

CACCN “Critical Connections” Bulletin

April 2018



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CACCN Research Grant

Congratulations to **Brandi Vanderspank-Wright**, Nikolaos Efsthathiou, Amanda Vandyk, Jesse Delaney, Aimee Sarti and James Downar for their successful **Research Grant** application submission in February 2018 - ***“Withdrawal of mechanical ventilation at the end-of-life in ICU: A systematic review exploring process, procedures and perceptions of practices”***.

Technical Updates: We are still working hard to correct the issues/broken links on the website! We thank you for your continued patience.

[AHS Debriefing Environmental Scan](#)

Do you think debriefing clinical events is important? Alberta Health Services Provincial Patient Safety is surveying colleagues across Canada to see who is conducting or interested in taking part in, regular clinical debriefings.

National Nursing Week May 7-13

2018 Nursing Week posters through the Canadian Nurses Association, highlighting the **#YESThisIsNursing** theme.

Full-colour, double-sided English/French posters are now available for purchase or download/print for free.

[Get yours today!](#)



CACCN Position Statements

The Professional Development, Position Statement Sub-Committee has completed the **Healthy Work Environments** position statement. The statement will be published/released in the Summer 2018 Canadian Journal of Critical Care Nursing™. The committee is currently finalizing the CACCN Statement on **Patient and Family Centered Care**.

Position Statements – Other Organizations

CNA, the CANAC and HRNA have released a joint position statement on **Harm Reduction and Substance Use**. Harm reduction is an essential approach to reduce the adverse health, social and economic consequences of substance use without requiring abstinence. Substance users must be involved in decisions related to care and broader harm reduction programs.

LAST CALL for Planning Committee Members DYNAMICS 2019

Halifax, NS - September 2019

Deadline: April 30, 2018

[Online Application Form](#)

Members interested in participating on the conference operations committee for **Dynamics 2019** in **Halifax, NS**, should submit a completed application, together with a resume/CV to the CACCN National Office.

While any member may apply for the committee, first consideration will be given to those who are from the Eastern Region (NB, NL, NS, PE, QC).

The conference operations committee will be held to a maximum of six (6) members.

[APPLY TODAY!](#)



Education / Articles

Canadian Nurses Association

[Medical Assistance in Dying: What Nurses Need to Know](#). Learning Modules: Medical assistance in dying (MAID) has been legal in Canada since 2016.

Articles of Interest

- [Recognizing and managing traumatic brain injury](#)
- [Electrolyte series: Calcium and phosphorus](#)
- [Vasoactive Agents in Shock](#)
- [“Some were certainly better than others” – Bereaved parents’ judgements of healthcare providers in the paediatric intensive care unit: A grounded theory study](#)
- [Sustainability of a nurse-driven early progressive mobility protocol and patient clinical and psychological health outcomes in a neurological intensive care unit](#)

Canadian Journal of Critical Care Nursing™

Next publication date is May 2018

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[Interior Health](#) and [Alberta Health Services](#)

They have what you are looking for!



Critical Care Certification

CACCN [Members Only](#) for access to:

- Exam Study Tip/Tricks Webinar
- Study Guide for Adult Certification
- Paediatric Certification Webinar Series

Ottawa and Montreal Chapter Members

Join your local study groups. For more information contact:

- ottawaregion@caccn.ca
- montreal@caccn.ca

CNA Website: [Preparing for the Exam](#)



National Volunteer Week has end. We thank our dedicated volunteers for the amazing things your do! Volunteering with CACCN is a fabulous opportunity to engage, laugh, learn, and meet your critical care nursing colleagues from across the country.

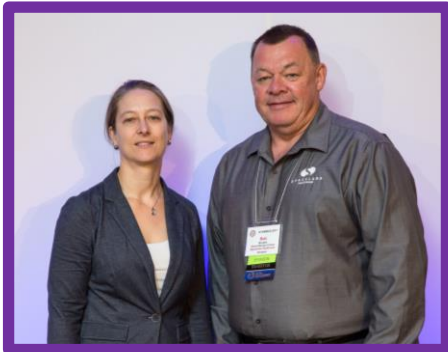
Research Grant Reviewers

Paula Price (Calgary), Franco Carnevale (Montreal), Marie Edwards (Winnipeg) and Frances Fothergill Bourbonnais (Ottawa). We appreciate your assistance!

Membership Recruitment

All members for their membership referrals! From April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018, we received **68** new member referrals! *With your assistance, we continue to grow!*

CACCN Awards - June 1 deadlines



Spacelabs Healthcare – Second Place Award Recipient
Allana LeBlanc and Bob Brooks, General Manager, Spacelabs

Consider applying or nominating!

Award Info: [click here](#)

BBraun Sharing Expertise™ Award

Presented to a member who exhibits stellar leadership and mentoring abilities in critical care.

Spacelabs Innovative Project Award - 2 awards

Presented to a group who develop a project that will enhance their professional development.

CACCN Brenda Morgan Leadership Award *

Presented to a member who, on a consistent basis demonstrates outstanding performance in leadership to the CACCN and critical care.

