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CACCN's Vision Statement:

Critical care nursing practice is research based, in an environment committed to quality, holistic care, where optimal client/family outcomes are achieved through partnerships and appropriate use of resources.



CACCN...
The Voice for
Canadian
Critical Care
Nurses

Board of Directors

- Patricia Hynes** Patricia is one of our Central Region representatives from Toronto, Ontario. She has completed her second year as President and will be the chairperson of Dynamics 2006 being held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Asha Pereira** Asha is a Western Region representative from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Asha is responsible for the Research and Publications portfolios in her role as Vice-President.
- Glenda Roy** Glenda, one of our Eastern Region Directors from Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland and Labrador. Glenda has continued excellent work in her second year as Treasurer.
- Sue Williams** Sue is from London, Ontario and represents the Central Region. Sue has continued to be a worthy asset as Secretary to CACCN.
- Grace MacConnell** Grace is from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia representing the Eastern Region. Grace has continued to do a great job with the Awards and Corporate Sponsorship portfolio.
- Joy Mintenko** Joy is from Regina, Saskatchewan represents the Western Region. She has completed her second year working with the Recruitment and Retention Portfolio.

Local Chapter Presidents

- Paula Mahon** BC Lower Mainland Chapter
- Tracy Porcina** Greater Edmonton Chapter
- Ev Glasser** Calgary Chapter
- Janet Taylor** London Regional Chapter
- Karen Schnell** Manitoba Chapter
- Renee Chauvin** Montreal Chapter
- Merica Chase** New Brunswick Chapter
- Heather MacDonald** Nova Scotia Chapter
- Abbie Hain** Ottawa Regional Chapter
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President's Letter



Dear CACCN members and supporters:

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the CACCN Annual Report 2005-06. Please find, in the pages that follow, our statements reflecting the accountability of the CACCN Board of Directors to our membership and to the various corporate partners who support the CACCN goals and objectives.

We are cognizant of the important role of members and corporate sponsors and that, without your support, the CACCN would not have enjoyed the successful and prosperous year that this report details. It is also true that the CACCN is a volunteer professional association and I would be remiss not to acknowledge the dedication of the Board of Directors, Paula Price, Clinical Editor of the Dynamics Journal and our office administrator Tracy Porchak.

"The health care system is fundamentally about people. Its' focus is on people. Every aspect of the healthcare system is driven by, and dependent on, people".

*Commission on the future of health care in Canada
November 2002*

As we enter into a new year, we would like to confirm our commitment to critical care nursing practice and to the many patients and families whose lives we touch. As in the quote above, health care is indeed all about people.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hynes RN, MA, CNCC(C)
CACCN President 2004 – 2006

Imagine the difference we could make if we doubled our membership

Membership

Our membership as of March 31, 2006 was 1134, up from 946 the year prior. This represents a 19 percent increase that helps in achieving our commitment of making CACCN viable through membership fees and not dependant on

the Dynamics Conferences making a profit.

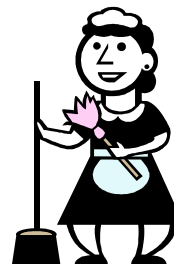
Our "Twin and Win" recruitment campaign is back for a second year by popular demand. This campaign runs from January to April and allows any existing CACCN mem-

ber to receive \$10.00 off their own membership fee by recruiting one new member. If every member took advantage of this offer, we could double our membership and strengthen the voice of critical care nursing across Canada.

Communication Boards

We have almost 100 CACCN logo-shaped boards located in critical care units across the country. The boards are intended to promote communication and networking, and build our membership. Up to date information is sent out regarding announcements, deadlines for applications for awards, membership applications and notification of contests.

Our 2005 Nursing Week Contest "Life Lessons Learned at the Bedside" provided the winners with one free tuition to Dynamics 2005 in Ottawa and one free house cleaning by Molly Maid.



