The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses is pleased to bring you this monthly e-newsletter to keep you informed of the latest association news, events, and contests.

NEW TO CACCN? - 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 the National Office, if you have questions or require additional information.


CACCN AWARDS - Plan to submit your application and/or nominations for the following awards. Deadline June 1!

- BBraun “Sharing Expertise” Award
- Cardinal Health “Chasing Excellence” Award
- Spacelabs Innovative Project Award
- Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award
- Visit CACCN Awards and Recognition for award criteria and information

DYNAMICS 2013 - Shatter the Silence: Voices of Advocacy in Critical Care Nursing - September 22 to 24, 2013, Halifax, NS

Save the date and watch your Summer Journal for more information on Dynamics 2013. Conference brochure and online registration is scheduled to go live on or about June 5, 2013. We look forward to seeing you in Halifax!

NEW: CACCN SPOTLIGHT CHALLENGE! - The CACCN Canadian Intensive Care Week “Spotlight” Challenge will be presented to a group of critical care nurses who develop an activity and/or event that will profile their local Critical Care Team during Canadian Intensive Care Week. Award Funds Available: $450; Submission deadline: June 1. Visit Awards and Recognition for more information.
DAISY AWARDS - CACCN is proud to partner with the DAISY Foundation to recognize and honour exceptional critical care nurses. CACCN is the first international organization to join the list of nursing organizations who support The DAISY Foundation’s work. Why not consider bringing the DAISY program to your hospital. For more information about The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses and the Foundation’s other programs that serve the nursing profession, visit DAISYfoundation.org.

CACCN CHAPTERS

- Chapter of the month for May 2013 will be our newest Chapter: Vancouver Island Chapter
- Chapter Events:
  - Toronto Chapter: April 22 – Evolutions Conference 2013
  - Ottawa Region Chapter: May 3 - 2nd Annual Spring Conference

VANCOUVER ISLAND CHAPTER

Members residing on Vancouver Island may choose Chapter Membership in the Vancouver Island Chapter or the British Columbia Chapter. If you wish to change your chapter affiliation, please email caccn@caccn.ca to advise.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - CACCN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The election to the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN) National Board of Directors will take place at the CACCN annual general meeting on September 22, 2013, for a two-year term commencing April 2014 to March 2016.

There are three positions available for nomination - 1 position Western Region and 2 positions Eastern Region. CACCN members interested in letting their names stand for election to the board of directors should visit the website at www.caccn.ca/aboutCACCN or contact National Office at (866) 477-9077, caccn@caccn.ca to obtain nomination forms. Completed forms must be received in the National office no later than 2359 hours on July 5, 2013.

CACCN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The National Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses extends an invitation to the membership to attend the 29th Annual General Meeting. The 29th Annual General Meeting of the CACCN will be held Sunday, September 22, 2013 at the World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax, NS in conjunction with Dynamics 2013. Proxy vote forms are due by September 6, 2013 at 2359 EST

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CACCN PARTNERSHIPS

American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN)

- **Dare To - "Dare to Make It 'All About Me'"**— Kathryn Roberts, AACN President 2012-2013
- **AACN Webinars** - Plan to attend the free AACN Critical Care Webinar Series – 30 minute presentations on evidence-based clinical topics:
  - Thursday, April 18, 1000 PDT – Kathleen M Vollman RN, MSN, CCNS, FCCM, FAAN - **Evidence vs. Tradition: Examining the Science of Bathing Critically Ill Adults** -- [Register Now](#)
  - Thursday, May 9, 1000 PDT - Thomas S Ahrens, RN, PhD, FAAN - **Sepsis Update: Early Identification and Management** -- [Register Now](#)
- **Evidence**
  - "**The New Practice Guidelines for Pain, Agitation, and Delirium**,” in March’s American Journal of Critical Care (AJCC).
  - "**Safety Culture in Australian Intensive Care Units: Establishing a Baseline for Quality Improvement**,” a continuing nursing education (CNE) article in March’s American Journal of Critical Care (AJCC)
  - “**Family Presence During Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.**” Published March 15 in The New England Journal of Medicine
  - “**Beyond the Bundle – Journey of a Tertiary Care Medical Intensive Care Unit to Zero Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSIs)**”

Cameroon Critical Care Nurses Association (CCCN)

- CACCN has established an information sharing partnership with the new Cameroon Critical Care Nurses Association. Please visit them on their [website](#) and on [Facebook](#).

Canadian Nurses Association (CNA)

- **“Spotlight on the Specialties”** - Look for this new column in the @CNA e-bulletin, starting this month. To stay in touch, [http://designerfreeaae.cna-aiic.ca/inc/rdr.asp?7750___1331284445___34](http://designerfreeaae.cna-aiic.ca/inc/rdr.asp?7750___1331284445___34)
- **Certification**
  - Good luck to all CACCN members writing the examination on April 20th!
  - Care to Be the Best: CNA Certification Program unveils a new look and feel. See for yourself what CNA-certified RNs and their employers are saying about certification in three new videos.
- **Call for Nominations for:**
  - CNA Order of Merit for Clinical Nursing Practice
  - CNA Order of Merit for Nursing Administration
  - CNA Order of Merit for Nursing Education
  - CNA Order of Merit for Nursing Research
  - CNA Order of Merit for Nursing Policy
  - For more information: [CNA Call for Nominations](#)

Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI)
Stop! Clean Your Hands Day - Webinar Series - Join us every week leading up to May 6 for the Stop! Clean Your Hands Webinar Series. Each week, you'll hear from experts in the field and learn how to improve hand hygiene practices in your organization. [Click here to learn more]

Alberta Health Services sets target for 100 per cent Hand Hygiene Compliance [Click here] for more information.

DYNAMIC CAREER CONNECTIONS and JobLINKS

- JobLINKS and Dynamic Career Connections! Employers are looking for YOU!
- Be sure to check out the banner ads at the bottom of the CACCN homepage for employer advertisements.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Don't wait for people to be friendly, show them how!" ~~ Unknown

NEED TO UPDATE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS OR EMAIL CONTACT?

Update your personal information using the online Contact Us form. Include your full name, current address, new address and your telephone number!

SPREAD THE NEWS

Pass this newsletter along to your peers. Be sure to let them know CACCN membership delivers the newsletter directly to their inbox! Make sure they add your name as the referring member so you qualify for the CACCN recruitment certificate. Together we can grow!

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