



CACCN CALGARY CHAPTER FALL 2010 NEWSLETTER



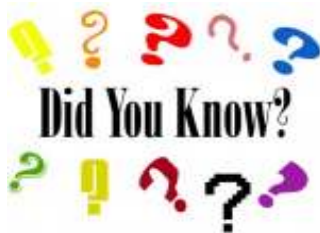
Meet your current Calgary Chapter Executive (L-R):

President: Kathy Bouwmeester (PLC ICU)- kathybrn@gmail.com

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We currently have 85 members.

We are striving to increase our membership this year. Look for us to be visiting all 4 ICU's in Calgary over the next few months.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

CACCN Cardinal Health Chasing Excellence Award

Congratulations to Deb Bosley (PLC ICU Nurse Educator), the 2010 recipient!

This award is presented annually to a CACCN member who consistently demonstrates excellence in critical care nursing practice. The Cardinal Health Chasing Excellence Award is \$1000 to be used by the recipient for continued professional or leadership development in critical care nursing.

The Cardinal Health Chasing Excellence Award recipient consistently practices at an expert level as described by Benner (1984). Expert practice is exemplified by most or all of the following criteria:

- Participates in quality improvement and risk management to ensure a safe patient care environment
- Acts as a change agent to improve the quality of patient care when required
- Provides high quality patient care based on experience and evidence
- Effective clinical decision making supported by thorough assessments
- Has developed a clinical knowledge base and readily integrates change and new learning to practice
- Is able to anticipate risks and changes in patient condition and intervene in a timely manner
- Sequences and manages rapid multiple therapies in response to a crisis (Benner, Hooper-Kyriakidis and Stannard, 1999)
- Integrates and coordinates daily patient care with other team members
- Advocates, and develops a plan of care that consistently considers the patient and family and ensures they receive the best care possible
- Provides education, support and comfort to patients and their families to help them cope with the trajectory of illness and injury, to recovery, palliation or death
- Role models collaborative team skills within the inter-professional health care team
- Assumes a leadership role as dictated by the dynamically changing needs of the unit
Is a role model to new staff and students
- Shares clinical wisdom as a preceptor to new staff and students
- Regularly participates in continuing education and professional development

Two letters describing Deb's clinical excellence and expertise were required, one of which from a CACCN member. The nomination letters needed to include three concrete clinical examples outlining how she meets the above criteria and demonstrates clinical excellence in practice. A supporting letter from a supervisor such as a unit manager or team leader was also required.



BBRAUN SHARING EXPERTISE AWARD

Congratulations to Ark Shuman (RGH ICU Nurse Clinician), the 2010 recipient!



The B|Braun **Sharing Expertise Award** is presented annually to a CACCN member who exhibits stellar leadership and mentoring abilities in critical care.

The candidate is an individual who supports, encourages, and teaches colleagues. The candidate must demonstrate a strong commitment to the practice of critical care nursing and the nursing profession. These qualities **may be** demonstrated by continuous learning, professional involvement, and a commitment to guiding novice nurses in critical care.

Each nomination must have the support of another colleague and the individual's manager. It is not necessary for the candidate to be in a formal leadership or education role to qualify for this award.

Three letters describing Ark's clinical excellence and expertise were required, one of which from a CACCN member. The nominator must outline the qualities of the candidate, and reasons the candidate should be chosen to receive the award. Two additional letters must testify to the eligibility of the candidate as well as outline his attributes (one must be written by the nominee's manager).



CALGARY CHAPTER CACCN GENERAL MEETING

COME JOIN US AT **CHILI'S TEXAS GRILL**
NORTH HILL CENTRE
WED., OCT. 20TH AT 1800.

WE WILL BE DISCUSSING OUR **LEARNINGS**
FROM DYNAMICS 2010 AND HONOURING
OUR CHAPTER **CACCN AWARD RECIPIENTS:**
DEB BOSLEY (PLC ICU) &
ARK SHUMAN (RGH ICU)

CACCN MEMBERS ONLY PAY \$5
NON MEMBERS ONLY PAY \$10
FOR DINNER
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

RSVP TO SHAUNA BY OCT.19TH
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Congratulations to
Lynn Shortt,
Red Deer ICU,
Who won the \$100
Dynamics 2010
tuition voucher
from CACCN

Congratulations to
Tricia Bray
Who was the lucky
winner of the CACCN
Calgary chapter
Spring fundraiser
basket.



CNA 2011 Certification Exam CNCC (C) & CNCCP (C)

CNA certification is a voluntary, recognized credential for registered nurses who meet specific nursing practice criteria, continuous learning and exam-based testing requirements.

Benefits of certification can include:

- Greater job opportunities, as some employers list certification as a preferred qualification.
- Career advancement and increased responsibilities.
- Potential for salary differentials and reimbursement of certification exam costs.
- Formal recognition in the workplace.
- University credit toward obtaining a nursing degree.

Application deadline is October 15, 2010
2011 Exam date is April 9, 2011

http://www.cna-aiic.ca/CNA/nursing/certification/default_e.aspx