (audiovisual, handouts, transportation) as requested
 - Introduction of presenter(s)
 - Compilation of evaluations

- Design advertising for the educational activity and submit to the publicity/newsletter chairperson for distribution
 - Arrange refreshments as required
3. Collaborate with the treasurer and adhere to budget guidelines for chapter educational programs
 4. Communicate with the publicity chairperson regarding printing and distribution of chapter program advertising.
 5. Ensure educational sessions are delivered in a fiscally responsible manner by soliciting sponsorship when appropriate.
 6. Prepare and present a report at the chapter AGM.

h. PUBLICITY/NEWSLETTER CHAIRPERSON

Purpose:

1. Communicate chapter activities to the general membership and the provincial contact persons.
2. Provide regular chapter newsletters to the membership throughout the year.

Responsibilities:

1. Arrange printing and distribution of chapter correspondence and newsletter to the membership and the provincial contacts.
2. Prepare the newsletter through the following activities:
 - Encourage members to submit items for the newsletter
 - Gather articles, reports and other items submitted for the newsletter and organizing the newsletter layout/format
 - Edit the newsletter content prior to submission to the typist.

- Submit the hard copy and electronic version of the newsletter to the typist
 - Proof read the newsletter once completed by the typist and arranging the printing
 - Distribute the newsletter to the membership and provincial contacts
3. Arrange printing and distribution of chapter program advertising in collaboration with the program chairperson.
 4. Act as the liaison between the typist, printer and the executive.
 5. Prepare and present a report at the chapter AGM.

i. CONFERENCE CHAIRPERSON

Purpose:

1. Coordinate the annual critical care nursing conference for the Chapter
2. Oversee conference planning activities and develop a program with a variety of critical care nursing presentations.

Responsibilities:

1. Develop a conference planning timetable including long range conference goals.
2. Organize and preside over conference planning committee meetings.
3. Act as a liaison between the conference planning committee and the executive
4. Delegate specific duties to members of the conference planning committee and the executive in relation to the conference.
5. Prepare an evaluation form for the conference and compile the overall conference evaluation.
6. Prepare and present a report on the previous conference at the Chapter AGM





Manitoba Chapter Critical Care Nurse of the Year Award

Background:

Since 1990, the Manitoba Chapter CACCN has presented the Critical Care Nurse of the Year Award to a local Chapter member who consistently exemplifies critical care nursing excellence. This award recognizes chapter member(s) who promote critical care nursing, exhibit professionalism, and demonstrate proficiency in critical care. Extra-ordinary nurses and their accomplishments should not be taken for granted! The selection will be made by the Manitoba Chapter Executive, Awards Sub-Committee. The award consists of a commemorative plaque and honorarium presented at the Annual General Meeting on May 12, 2008. The nomination deadline is **April 12, 2008**.

Eligibility:

1. Must be a member in good standing of the Manitoba Chapter CACCN.
2. A Critical Care Nurse working in Pediatric, Neonatal or Adult Critical Care.
3. A Critical Care Nurse working at the bedside or in management, research, administration or education.

Ineligibility:

1. A member of the Executive of the Manitoba Chapter - CACCN.
2. A past recipient of less than 3 years.

Information Required for Nomination:

1. A completed nominee form found below.
2. A write up (minimum: 250 words) describing why the nominee should receive the award. This should include a specific example in at least one of the following areas:
 - Promotion of critical care nursing in Manitoba
 - Exhibits a high degree of professionalism
 - Demonstration of proficiency in critical care

Submission Deadline – April 12, 2008

Nominee Information:

Name: _____
Address: _____ Postal Code _____
Telephone (Home) _____ (Work) _____
Employer _____

Nominated by: (print name/signature)

1. _____
2. _____

Certification by Nominee:

I, _____ have read the information contained herein and certify it to be accurate. I hereby allow my name to stand for nomination of the Manitoba Chapter Critical Care Nurse of the Year Award.

Mail to: Awards Committee, Manitoba Chapter CACCN
Box 2236
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3C 3R5

EDUCATION FUND GUIDELINES (see website in future)

The Manitoba Chapter of CACCN annually allocates funds to promote professional development and financially support members attending short-term critical care educational sessions. At the discretion of the Education Fund Committee, funding will be awarded to those seeking critical care CNA certification, or those attending critical care workshops or conferences. To ensure equitable distribution of funds,

applicants are required to identify all alternate funding applied for in relation to their CACCN education fund request.