CACCN Chasing Excellence Award *

Presented to a member who consistently demonstrates excellence in critical care nursing practice.

CACCN Life Member Award *

Presented to a member who has demonstrated sustained support and exceptional contributions to the CACCN and its Mission and Vision.

** Award criteria is currently under review by the Award Review Sub-Committee, Partner Relations Committee – watch for updated award criteria.*



Chapter Events

British Columbia

Journal Club

Location: Facebook Live [Register Now!](#)

Nova Scotia

Education Day

Date: May 24, 2018 [Register now](#)

Ottawa Region Chapter

Education Day

Date: May 23 [Register now](#)

Ottawa Region

Certification Study Group

[Register Now!](#)

Montreal Chapter

Certification Study Group

[Register now!](#)

Southern Alberta Chapter

Annual General Meeting

Date: May 28 [Information](#)

Toronto Chapter

Evolutions Conference

Date: April 30 [Register Now!](#)

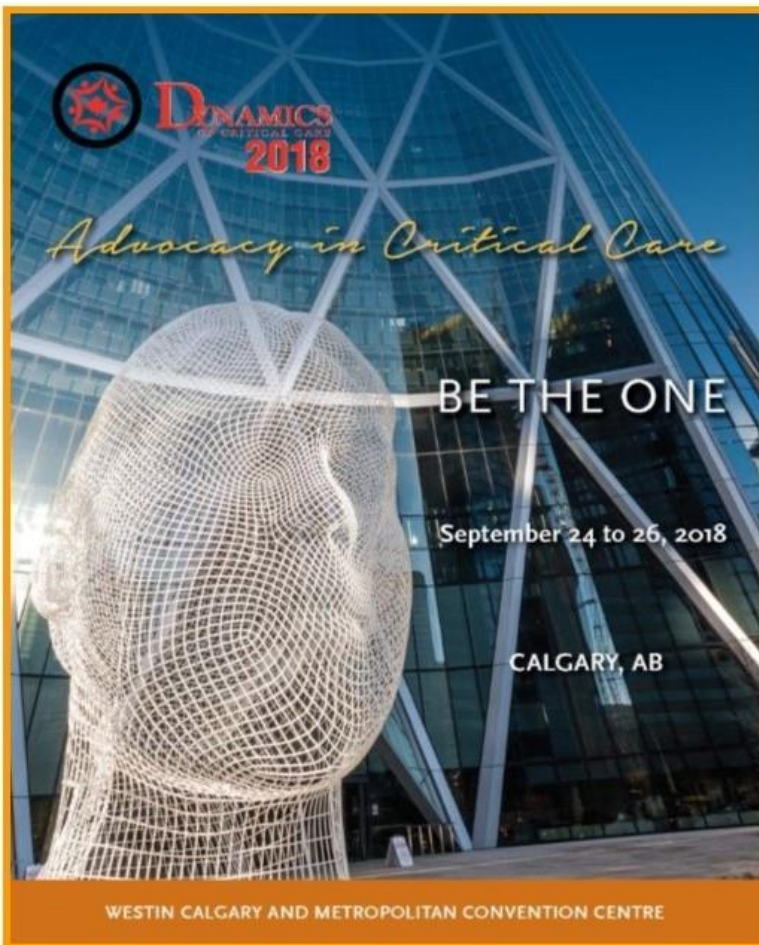
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1983 - 2018



Where we started!

In 1975, the Toronto based National Society of Critical Care Nurses (NSCCN), a chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN), was established. In 1979, a critical care group known as the Niagara Association of Critical Care Nurses (NACCN) was formed. In 1982, the NACCN changed its name to the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN). In 1983, the NSCCN and CACCN merged into one, using the name the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN). During the first year the new association operated on a Co-President structure consisting of the original NSCCN and CACCN Presidents. While membership began in Ontario, national representation took off with the merger with a Manitoba critical care group. Because of this merger, CACCN introduced additional chapters across the country. Today, CACCN has 14 chapters in Canada!



SAVE THE DATE!

Dynamics 2018

September 24 to 26, 2018
Calgary, AB

- **April 2018**
 - Accommodation online booking available soon
- **May 2018:**
 - Abstracts printed in the Canadian Journal of Critical Care Nursing™
- **June 2018:**
 - Electronic brochure and online registration will be available



National Nursing Week 2018

Like, Share and Tag
#Dyn2018 and #YesThisIsNursing
this post for a chance to win
complimentary

3 day Member Early Bird Tuition to
Dynamics 2018 in Calgary, AB, September 2018
(value \$470)

Not a member? **JOINUS** now at www.caccn.ca

Random Draw May 15, 2018



clean your hands:
THE BUG STOPS HERE!
#thebugstopshere

STOP! Clean Your Hands Day
Friday May 4th, 2018

This year's theme is *Clean your hands: THE BUG STOPS HERE!* Cleaning your hands is one of the best ways to prevent infection. Join CPSI to stop bugs in their tracks.

[Register](#) to receive updates, tools, and resources to promote hand hygiene. #asklistentalk



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