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 Mentorship Program - As President of CACCN I am fortunate to work with a highly skilled team of directors. They are all responsible for a variety of portfolios and committees that further the goals of CACCN. For this reason I have asked some of them to be guest bloggers to share with you some of their exciting projects. I am delighted to introduce my first guest Karen Dryden-Palmer, Vice President of CACCN...read more...

DYNAMICS OF CRITICAL CARE CONFERENCE 2014
Conference Planning Committee applications currently being accepted - deadline March 1, 2013. Visit: Dynamics 2014 for more information.

DYNAMICS: JOURNAL OF THE CACCN - Look for the Spring Edition of Dynamics: Journal of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses to arrive in your mailbox soon! This edition includes: The Experience of Critically Ill Children: A Phenomenological Study of Discomfort and Comfort and An Exploration of Knowledge, Attitudes and Beliefs toward Organ and Tissue Donation among the Adult Haitian Population Living in the Greater Montreal Area, as well as all of the other terrific features of the journal.

CACCN CHAPTERS

Chapter of the month for March 2013 will be: Ottawa Chapter

Chapter Events:
- Greater Edmonton Chapter: March 25 - Edmonton's Got Talent
- Ottawa Region Chapter: May 3 - 2nd Annual Spring Conference

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

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. 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 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

CACCN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM - Mentorship: a relationship which gives people the opportunity to share their professional and personal skills and experiences, and to grow and develop in the process. Applications are now being accepted for the CACCN Mentorship Program. For more information and to review/complete the mentorship application, please visit: CACCN Mentorship Program.

AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF CRITICAL CARE NURSES
- **Conference**: ICE 2013 Brisbane
- **Website**

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE AND CRITICAL CARE SOCIETIES
- **Survey**: Pediatric Critical Care Sedation Practices Survey. Take the Survey Now.
- **Website** and **Calendar of Events**

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CRITICAL-CARE NURSES

DARE TO

- **“Dare to Take on Bullying”** — February Bold Voices - Kathryn Roberts, AACN President 2012-2013
- AACN extends an invitation to all US / Canadian Critical Care Nurses to Attend NTI Boston 2013! Registration is now open. Book your accommodation soon for best selection!

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF CRITICAL CARE NURSES

- **Website**

CANADIAN NURSES ASSOCIATION
- Nursing Week Theme: Nursing: A Leading Force for Change
- Give your feedback on the CNA Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses. Take the survey now.
- Call for Resolutions 2013 - For more information: visit CNA.
- CNA Annual Meeting – June 19 – Ottawa
- Winter 2013 Progress in Practice Webinar Series.
- Professional Development and NurseOne
Certification
- Certification examination date: April 20, 2013
- CACCN Certification Study Guide - use this valuable study tool as you prepare!
- Critical Care Study Groups: Manitoba (Adult) - contact Rob Mazur (robmazur@shaw.ca) and Newfoundland/Labrador (Pediatrics) - contact Starlene Lundrigan (starlene.lundrigan@easternhealth.ca)

CANADIAN PATIENT SAFETY INSTITUTE
- Improving Care Bulletin
- Improving Care Alliance

ISMP CANADA
- Upcoming Webinar Events
- Current Projects

SAFER HEALTHCARE NOW!
- Website

WORLD FEDERATION OF CRITICAL CARE NURSES (WFCCN)
- Take some time to read CONNECT
- Website

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.

FOLLOW CACCN VIA SOCIAL MEDIA!
- Facebook
- Twitter
- President's Blog

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH
"I have come to believe that life satisfaction/quality of life lies in the ordinary, not in the exceptional. We have to be deriving pleasure from our everyday encounters, the people in our lives and the activities that we do routinely to have any level of contentedness with our lives.”
~~ Dorothy "Dot" Pringle, nursing leader, teacher and mentor

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SPREAD THE NEWS
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