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We are excited to inform you that the ACCCN website and database was updated in early June.

The membership portal is now more accessible and provides a full self-service ability so that you can update your card details, change your general details and view your invoices.

This upgrade has been many years in the making and we are happy to have the new systems up and running. We plan to continually update and improve our member portal and website and welcome your feedback!

Annual Education Meeting (AEM) 2022 Making a Splash in Critical Care 20 & 21 October 2022: Sea World Gold Coast

Final Call for Abstracts

We invite any critical care nurses, educators, managers or teams to share what they have learned through implementing local innovations, quality improvement projects or research, providing insight and stories about their work to the wider critical care population of Australia.

Abstract submission close 5th August 2022

<https://eecw.eventsair.com/acccn-aem-2022/callforabstracts>

Workshop Program

ACCCN's AEM Organising Committee is thrilled to release the workshop program. Here is a snapshot of workshops on offer:

- Obstetrics in ICU
- Staff Wellbeing
- Advanced Airway Management
- Cardiac Advanced Life Support (CALs)
- Research Advisory Panel – Understanding research papers (TBC)
- Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT)



For the full workshop program visit the AEM website.

CLICK HERE to download the AEM flyer to print for the tearoom!

ACCCN VIC Branch is Inspired!

Emerging from one of the most lockdown cities in the world, the ACCCN Victorian educational activities have commenced with a bang! The one-day seminar *"In Case U missed it: Innovations and Inspirations"* on Friday 3rd of June 2022 at the Oaks on Market was a sold-out event.

It is clear from the high demand for registrations that Critical Care Nurses have a thirst for knowledge, evidence-based practice and emerging therapies to ensure excellence in Intensive care. Drawing inspiration from innovations and rapid adaptive changes within the Intensive Care environment during the pandemic, *"In Case U missed it: Innovations and Inspirations"* showcased speakers with topics ranging from current trends in respiratory, cardiac, and renal therapies, environmental sustainability, environmental sustainability, end of life care and futuristic care methods with artificial intelligence. The program was well received with a diverse line up of speakers. The day concluded with an in-depth discussion of past, present and future directions and advice from our panel of guest speakers. The ACCCN VIC Committee would like to acknowledge and congratulate Professor Ian Baldwin on his OAM.

Special thanks to the very generous and knowledgeable presenters for imparting their expertise: Michelle Topple (Chair: Vic NUMs CoP), Amelia Johnston (Safer Care Vic), Mikheil Matcharadze (Digital analyst: Vic Dept Health), Prof Ian Baldwin (Austin Health) Sarah Tod (Austin Health), Dr Jason Watterson (NUM, Peninsula Health ICU), Melissa Bantick (RMH), Jayne Sheldrake (Alfred Health), Glenn Taylor (Midwifery Health Program Vic), Ros Morgan (ANMF), Laura Brooks (Deakin University) & Prof. Melissa Bloomer (Griffiths University).

Rose Jaspers (ACCCN VIC President) was also acknowledged by Michelle Topple for her support and commitment in developing the Victorian NUM's Community of Practice (CoP). Ever humble and unassuming, Rose later described this as "the highlight of my career".

We would like to extend our thanks to all Victorian based and interstate delegates who attended. It was great to see all everyone networking and engaging throughout the seminar. Special thanks to our fantastic trade display partnerships with Baxter, Zoll and YNA for their ongoing support with ACCCN educational activities. We would also like to thank the venue, Oaks on Market, who provided the ideal venue with delicious carte du jour on the day as well as their patient support during the planning stages over the pandemic period.

The ACCCN VIC branch are excited to continue our educational activities and support to our members. We have a promising educational calendar in development for the 2022-2023 period – watch the ACCCN website for upcoming events!

