



**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 or feel free to contact National Office, if you have a question or require additional information.

🌿 UPCOMING CACCN AWARD DEADLINES

Take advantage of the Awards offered by CACCN. The following awards have a deadline for submissions of June 1, 2009. We all know someone who meets the criteria for at least one of the awards -- send your nominations today !!

[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 – 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.

🌿 TWIN and WIN 2009

When you recruit a *NEW* member to CACCN between January 1 and April 30, 2009, you will receive a \$10.00 coupon towards your next year's membership renewal. Make sure your colleague puts your name in the referral area on the membership form. For additional information, view the [Twin and Win Flyer](#)

🌿 CARDINAL HEALTH CANADA - "Appreciation through Education" Program

CACCN is an active participant in the Cardinal Health Canada "Appreciation through Education Program", which is open to Canadian Hospitals who carry the Cardinal / Alaris infusion pump. This program benefits nurses, CACCN members and non-members alike, at hospital facilities across Canada, who order Cardinal/Alaris infusion products.

The program is running from February 1, 2009 to 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](#) or have your employer visit the [Cardinal Health employer site](#)

🌿 CACCN AWARDS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Tricia Bray, Director responsible for Awards and Corporate Sponsorship is looking for a CACCN member from CENTRAL region (London, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal Chapters) who would be interested in sitting on the CACCN Awards Review Committee. If you are interested, please email Tricia at sponsorship@caccn.ca or contact National Office at caccn@caccn.ca.

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

Celebrating National Nursing Week - May 11 to 17, 2009

Win Early Bird Tuition to Dynamics 2009, September 27-29, in Fredericton, NB (Value: \$440.00)

The objective of the CNA theme for 2009 is to profile the importance and impact Registered Nurses have on the lives of Canadians and to promote the understanding and appreciation for the vital role of nurses. Send in a picture, story or poem to help promote understanding of Critical Care Nursing

Deadline is May 1, 2009 -- for additional information: [Nursing Week Contest](#)

🌿 PILOT PROJECT - TWO YEAR MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE

Time has a way of slipping by and before you know it ... your membership has lapsed. The easy remedy to this situation is a Two Year Membership renewal ! Two Year Membership is \$ 140.00 -- a savings of \$10.00 when paying on an annual basis. If you are interested in the two year membership application, please contact National Office at caccn@caccn.ca.

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

The Dynamics 2009 Planning Committee has been hard at work on the conference. They have many exciting activities and sessions planned ! Make sure you make a note to look for the conference brochure in the Summer Abstract Edition of the Dynamics Journal, on the CACCN communication boards and on our website in mid-May 2009 !

🌿 DATES TO REMEMBER -- Mark these dates on your calendar !

April 30, 2009	Final Day for: Twin and Win Referrals Cardinal Health Appreciation Through Education
May 01, 2009	Final Day for Nursing Week Contest Submissions
June 1, 2009	CACCN Award Deadlines: BBraun Mentorship Award Baxter Guardian Scholarship Award Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award Cardinal Health "Chasing Excellence" Award
September 1, 2009	CACCN Award Deadline: Smiths Educational Award
September 24, 25, 2009	CACCN Board of Directors Meeting, Fredericton, NB
September 26, 2009	Chapter Connections Day, Dynamics 2009, Fredericton, NB
September 27 - 29, 2009	Dynamics 2009 Conference, Fredericton, NB
September 28, 2009	CACCN Annual General Meeting, Fredericton, NB

CHAPTER NEWS

This month's feature chapter on the CACCN homepage is [Ottawa Chapter](#). Be sure to visit their webpage !

[Manitoba Chapter](#) and [Greater Edmonton Chapter](#), have been adding information to their pages as well....stop by to see what these chapters are up to. If your chapter hasn't updated their CACCN webpage, please consider doing so. If you require assistance with updating the page, please feel free to contact National Office.

We can list your event on the CACCN Homepage calendar !! If you are hosting an upcoming event, please send the information to National Office.

CHAPTER EVENTS

Manitoba Chapter

"Critical Eye" Annual Conference

Topic: "End of Life Care in ICU: Changing Focus"

McPhillips Street Station Casino

April 20, 2009

[Additional Information](#)

Toronto Chapter

Shedding New Light:

Evolutions in Critical Care Conference 2009

Renaissance Toronto Airport and Convention Centre, 801 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario

April 27, 2009

[Additional Information](#)

Greater Edmonton Chapter

Spring Forward: Further Updates in Critical Care

Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Centre

11727 Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton, AB

April 28, 2009

[Additional Information](#)

Manitoba Chapter

"Edge of Excellence" Annual Critical Care Conference

Norwood Hotel, 112 Marion Street, Winnipeg, MB

May 11, 2009

[Additional Information](#)

CACCN COMMUNICATION BOARDS

If your hospital doesn't have a CACCN communication board – please contact your hospital administration to obtain approval to mount our lightweight board and then contact National Office to place your order ! A fully stocked communication board will be sent out to you within a week. You will then received 4 to 6 updates for the board annually.

CACCN WEBSITE

We are very excited to be in the 'testing' phase of the Members Only section of the CACCN website. Very soon you will have access to Polls, CEU Quizzes, the Members' Discussion forum, and so much more !

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CAREER CHANGE? Check out [JobLinks](#)

🌿 **THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING OVERSEAS?** Check out [Volunteer Links](#)

🌿 **IS YOUR ORGANIZATION LOOKING TO HIRE NEW STAFF MEMBERS?**

Remember to share this employment link opportunity with the HR/Recruiting team at your facility. Contact the CACCN national office for posting details or provide this website address: <http://www.caccn.ca/en/joblinks/index.html>

🌿 **RELEVANT LINKS**

- [CACCN Awards](#)
- [CACCN Chapters](#)
- [Canadian Nurses Association](#)
- [CNA Certification Writing Sites](#)
- [Other Conferences and Workshops](#)

🌿 **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

"That is what learning is. You suddenly understand something you've understood all your life, but in a new way." -- Doris Lessing

Note: We are looking for funny, thought provoking and inspirational quotes for the critical connections bulletin. If you have a favourite quote or saying that you would like to share with CACCN members, please email to 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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