Process:

Applicants must be members of the Manitoba Chapter for a minimum of two years prior to the application date. The funding approval and amount dispensed will be determined by the Education Fund Committee using the merit points system as a guide. All applications must be received prior to the education session. Original receipts must be submitted within 30 days following the session (photocopies are NOT accepted). Successful applicants are required to submit an article on the educational session attended or a critical care topic of interest for the newsletter before funding is dispensed (see newsletter submission guidelines).

MERIT POINTS SYSTEM AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:

Points

CACCN Membership.....	10/ year
Current CNA Certification in Critical Care	15

Points accrued below will revert to zero once funding is received:

Attendance at Chapter/National Annual General Meeting(s)	15/meeting
Attendance of Chapter workshop(s).....	10/workshop
Attendance of Edge of Excellence Conference(s).....	25/conference
Attendance at Dynamics Conference(s).....	25/conference
Chapter Executive Member.....	40/year
Chapter Contact Person.....	10/year
Member of the Planning Committee for Edge of Excellence.....	25/year
Chapter Newsletter submission in the last 12 months..... <i>(excluding Executive Reports & submissions related to Education Funding)</i>	15/submission
CACCN Presenter at Chapter or National Conference(s)/Workshop(s).....	25/presentation
CACCN Poster presentation at National Conference(s)/Workshop(s).....	10/presentation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Must have accumulated a minimum of 50 points to be eligible for funding. ■ Annual maximum funding per applicant is \$500.00 |
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Funding will be awarded in June and November annually.

Mail applications to: Education Fund
Manitoba Chapter, CACCN
P.O. Box 2236
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3C 3R5

CACCN Manitoba Chapter - Education Fund Application Form

Personal Information:

Application date: _____ Name: _____
 Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Employer/Department: _____

Education Session Information:

Education session/workshop title: _____
 Location: _____ Date(s): _____ Tuition: _____
 How does this apply to your current critical care practice? _____

Funding Request Information:

Funding amount requested: _____ Funding request usage (tuition, CNA exam, airfare): _____
 Have you received past chapter funding? Yes No → Indicate date & funding amount received: _____
 Have you *applied* for alternate funding? Yes No → Indicate funding source & amount requested: _____
 Have you *received/ been approved* for alternate funding? Yes No → If yes, how much: _____

Merit Point Activities	Point System	Accrued Point	Name & date of activity
CACCN Membership	10/ year		
CNA Certification in Critical Care	15		<i>*attach copy of certificate</i>
Attend Chapter/National AGM(s)	15/meeting		
Attend Chapter workshop(s)	10/workshop		
Attend Edge of Excellence Conference(s)	25/conference		
Attend Dynamics Conference(s)	25/conference		
Chapter Executive	40/year		
Chapter Contact Person	10/year		
Member of the Planning Committee for Edge of Excellence	25/year		
Chapter Newsletter submission in the last 12 mths	15/submission		
Presenter at CACCN Chapter or National Conference/Workshop	25/presentation		
Poster presentation at a CACCN National Conference	10/presentation		
Total Accrued Points			

* Applicants may be asked by the Education Fund Committee to provide proof of the merit activities listed

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Education Fund Committee only

Date received: _____ Date reviewed: _____

Approved → amount _____ Not Approved → reason: _____

Signature of CACCN Chapter Education Fund Chair: _____

Guidelines for Newsletter submissions for CACCN Manitoba Chapter *(see website in future)*

These guidelines reflect the mission statement of CACCN to:

- Promote and facilitate professional development in Critical Care Nursing.
- Provide opportunities for networking.
- Provide an avenue to promote educational opportunities.

Criteria for all newsletter submissions:

- Topics must be relevant to Critical Care
- Reference(s) are required.
- Submissions must not exceed two double spaced typed pages.

Submissions received 30 days prior to printing will be included in current newsletter.

Submissions will be subject to approval and editing prior to printing.

Newsletter submissions from CACCN Educational Fund applicants must meet the following guidelines IN ADDITION to those indicated above:

- Submissions must be received within 60 days of the event for which funding is received.
- Submissions must be a minimum of two double spaced typed pages.
- Submissions will be printed in the subsequent newsletter.