One of the prizes of the Nurses Week Contest was a free house cleaning from Molly Maid



Grace MacConnell has done a wonderful job bringing valuable awards to CACCN members through Corporate Sponsorship

Congratulations to Saskatchewan for winning the Chapter of the Year Award in 2005

Awards and Corporate Sponsorship

The CACCN Board of Directors would like to acknowledge the corporations who continue to support the Annual awards. Their support of critical care nurses in Canada is very much appreciated.

Chapter of the Year Award

Congratulations to Saskatchewan Chapter. Their enthusiasm and commitment is commended. Thank you to Sorin Group Canada for their continued support of this award.



Spacelabs Innovative Project Award

This award is presented to a group of critical care nurses who develop a project that will enhance their professional development. In January 2006 the award was presented to the team led by Dr. Wendy Fallis for their work on an educational video related to family presence. Thank you to Spacelabs for continuing to generously support this award.



Editorial Awards

The 2005 winners were:

- Tina Hurlock-Chorostecki article *Can minimal patient restraint be safely implemented in the ICU?* This award is generously sponsored by Edward Lifesciences



- Annette Bourgault for the article *The development of multi-level critical care competency statements for self-assessment by ICU nurses*. 3M generously sponsors this award.



SMITHS Medical Educational Award

This educational award provides funds (\$750.00) to assist critical care nurses to attend continuing education programs at the baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral level.

- The September 2005 winner was Tricia Bray of Calgary who is studying to attain her

Masters of Nursing.

- The January 2006 winner is Renee Chauvin of Montreal who also enrolled in graduate studies.

Thank you to SMITHS Medical for their continued support of this award.



CACCN Research Grant

The winner in 2005 was Teddie Tanguay for her research "Critically ill patients in acute renal failure on intermittent hemo-dialysis: Predicting episodes of hypertension by continuous blood volume monitoring".

The Baxter Guardian Scholarship

There were no applicants for the Gaurdian Scholarship this year. Critical Care Nurses, either an individual or a team, who have developed an initiative focused on patient safety, are invited to apply for the award.



New Award - BBraun Mentorship Award

The CACCN is pleased to announce that in 2005, a new award was developed. The BBraun Mentorship Award recognizes the importance of mentors in the practice of critical care nursing. The nominee must be a CACCN member with a minimum of three years critical care nursing ex-

perience. Please review the complete criteria for this new and exciting award on our website: www.caccn.ca or in Dynamics: The Official Journal of CACCN.

Unfortunately, there were no nominees for the BBraun award this year. Please try to think of deserving mentors

who have helped you, or other nurses, in attaining excellence in critical care nursing.



Special thanks to...

Congratulations to all the successful award winners from the CACCN Board of Directors. We would like to extend a special thank you to all of the companies who supported these awards in 2005. We sincerely appreciate their support.

3M Healthcare
Baxter
BBraun
Edwards Lifesciences
SMITHS Medical Canada
Spacelabs
Sorin Group Canada

The CACCN Board of Directors encourages members to apply for these awards. If you have any questions, please contact the Board Member responsible for Awards and Sponsors. The complete criteria for all of these awards can be reviewed in Dynamics: The Official Journal of CACCN or on our website: www.caccn.ca.

The CACCN Board of Directors would like to acknowledge and thank the corporations who generously sponsored Dynamics 2005 in Ottawa. Without their support, so much would not be possible.

Corporate Partners: (\$5000+)

Baxter
Canadian Intensive Care Foundation
Gambro
Lilly

Corporate Sponsors: (\$2000-\$4999)

Alaris
GE Healthcare
Edwards Lifescience

Corporate Members: (\$1000-\$1999)

Spacelabs
SMITHS Medical
BBraun

Corporate Supporter:

3M Healthcare

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Dynamics
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CNA Critical Care Certification

Adult Certification

The CACCN Board of Directors would like to congratulate all members who have certified or recertified in our specialty. This year at Dynamics in Ottawa, CACCN awarded 2 awards for adult certification and 3 awards for adult recertification. The winners of this year's award were Benoit Thibideau from Nova Scotia, Carolina Ross from Ontario, Samantha Taylor from Alberta, France Goudreau from Edmonton, and Susan Kean from Edmonton. The names of all members who certified and recertified were published in Dynamics:

The Official Journal of CACCN. April 1, 2006 was the date for writing this year's exam and we wish all candidates success. The Board of Directors would like to encourage our members to consider becoming certified in critical care as a personal accomplishment and a standard of excellence.