ACCCN Victorian Committee



Tassie Trauma Day

On July 1st the ACCCN Tasmania branch held the Tassie Trauma Day at the Woolstore Apartment Hotel in Hobart. It was a well-attended event, with delegates joining from around the state. The first presentation in the program was eye-opening with some confronting data around trauma admissions presented from the Tasmanian Trauma Registry. The program then addressed several aspects of trauma care with Dr Adam Mahony, Director of Trauma at Royal Hobart Hospital, providing a thorough explanation of the initial assessment and patient management undertaken in ED. This was followed by the latest evidence around massive transfusion management and engaging presentations addressing thoracic trauma and spinal injury.

The various scenarios and exemplars shared by the presenters helped participants appreciate the challenges and intricacies of trauma management. Interactive workshops were also included in the program and provided delegates with the opportunity to engage in the practical and team aspects of trauma nursing. The day concluded with a trauma case study presentation and panel discussion with an ICU nurse, intensivist and occupational therapist discussing some of the long-term functional outcomes that can be impacted by a multitrauma.

Overall, it was a great day and provided an opportunity to reconnect with ACCCN members around the state and welcome some new members into the organisation. The committee would like to thank the speakers for their generous time and contribution to the program, and also the sponsorship provided by Zoll and Defence Force Recruiting.



Grants & Funding

VIC Members' Professional Development Grant – Apply Now!

Are you thinking of attending a conference or educational/professional development activity? As an ACCCN VIC member you are eligible to apply for support to attend conferences, seminars, workshops or other educational events in the field of critical care.


Application closing date – 11.59pm on Sunday 28th August 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to submit your application

More grant opportunities in the August newsletter!



Upcoming Events



ACCCN Online Journal Club
 Wednesday 17th August 2022
 4:00pm – 5:30pm (AEST)
 Via zoom, facilitated by NSW Branch

'Impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic on critical care healthcare workers' depression, anxiety, and stress levels'
 Hammond et al.

Winner of ACCCN Gavin Leslie Best Nursing Paper 2021




WA Study Day
RECOGNISING & RESPONDING TO THE DETERIORATING CHILD

Saturday 17 September 2022
 Royal Perth Hospital
 8:30 – 17:30




"Postponed until further notice"

SA/NT Symposium
On the bleeding edge: Trauma and massive transfusion



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ACCCN Advanced Life Support Courses

We are excited to announce that ACCCN Adult ALS Courses have been approved for CPD with these organisations:

ALS

ACCCN

Australian
College of
Rural & Remote
Medicine

Australian
College of
Emergency
Medicine

Australian and
New Zealand
College of
Anaesthetists

College of
Intensive
Care Medicine

The Royal
Australian
College of
General
Practitioners

The Royal
Australasian
College of
Physicians

More information will be available on the ACCCN website soon.

ACCCN offers a comprehensive range of Instructor, Adult and Paediatric Resuscitation programs. They are suitable for all healthcare professionals (nursing, medical, defence force) to attend, but are specifically aimed at nurses and medical staff working in a critical care environment, or with critically ill patients.

Standards used throughout the course reflect the Australian Resuscitation Council Statements on Basic and Advanced Life Support; Biennial recertification. Annual re-certification is recommended for the Adult and Paediatric program. Bi-annual re-certification is recommended for the Instructor program.

Courses are run nationally – please [CLICK HERE](#) to find an upcoming course near you!

September dates now available @ Townsville University Hospital



ACCCN Advanced Life Support Courses

Townsville University Hospital

Adult 2 Day Certification – 17 & 18 September 2022

Adult 1 Day Recertification – 18 September 2022



Research Projects – Invitation to participate

The experiences and challenges of caring for a healthcare professional-patient, and the challenges of being a nurse-patient in a hospital setting

Are you a registered nurse who has cared for a health professional-patient in the last 3 years?

Have you had the experience of being a nurse-patient in the past 3 years?

If you have answered yes to either, or both questions, we would love to hear about your experiences by participating in a short online anonymous survey.

This survey will explore registered nurses' experiences and challenges caring for healthcare professional-patients and the challenges of nurses who have been nurse-patients themselves. Little is known about how to prepare registered nurses to care for other health professionals as patients and findings from this survey will inform future education and support of registered nurses.

