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Autumn is upon us and as the weather gets colder we see an increase in colds and flu. This is a timely reminder that we all need to take care of ourselves before we can take care of others.

During March there was extreme rainfall on the east coast of Australia which led to flooding in NSW. During this time South Western Sydney Local Health District & Liverpool Hospital assisted in the flood response by sending two registered nurses to the flood isolated community of North Richmond. [Read more about the medical assistance team deployed.](#)

Also in this edition, Jennifer Le, a Registered Nurse from Liverpool Hospital ED shares her experiences in looking after COVID-19 patients.

We are now only two weeks away from welcoming critical care nurses from around the country to Canberra for ACCCN's Annual Education Meeting (AEM): 13-14 May 2021. With a fantastic line-up of keynote speakers and two concurrent streams, we look forward to reconnecting. Chief Nursing & Midwifery Officer, Alison McMillan is the Guest of Honour at the AEM Welcome Reception on International Nurses' Day, Wednesday 12th May. This event is sponsored by ACCCN and Encanta Event Management. More details regarding social functions can be found on the [AEM website](#).

Thanks to all the AEM 2021 partners, sponsors and exhibitors for their support to make this event possible.

Planning is underway for numerous state events to be held in the later part of 2021. Check out the [2021 Events Calendar with QR codes](#) for easy registration.

We are also delighted to recommence [ALS courses in Victoria](#). We continue to deliver ALS Adult, Paediatric and Instructor Courses nationally.

[Continulus](#) provides fortnightly online lectures with leading critical care researchers and educators from around the world and has also recently partnered with the Australian Sepsis Network to bring you monthly sepsis lectures. Check out the upcoming Continulus lectures available for free to ACCCN members.

Once again, the ACCCN Board have elected for a second year to maintain membership fees at the current prices.

We thank you all for the dedication to nursing and caring. Year of the nurse, year of COVID.... we are here to support you!

Enjoy the [April Newsletter](#).

South Western Sydney Local Health District/Liverpool Hospital Flood Response



Extreme rainfall on the east coast of Australia in March led to widespread flooding in NSW, affecting regions from the North Coast to Sydney metropolitan area in the south. Suburbs of Sydney experienced the worst flooding in 60 years. Many parts of the east coast declared a natural disaster zone after the flooding rains forced 18,000 people to evacuate.

SWSLHD/Liverpool Hospital directly assisted the NSW Floods Response by sending 2 Liverpool Hospital Registered Nurses to the flood isolated community of North Richmond. The nurses were deployed as part of a NSW Medical Assistance Team (NSWMAT), comprising of 2 senior doctors, 2 paramedics and the 2 nurses. The NSWMAT is supporting a very dedicated and professional team of local nurses and paramedics who worked tirelessly while the community was isolated.

The NSWMAT pictured on the right including the deployed RN's from Liverpool Hospital, Jemima Moral and Dwight Robinson. Jemima, is a Clinical Nurse Educator at Liverpool ED, who was also recently deployed to the southern NSW border to support rural hospitals during border closures. Dwight is the manager of the Liverpool Hospital Emergency Management Unit and has recently been supporting the SWSLHD Emergency Operations Centre and CoVax Clinic



The community of North Richmond was completely cut off due to flooding to the east, and major land slips to the west. The NSWMAT were deployed to support NSW Ambulance in stabilising and preparing patients for helicopter transport out of the area to a Sydney Hospital.

Jennifer Le, Registered Nurse working in Liverpool ICU shares her COVID-19 experience



Liverpool ICU is a major trauma centre and we knew that we would be expecting COVID-19 patients to come through our doors. Myself and many of my colleagues have taken care of COVID-19 patients and have seen first-hand the effects the virus has on the body. It was a devastating time as these patients were not able to see their loved ones. During this time, we, as healthcare professionals were the only faces these patients could have comfort from. With compassion and caring, we did our best. It was heart-breaking for those families who lost loved ones and were only allowed to say their goodbyes via a teleconference.

It was an uncertain and daunting time for healthcare professionals to don their PPE on every day to take care of COVID-19 patients. Many worried they could become infected and potentially make our loved ones sick. Throughout the pandemic, we all fulfilled our duties not only by caring for the sick, but also by advocating for everyone to wash their hands, wear masks, socially distance and to stay at home when possible. As healthcare professionals we educated ourselves, and then our family, friends and the general public.

Now, with the COVID-19 vaccine available I have decided to lead by example by completing my vaccination course. As I have throughout my nursing career, I will continue to care, learn, educate and advocate.

ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING 2021



AEM International Nurses Day Welcome Reception

We are delighted to announce that Chief Nursing & Midwifery Officer, Alison McMillan is the Guest of Honour at the AEM Welcome Reception on International Nurses Day, Wednesday 12th May. Catch up with colleagues and join us for a casual get together to celebrate the contribution of critical care nurses in this extraordinary year.

This is an invitation only event for in-person AEM delegates. A limited bar tab has been organised thanks to ACCCN & Encanta Event Management.

With the AEM only two weeks away we would like to take this opportunity to thank our partners, sponsors and exhibitors for their support to enable us to achieve our objective to reconnect!