Pediatric Certification

Last year, 2005, was the third year for writing the Pediatric Critical Care Certification exam. Congratulations to all who have written. There were twelve nurses who attained certification in this specialty and three who were re-

certified in 2005. These numbers are reflective of those who gave permission to CNA to share their names. The winner of the Paediatric Certification Award was Cecilia St. George-Hyslop from Ontario.

Since the first administration of the Critical Care Pediatrics Nursing Examination, sixty one nurses have successfully completed the certification process. In the fall of 2005, two teleconferences were held and the examination committee reviewed and verified the content validity of the exam. The exam will continue to be reviewed and validated, or revised, as deemed necessary.

Research

The CACCN-Research Committee worked to facilitate the conduct and visualization of critical care nursing research.

The Research Committee consists of Wendy Fallis (Manitoba), Martha MacKay (BC), Sabrina Martin (Ontario) and is chaired by Asha Pereira, CACCN Vice President.

The CACCN Research Grant (\$1000) was awarded to Teddie Tanguay from Alberta.

Publications

Dynamics-The Official Journal of the CACCN is the only peer-reviewed critical care journal in Canada. We publish four issues annually, which are distributed to approximately 1000 subscribers. The journal is also listed in three library indexes and we have partnered with EBSCO publishing to list some of our articles on-line.

The summer issue of Dynamics is reserved for publishing abstracts that have been accepted for presentation at our fall conference, also called Dynamics. We continue to receive a lot of positive feedback from conference delegates and the membership-at-large who report that this initiative is helpful in keeping them in touch with current and new practices in critical care.

The Dynamics Journal continues to host a column offered by the Institute for Safe Medi-

cation Practices Canada (ISMP Canada). Together we are providing patient safety information on an ongoing basis. ISMP also posts these articles on their ISMP website, and references the article to our Journal. In addition, they provide a link to the CACCN website. We hope to continue this partnership and appreciate the continued support of ISMP Canada as we work toward the goal of continued improvements in patient safety.

Paula Price, our Clinical Editor, continues to do an outstanding job in effectively leading the Editorial Review Board, consisting of Debbie Fraser Askin (Manitoba), Janice Beitel (Ontario), Kathleen Graham (Ontario), Martha Mackay (BC), Franco Carnevale (PQ) and Judy Rashotte (Ontario). Joy Kramarich (Ontario) recently resigned after several years on the Editorial Review Board and we thank her for all

her valuable contributions to our Journal. The Publications Chair for 2005-2006 is Asha Pereira---CACCN Vice President.

CACCN is extremely fortunate to have the commitment of Pappin Communications of Pembroke, Ontario. Bruce, CB and Heather have continued to provide tremendous support to us.

We are especially proud of the publication of our newest Position Statement, "Family Presence During Resuscitation" that was authored by Grace MacConnell, a member of our Board of Directors. The Position Statement was launched at Dynamics in Ottawa and tied nicely to the keynote address by Cathie Guzzetta. Congratulations to Grace and thank you to those who provided input into this position statement.

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Partnerships

Canadian Nurses Association

As an Associate group of the CNA, we provide a copy of our annual report to their Association and are invited to participate in teleconferences as the main means of networking.

World Federation of Critical Care Nurses

Bernice Budz continues to be the CACCN link to the World Federation of Critical Care Nursing (WFCCN). The philosophy and mission of the

WFCCN is reassuringly similar to that of the CACCN. Take a minute and browse their website at www.wfccn.org.

International Critical Care Nursing Associations

CACCN maintains contact with colleagues in three other countries, namely, Australia, Britain, and the United States. Desire to share and network is strong with these associations and exchange of journals and conference materials continues.

Canadian Intensive Care Foundation (CICF)

Wendy Fallis PhD continues as the CACCN liaison to the CICF. The CACCN includes a CICF membership form with mail outs to CACCN members to encourage the partnership.