You may access the Participant Information Sheet and Survey here:

<https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/?s=33R43LK3JRND93HK>

Industry Updates



WEEK IN REVIEW

New and updated convalescent plasma recommendations

The Taskforce recently identified trial data which investigated the effect of using convalescent plasma in patients who do not require oxygen (CSSC-004 trial data, [Sullivan et al. 5/5/22](#)).

These results, along with existing data, were sufficient for the Disease-Modifying Treatment and Chemoprophylaxis Panel to analyse population subgroups separately based on oxygen requirement. Four studies contributed to the analysis focused of patients who do not require oxygen (Libster 2020, Sullivan 2022, Alemany 2022 and RECOVERY).

Results of the analysis demonstrate little impact of convalescent plasma on death and the need for supplemental oxygen compared to standard care, and uncertainty remains regarding the impact of convalescent plasma on other patient relevant outcomes in patients with COVID-19 who do not require oxygen.

As a result of the new evidence profile, the Taskforce has updated the existing **Do Not Use** recommendation to specify:

Do not use convalescent plasma for the treatment of COVID-19 in patients who require supplemental oxygen.

And added a new **only in research** recommendation:

Do not use convalescent plasma for the treatment of COVID-19 in patients who do not require oxygen outside of randomised trials with appropriate ethical approval. Do not use

The Taskforce is continually monitoring global research to update recommendations as new evidence emerges.

QUICK LINKS

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Employment Opportunities

Monash Health: Clinical Nurse Consultant - MonashHeart



We are looking for a passionate and dedicated individual to join our growing MonashHeart Heart Failure team within Monash Health as a Heart Failure Clinical Nurse Consultant. This new position is either full time or part time depending on the individual and will provide care for all Monash Health sites including the new Victorian Heart Hospital due to open in early 2023.

The MonashHeart Heart Failure program is a nurse led cardiologist supported program which delivers comprehensive, guideline indicated therapy to patients with newly diagnosed heart failure with a reduced ejection fraction, paying particular attention to patient education (heart failure self management) and supported transition from the hospital setting to the community.

Monash Health is a great place to work so come join The Monash Heart Failure Team now!

<https://monashhealth.mercury.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=8aqdR9svnpQ=&k=54374&E=0&C=0&J=0&P=0&I=0&L=0&jbc=ere>

Closing date: 2 August 2022

The Prince Charles Hospital: Nurse Researcher – Intensive Care

**Metro North
Health**



**Queensland
Government**

The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH) currently has a temporary vacancy for the position of Nurse Researcher working within the Critical Care Research Group (CCRG). This Nurse Grade 7 vacancy is fixed term, temporary part-time 0.84 FTE, for immediate start up to 27/11/2022 with a possibility of extension.

Provide specialised research skills and services for CCRG, TPCH to assist in the development of research proposals and grant funding applications and gain clinical governance and ethical clearance to maximise the research capacity. This role may also provide specialised research training for surgical and critical care area, TPCH, MNH and will develop and participate in collaborative interprofessional research activities with internal and external research groups.

Collaborate with others to promote and communicate research activity as achievable, rewarding, and assist to maximise research potential in novice researchers. Work collaboratively with academic partners, health care consumers, and with other internal and external stakeholders to build research capacity through identification of training, collaboration and funding opportunities.

<https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-PCH434150>

Closing date: 23 August 2022

Gold Coast Health: Clinical Nurse (Clinical Facilitator – Adult Intensive Care)

Collaborate with Nurse Educators and Clinical Nurse Consultants to deliver educational needs to the Intensive Care Unit nursing staff, based in Southport.

The Role

An opportunity has become available for a Clinical Nurse (Clinical Facilitator – Adult Intensive Care) to join Gold Coast Health (GCH) where the focus of our 10 000-strong team is on providing world-class health care to people living in the Gold Coast, and northern New South Wales region of Australia.

