



Welcome to CACCN's  
Critical Connections Bulletin!  
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The CACCN is pleased to bring you this monthly email to keep you informed regarding the latest association news, events, and contests.

🌿 **NEW TO CACCN?**

The Board of Directors is extending a hearty welcome to all new and renewing CACCN members. We are looking forward to your involvement in the CACCN at the Chapter and National levels.

Please visit our website at [www.caccn.ca](http://www.caccn.ca) or feel free to contact [National Office](#), if you have a question or require additional information.

🌿 **TWIN and WIN 2009**

**Twin and Win is almost over for 2009.** Don't miss your chance to lower your membership renewal fees by recruiting a **NEW** member to CACCN. For additional information, view the [Twin and Win Flyer](#)

🌿 **CARDINAL HEALTH CANADA - "Appreciation through Education" Program**

*Time is running out for your hospital to participate in this program.* The program ends **April 30, 2009** with education credits available for "spending" from August 15, 2009 to August 15, 2010. For additional information, please visit: [Cardinal Health Appreciation through Education Program](#)

🌿 **"Nursing - You Can't Live Without It!"**

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL NURSING WEEK May 11 to 17, 2009**

Send in a picture, story or poem to help promote understanding of Critical Care Nursing for a chance to **win early bird tuition** to Dynamics 2009 in Fredericton, NB. **Deadline for entry submission is May 1, 2009** For additional information: [Nursing Week Contest](#)

Note: If sending a photo, it should be provided in jpg format. The size of photo should be 670 x 200.

🌿 **DYNAMICS 2009 – SEPTEMBER 27 TO 29, 2009 - FREDERICTON, NB**

Look for your Dynamics 2009 Brochure in the Summer Abstract Edition of the Dynamics Journal, on CACCN Communication Boards and on our website in mid-May 2009. Online registration is set to be implemented as of July 1, 2009.

🌿 **CACCN POSITION STATEMENTS - CALL FOR MEMBERS**

CACCN will be reviewing, updating and developing new Position Statements this year. Visit Publications: Position Statements for more information.

If you are interested in participating, please send your name, contact information, including email address, brief resume/cv and the statement you wish to work on to National Office at [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca) or via fax at 519-649-1458.

🌿 **UPCOMING CACCN AWARD DEADLINES**

Take advantage of the Awards offered by CACCN. **We all know someone who meets the criteria for at least one of the awards -- send your nominations today !!**

Deadline for submission / nomination for the following awards is **June 1, 2009**.

[BBraun Mentorship Award](#) - **Award Available \$ 1,000:** presented to an individual who exhibits stellar leadership and mentoring abilities in critical care !!

[Baxter Guardian Scholarship Award](#) - **Award Available \$ 5,000:** presented to an individual or an interdisciplinary team who propose to make, or who have made, significant contributions toward patient and/or caregiver safety in the critical care environment.

[Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award](#) - **Award Available – Engraved Trophy, plus \$ 1,000:** will be presented to a nurse who, on a consistent basis demonstrates outstanding performance in the area of leadership in critical care.

[Cardinal Health “Chasing Excellence” Award](#) – **Award Available \$ 1,000:** presented annually to a CACCN member who consistently demonstrates excellence in critical care nursing practice.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Mark these dates on your calendar !**

April 30, 2009	Final day for Twin/Win
April 30, 2009	Cardinal Health Appreciation through Education: Final day for your hospital to participate
May 01, 2009	Nursing Week Contest: Final day for submissions to National Office
June 01, 2009	BBraun Mentorship Award Submission Deadline
June 01, 2009	Baxter Guardian Scholarship Submission Deadline
June 01, 2009	Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award Submission Deadline
June 01, 2009	Cardinal Health "Chasing Excellence" Award Submission Deadline
September 1, 2009	Smiths Educational Award Submission Deadline
September 26, 2009	Chapter Connections Day at Dynamics 2009, Fredericton, NB
September 27–29, 2009	Dynamics 2009 Conference, Fredericton, NB
September 27, 2009	CACCN Annual General Meeting, Fredericton, NB

#### **CHAPTER NEWS**

This month's featured chapter at the bottom of the CACCN homepage is the [London Chapter](#). Be sure to visit their [webpage](#) and their new [website](#) !

#### **HAVE YOU NOTICED?**

Chapter Education Days and Conferences are now listed in the [News](#) section of the homepage with links to the chapter webpages. Check out the exciting events happening across the country !!

#### **CACCN COMMUNICATION BOARDS**

Look for new information to fly in to the CACCN Communication boards across the country in mid-May 2009.

#### **CACCN WEBSITE – MEMBERS ONLY AREA SET TO LAUNCH MAY 31, 2009**

As we announced last month, we are very excited be testing the Members Only area of the website. At this time, we have CACCN members from all three regions testing the site and providing feedback to ensure hassle free implementation on May 31, 2009.

#### **“RACE TO FIND THE SILVER LINING” WEBSITE CONTEST**

*On your marks, get set, go....* CACCN will be launching a [contest](#) in conjunction with the Members Only site starting on May 31, 2009. The **“Race to the Silver Lining”** contest will give CACCN members the opportunity to win early bird tuition for Dynamics 2009. Stay tuned for more information.

*If your colleague is a CACCN member who does not receive this Critical Connections Bulletin, and they wish to participate on the website Members Only site, we will require their email address be on file, before a user name/password can be issued.*

*Better still, tell a colleague who is not a member of the great benefits available through the Association and register their membership by April 30<sup>th</sup> ... and you will also be eligible for Twin and Win !!*

#### **📷 WEBSITE PHOTOS**

We are still interested in receiving photos from your units across the country for placement on the website. Photos should be sent in .jpg format, should be sized to 670 x 200 and should have a photography consent form included.

#### **📷 ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CAREER CHANGE? THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING OVERSEAS?**

Check out the [JOB LINKS](#) and [VOLUNTEER LINKS](#) on our web site.

#### **📷 THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

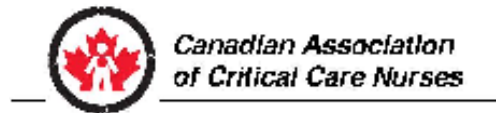
***When somebody tells you nothing is impossible, ask them to dribble a football.***

*Author Unknown*

Thank you to those members who have sent in quotes. Your quotes will be featured in upcoming bulletins. Note: we are still looking for funny, thought provoking and inspirational quotes. Send your favourite quote or saying to [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca) under the title of "MY FAVOURITE QUOTE".

#### **📷 SPREAD THE WORD OF CACCN**

Please share this e-mail newsletter with your peers and interested colleagues. Let them know CACCN membership ensures the newsletter is delivered directly to **their** inbox !



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