Institute of Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) Canada

The CACCN continues to partner with ISMP Canada and their regular column in our journal is positively received by members.

Education - Dynamics 2005 Ottawa, Ontario

The Dynamics of Critical Care Conference is gaining more momentum every year. Dynamics 2005 joined past conferences in upholding excellence.

The theme was **Capitalizing on Technology with a Human Touch**.

Some Highlights of the Conference were:

- The Conference was held at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier
- There were 450 people in attendance, All provinces and 2 of the

3 territories were represented

- Chairperson: Sue Williams
- Planning Committee: Janice Bissonnette, Susan Bubb, Abbie Hain, Karen Palmer, Margot Thomas, and Dawna Van Boxmeer
- Keynote Speakers: Dr. Cathie Guzzetta, Dr. Robert Butcher, Tilda Shalof, Dr. Stuart Robertshaw
- 20 Posters
- The Annual Dinner had a Beatles Tribute Band, "The Caveners" to bring us back in time for a night .

This event was sponsored by GE Medical Systems

- The CACCN/Baxter reception to recognize our nurses was very popular and featured the jazz music of "The Marc Ferguson Trio"
- There were over 40 exhibitors who were pleased with the interest shown by the conference attendees



The Parliament Building in Ottawa, Ontario. Chapter Connections Day and Dynamics 2005 was held in our Nation's Capital.

Chapter Connections Day

Thanks to all representatives of the chapters of CACCN. The 2005 event was again a day of learning, enjoying, and connecting.

As in previous years, Chapter Presidents were supported for registration and one night hotel accommodation.

Chapter Presidents or their delegates started the day with an ice-

breaker entitled "Survivor CACCN 2005". Pairs of participants were asked to make a list of five items that you would need to survive on a desert island. We learned that nurses from across Canada shared similar survival skills, with a few surprising additions.

The afternoon was spent as an open forum to discuss areas of concern and questions. This was

well received by all involved in the open discussion between Chapter Presidents, representatives and the CACCN Board of Directors.

Thank you to everyone who participated in 2005's Chapter Connections Day.

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Future Endeavours

Future locations of CACCN's Annual Conference are:

Dynamics of Critical Care 2006

September 24-26, 2006

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

Chairperson: Patricia Hynes

Dynamics of Critical Care 2007

October 21-23, 2007

Regina, Saskatchewan

Chairperson: Joy Mintenko

Dynamics of Critical Care 2008

September 28-30, 2008

Montreal, Quebec

Chairperson: Asha Pereira

Retention and Recruitment will remain a major focus for the upcoming year.

Work on updating existing Position Statements and look for new topics to form statements for.

We continue to encourage critical care nursing research projects through our Awards.

Updating and streamlining CACCN's profile and appearance from National Office is a continued effort.

We will look for more opportunities to increase CACCN's profile through advocating for critical care nurses via any avenues available.

Continued involvement in the CNA Biennial Conference, which is going to be held in Saskatoon in June 2006



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**“Dynamic Connections Making a
Critical Difference”**

The CACCN is a non-profit, specialty organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the quality of care provided to critically ill clients and their families. CACCN serves its membership, the public and the critical care nursing community by meeting the professional and educational needs of critical care nurses. These needs are met by developing and implementing standards of critical care nursing practice, providing educational opportunities, providing opportunities for networking, identifying and addressing political and professional issues, and finally by collaborating with other professional organizations.

A Brief History of CACCN

The National Society of Critical Care Nurses (NSCCN) based in Toronto, a chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN), was established in 1975. On February 27, 1979, a group known as the Niagara Association of Critical Care Nurses (NACCN) was formed; the NACCN changed its name in 1981 to the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN). In 1983, both the NSCCN and CACCN existed as separate associations. The two groups merged as the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN), adopting the logo of the NSCCN, and became incorporated in February 1985. During that first year, a Co-President structure existed consisting of the Presidents of the NSCCN and original CACCN. While the membership began with a heavy base in Ontario, national representation took off with the merger of a strong Manitoba critical care group and the introduction of additional chapters across the country.