Revised February 2007

Ask the Expert

If you have a question, it is likely half of our readers have the same question. Send them to us at caccn@caccn.ca and follow the link to Manitoba Chapter.

Anaesthesiologists are using Voluven intraoperatively as well as post operatively. Can you tell us more about this product?

Voluven is an artificial colloid that is classified as a plasma volume expander. Also known as hydroxyethyl starch and as HES 130/0.4. It has been in use in other countries for the past six years and available for use in Canada since September 2007. Voluven is available as 6% hydroxyethyl starch in 0.9% normal saline in both a 250 ml and a 500ml volume.

It is indicated for the treatment of hypovolemia where plasma volume expansion is required. It is not a blood substitute.

Contraindications include:

- Intracranial bleeding
- Hyperhydration
- Dialysis patients
- Severe hypernatremia
- Severe hyperchloremia

Known hypersensitivity Cautions:

- Use cautiously when risk of congestive heart failure and fluid overload is high
- Use cautiously in patients with renal failure, especially if oliguric or anuric not related to hypovolemia
- Serum amylase elevation may be observed following administration (common)
- Pruritis may be prolonged and refractory to standard treatments (common)
- Elder alert related to susceptibility to fluid overload

Hazards:

- Anaphylactoid/hypersensitivity reaction may range from mild influenza like symptoms to bradycardia, tachycardia, bronchospasm and non-cardiac pulmonary edema (rare)
- Coagulation disorders such as alteration of PT, PTT, bleeding and clotting prolongation and decreased hematocrit may be

secondary to dilution and will be dose related.

- Similarities and differences with Pentaspan:
 - Both are derived from the same source (amylopectine)
 - Pentaspan is a 10% starch and Voluven a 6% starch
 - Pentaspan has a pH of ~5 and Voluven a pH of ~4-5.5
 - Dose for Pentaspan is 28 ml/kg/day to a maximum of 72 hours
 - Dose for Voluven is 33 ml/kg/day, may be repeated over several days
 - Effects of volume expansion from time of administration may last 6 hours for Voluven (more rapid clearance)
 - Effects of volume expansion will last 18-24 hours for Pentaspan

Thanks to Theresa Wiwchar, Transfusion Medicine for her assistance.

Canadian Nurses Association Certification in Critical Care

Certification is an excellent way to show your commitment to a national standard of professional competence and demonstrates your broad understanding in your nursing specialty of Critical Care.

CACCN in conjunction with CNA believe the benefits of being certified are...

- Confirms the currency of your knowledge in your specialty
- Demonstrates your sincere commitment to your profession, your specialty and your career
- Shows your desire to challenge your skills and knowledge at a national level
- Prepares you for positions of greater responsibility in your specialty
- Provides evidence of your credibility, marketability and recognition to the public, your peers and other health-care professionals
- Includes you in a countrywide community of nurses committed to nursing excellence and continuing competence

If you are interested in working towards certification in critical care, please contact Lissa Currie at 235-3492 or by email at lcurrie@sbgh.mb.ca

Come celebrate NURSES' WEEK @
the Edge of Excellence Conference
May 12, 2008

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Educational Opportunities

April 10 & 11, 2008

Is your finger on the pulse?

Cardiorespiratory Research & Best Practice
Canada Inns, Fort Garry

www.ciare.ca

April 14, 2008

Critical Eye...Facing the New Challenges in
Critical Care

...Pregnancy to Ecstasy

Club Regent

LLemoine@hsc.mb.ca

May 12, 2008

CACCN Manitoba Chapter Annual Conference &
Meeting

Edge of Excellence (brochure in newsletter)

Club Regent

Manitoba@caccn.ca

September 28 - 30, 2008

CACCN National Association

Dynamics of Critical Care Conference

Montreal, Quebec

caccn@caccn.ca

Scholarships & Awards

June 1, 2008 submission deadline

Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award

The Guardian Scholarship Excellence in Patient
Safety.

September 1, 2008 submission deadline

Smiths Educational Award

For further information go to www.caccn.ca

Please send notice of educational opportunities to
pgarrioch@sbgh.mb.ca