**Gold Coast
Health**



You will

- Develop and present in-service material and nursing rounds
- Deliver educational support on the clinical floor to meet specific needs on a day-to-day basis
- Provide expertise and knowledge to ensure staff can deliver evidenced based care to patients
- Assist with the professional development of registered nursing staff
- Perform the assessment of Clinical Skills Assessment Tools

About Us

The Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service Adult Intensive Care Unit (ICU) is a 23-bed ICU equivalent ICU/High Dependency Unit averaging 90% occupancy and admitting over 2000 patients per year. The ICU houses Trauma beds aligned with a Level 1 Trauma Service, rooftop helipad providing rapid response and access to an Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation Service, based in Southport.

<https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-GC433276>

Closing date: 18 August 2022

Queensland Children's Hospital: Registered Nurse



**Children's Health Queensland
Hospital and Health Service**

Are you passionate about outcomes for children and young people across Queensland?

We're committed to providing life-changing healthcare for children and young people for a healthier tomorrow.

About the Queensland Children's Hospital

The Queensland Children's Hospital (QCH) (formerly The Lady Cilento Children's Hospital), which opened on 29 November 2014, is Australia's largest and most advanced paediatric facility. Located in South Brisbane, the 359-bed hospital features more than 80,000 square meters of facilities spread across 12 levels.

Your Opportunity:

The Registered Nurse (RN) in the PICU delivers safe compassionate clinical care working collaboratively with the Healthcare team to achieve best practice patient outcomes. The RN engages in reflective, analytical practice through effective assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of direct person-centred care. The RN continually improves their skills and knowledge developing from graduate to highly skilled Registered Nurse.

Autonomy:

- Practice independently and interdependently
- Assume accountability and responsibility for their own actions and delegation of care to Enrolled nurses, Assistants in Nursing and healthcare workers.
- Demonstrates evidence of increasing autonomy and exercises greater levels of professional judgement in the clinical environment as the employee moves from a beginning to experienced practitioner.

<https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-H22CHQ419932>

Closing date: 31 May 2023

UAE, Abu Dhabi: Critical Care Nursing Opportunities

A popular American based hospital in Abu Dhabi is seeking experienced ICU nurses. This is a fantastic opportunity to work at a MAGNET accredited American hospital in a world-class healthcare facility. Abu Dhabi is a prime location to jump start your international career, with travel opportunities like no other! It is home to many expats across the world with high quality healthcare and education. A wonderful place to experience different cultures, events, and endless holiday opportunities with Europe, the Middle East and Africa only a few hours away.

The hospital is seeking registered nurses for the following critical care vacancies:

- Medical/Surgical ICU
- Neuro ICU
- Cardiac ICU

Benefits:

- Open ended contract
- Salary paid tax free
- 25 working days of annual leave + 10 public holidays
- All basic medical care provided for you
- Provided accommodation
- End of service benefits
- Comprehensive orientation and introduction to the hospital
- Airport Pickup



Requirements:

- Minimum 2 years' experience in the specialty you are applying for
- Bachelor's degree of Nursing

To apply, simply register via <https://bit.ly/3yuR2Bb>

Victorian Heart Hospital – Nurse Management Opportunities



Exciting Nursing Leadership Positions

We invite talented Nurse Managers with demonstrated management and clinical expertise to be an important part of the leadership team transitioning into the brand-new facility after its completion. These are truly unique and exciting roles for experienced Nurse Managers to appoint a new team and assist with the transition strategy for the following cardiac dedicated services: Ambulatory Services, Emergency Department & Intensive Care Unit.

By joining Monash Health's cardiac team now, you will be part of the team that transitions into the brand-new facility after its completion.

These are full-time ongoing positions working Monday to Friday (please highlight in cover letter Nurse Manager opportunity you are applying to).

The Victorian Heart Hospital is planned to open in early 2023 – make sure you are a part of the team at Australia's only dedicated, purpose-built heart hospital - Apply NOW!

<https://monashhealth.mercury.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=sLM1fxhktRM=&k=54629&E=0&C=0&J=0&P=0&L=0&jbc=ere>

Closing date: 12 August 2022