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2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

 <p>READY TO ACT CRITICAL CARE IN TIMES OF CHANGE</p> <p>ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING 13 - 14 MAY 2021 QT HOTEL, CANBERRA</p> <p>ACCCN</p> <p>ACCCN'S ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING (AEM) FORMERLY KNOWN AS ICE CONFERENCE</p>		
 <p>VIC Hot Topic Evening – Webinar <i>'Hot and Bothered with COVID: Paediatric Immune Multi-System Syndrome/Toxic Shock (PIMS/TS)'</i> Tuesday 25th May 2021 7:00pm – 9:00pm</p> <p>ACCCN</p>		
<p>Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration in Acute Health Care</p>  <p>Standard 8</p>	<p>Register Now</p> <p>TAS Study Day Recognising the Deteriorating Patient Friday 2nd July 2021 The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel</p> <p>ACCCN</p>	
	<p>ACCCN</p> <p>QLD Paediatric Critical Care Seminar KIDS ON THE MIND Friday 16th July 2021 Queensland Children's Hospital</p>  <p>Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service</p>	
<p>SA/NT CRITICAL CARE SEMINAR 'WHEN THE WAR IS OVER' FRIDAY 30TH JULY 2021 SAHMRI*, NORTH TERRACE, ADELAIDE</p> <p>*SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE</p>	 <p>ACCCN</p>	
<p>ACCCN</p> <p>A Change of Heart</p> <p>Deteriorating Cardiac Patient Adult and Paediatric Study Day Friday 19th November 2021 Hyatt Regency, Perth</p> 		

ACCCN UPDATES



We are delighted to recommence ALS courses in Victoria – please check our website for all upcoming ALS courses scheduled for VIC - <https://www.acccn.com.au/events/category/vic>



ACCCN Members automatically receive free subscription to the Continulus. Continulus is a video-learning platform bringing you fortnightly lectures with leading critical care researchers and educators from around the world.

Continulus has also recently partnered with the Australian Sepsis Network so each month you will also have access to a sepsis lecture with a discussion session with a leading expert. All lectures for ACCCN members are FREE and come with a certificate and CPD.

End-of-Life Care in Intensive Care – what are the evidence gaps and possibilities for the future?

Talk Summary: The provision of end-of-life care remains a significant component of work in intensive care settings. Over the last decade, this area of practice has gained increased attention with a substantial increase in research, however, gaps remain. This presentation will focus on what is known and not known about end-of-life care in intensive care settings and provide recommendations to advance future practice and research.

Live webinar: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 @ 10pm AEST

End-of-Life Care in Intensive Care:
what are the evidence gaps and possibilities for the future?

Kristen Ranse, RN



Sepsis definitions and diagnosis: what clinicians need to know

Professor Simon Finfer



Sepsis definitions and diagnosis: what clinicians need to know

Talk Summary: The definition of sepsis is remarkably simple but has been the subject of sometimes acrimonious debate. This arising from confusing a definition with diagnostic criteria. This talk is focused on the practical needs of clinicians to rapidly recognise and treat a time-critical clinical condition without being bogged down in semantics.

Live webinar time: Thursday, April 29, 2021 @ 7pm AEST

RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

We would like to invite you to participate in the **COVID-19 STAFF WELLBEING SURVEY – ONE YEAR FOLLOW-UP**. This is a survey to determine the current wellbeing for **all health care workers and hospital staff** and to determine other factors of concern to staff working in a hospital environment. This is a repeat survey from April 2020 which was specifically focussed on critical care professionals and reported here:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1036731420303520>

Please share this survey link with your colleagues.

Survey link: <https://redcap.link/COVID19WellbeingSurvey2>

Thank you for your time,
Naomi and Liz

On behalf of the COVID-19 Staff Wellbeing Investigators.

Please contact Dr Naomi Hammond nammond@georgeinstitute.org.au or Liz Crowe Liz.Crowe@health.qld.gov.au if you have any concerns or require further information about this survey.

Ethics approval has been received from Children's Health Queensland, Human Research Ethics Committee, Australia (HREC/20/QCHQ/64343). All data entered in the survey platform will be non-identifiable. The survey is not expected to take more than 10 minutes to complete

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Monash Medical Centre – Registered Nurses ED



Monash Medical Centre (MMC) **Emergency Services** are expanding and we have excellent opportunities for Registered Nurses to join our highly skilled, passionate, dynamic and patient centred team.

Our expanded Emergency Services will include:

- Adult Emergency Department Expansion
- Dedicated Children's Emergency
- Additional Short Stay Beds
- Cutting Edge Technology
- Improved Ambulance Access

Due to our expansion, we have a number of positions for **Registered Nurses** with demonstrated experience in emergency/critical and or acute clinical care who are passionate about delivering outstanding patient centred emergency care. Positions available in Adult, Paediatrics (preferred) or Both for either permanent Full / Part Time or Fixed Term Contracts. Availability to work a minimum of 24 Hrs per week and across a 24/7 rotating roster is required.

Become an important part of our growth, apply NOW!

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North West Regional Hospital – Registered Nurse ICU

Are you an experienced nurse with an interest and experience of 2-3 years in Intensive Care Nursing? Do you have a graduate Certificate in Critical Care or alike?

Details of Appointment

Positions - 1 x Permanent Part Shift Worker (fully rotational) Time position

Location- ICU at North West Regional Hospital, Burnie, Tasmania

Please note subsequent appointments may be made from this process and notwithstanding hours may be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Essential Requirements

Registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia as a Registered Nurse
Preemployment checks as outlined in the Statement of Duties

Download the Statement of Duties and Associated Documents

[Generic Registered Nurse \(THS\) G3-G4 \(March 2021\).pdf](#)

[THS Jobs Website Applicant Guide.pdf](#)

How to apply

[Apply online](#) by submitting your resume and a 1-2 page letter detailing your knowledge and experience.

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Position: Nurse Unit Manager, ICU