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ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care ASM 2022

After a two-and-a-half-year delay, the 45th ANZICS/ACCCN Annual Scientific Meeting on Intensive Care was finally delivered at the International Convention Centre in Sydney on the 27-29 April 2022. Delegate numbers and industry sponsorship exceeded expectations in the ongoing climate of pandemic uncertainty, and the program was very well received.

The theme of the meeting was “Harbouring Excellence in Intensive Care and Beyond”, which focused on the excellence and innovation achieved in the intensive care community throughout Australia, New Zealand, and the world. The theme signified how our work in the intensive care community has a wider reaching impact than just being confined to the ICU. This has never been more relevant with the COVID-19 pandemic casting a spotlight on intensive care and the long-term negative impacts critical illness can cause.

The ASM convenors and organising committee embraced the concept of “pivoting” and despite international travel uncertainties, were able to include most of the keynote speakers who were originally invited for the October 2020 ASM. Last minute program issues due to COVID conniptions, and room changes due to the recent intense rain events, were adeptly managed. The “Jungle Disco” themed Party Night at the Argyle allowed delegates to “get their groove on” with a live band, followed by a DJ and Karaoke.

Finally, ACCCN would like to thank Jade Riolo and the team from Encanta, our Professional Conference Organisers. They truly went above and beyond in supporting the ACCCN and ANZICS team through the uncharted events landscape of the last two years to achieve the goal of delivering an outstanding ASM.

Planning is underway for the 2023 ASM which will be held in Adelaide at the Convention Centre from 28-31 March. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jane-Louise Cook
ACCCN Events Coordinator

The Australian College of Critical Care Nurses would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the organising committee for their perseverance and commitment in the face of extraordinary circumstances:

Adult Nursing Convenor – Naomi Hammond
Paediatric Nursing Convenor – Natalie Duns
Organising Committee (Nursing Members) – Kate Yendall, Katina Skylas (and until 2021, Rachel Longhurst & Marcus Ott)
Adult Medical Convenor – Swapnil Pawar
Paediatric Medical Convenor – Corrine Balit
Organising Committee (Medical Members) – Danielle Austin, Elizabeth Fugaccia and Michael O’Leary
Allied Health Committee Member – Peter Thomas

The ICC is a big venue designed to hold major conferences such as the ASM, and many kilometres were covered by delegates in the course of the nearly three-day event. The Exhibition Hall was a sight to behold with exhibitors filling the space to capacity. ACCCN would like to thank all the ASM sponsors and exhibitors, and particularly the Presenting Partner, Device Technologies, and our Major Partners who appear in the list below. We could not deliver a large-scale conference such as the ASM without their support.



ASM 2022 Free Paper and Poster Awards

ACCCN would like to congratulate the following award recipients for their presentations at the ASM:



Nursing Scholarship – \$2000 Sponsored by LINET

Ms Julia Pilowsky

Pre-existing mental health disorders in adult intensive care patients: Prevalence, characteristics and outcomes.

Best Nursing Free Paper – \$2000 Sponsored by iNurse

Prof. Samantha Keogh

Evaluation of a closed loop blood sampling system in intensive care: A pilot randomised controlled trial. The ENCLOSE trial.

Best Allied Health Free Paper – \$2000

Mr Li Xian Simon Du (presented by Ms Zohal Rashidzada)

Significant improvement in timely antimicrobial administration with pharmacist involvement in sepsis-related MET calls.

Best Paediatric or Neonatal Nursing Free Paper – \$2000

A/Prof Fenella Gill

Process evaluation of a complex intervention for recognising and responding to paediatric clinical deterioration.



Dr Jessica Schults

Appropriate use criteria for endotracheal suction in critically ill children.

Due to the high quality of the presentations this year an additional award for Best Paediatric Nursing or Neonatal Paper was awarded after the ASM.

Best Nursing Poster – \$1000

Ms Jessicah Minogue

Long-term outcomes following paediatric sepsis – A narrative review.

Highly commended:

- A/Prof Fenella Gill – *Implementation of an evidence-based calculation system for recognising and responding to paediatric clinical deterioration*
- Dr Auxillia Madhuvu – *Barriers to the use of evidence-based practice to prevent ventilator-associated events: A qualitative study of nurses and doctors*

Best Allied Health Poster – \$1000

Ms Michelle Paton

Correlation of objectively measured function to patient-reported outcome measures in critical care survivors (PREDICTABLE).



Gavin Leslie Best Nursing Paper – \$3000 Sponsored by Elsevier

A/Prof. Naomi Hammond

Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on critical care health care workers' depression, anxiety, and stress levels.

Please click on the link below to read this article:

[https://www.australiancriticalcare.com/article/S1036-7314\(20\)30352-0/fulltext](https://www.australiancriticalcare.com/article/S1036-7314(20)30352-0/fulltext)**Additional Prizes:****Exhibitor Passport Competition:** Cecilia Sajor**Party Night Best Dressed:** Doug Stenhouse & Rachel Morland**ACCCN UPDATE****GREAT NEWS!**

We're very excited at ACCCN to let you know that we will have a new website and database by the end of May. The new website will be more intuitive and make your ACCCN journey an easier process.

Unfortunately, this means that our database and website login will be "Under Construction" on Wednesday 25th May and Thursday 26th May.

Should you need to register for any courses/events, access the pre quiz for upcoming courses or need to log into your membership profile, please ensure that you do this ahead of the scheduled down time.

Our website will have limited capabilities whilst work goes on in the background for the changeover. Our team will be available during this time to ensure urgent matters can be addressed – please phone 1800 357 968 or email admin@acccn.com.au.

We sincerely appreciate your patience while we are working on implementing our exciting new system.

*Best regards,
ACCCN Board and Staff*



SA/NT Members' Professional Development Grant Recipient

The ANZICS/ACCCN ASM 2022 brought together hundreds of ICU health professionals. The message was clear during the strong opening speeches by our own ACCCN President Alison Hodak and the ANZICS president Mark Nicholls; the conference offered a time to connect, care, learn, listen, and reflect. The conference lived up to all of my expectations, and I saw many great presentations over the three-day conference. My favourite session, "Supporting our people", was chaired by and presented by Liz Crowe and A Prof Andrew Davies. Again, a very clear message was portrayed: The ICU should provide a safe place where people can be empowered and supported to bring their best selves to work. The party night at the Argyle was another highlight of the conference. With dancefloors finally open again, people enjoyed singing and dancing long into the night.



On a professional note, I am thankful that I got the opportunity to share our findings from a systematic review looking at nonpharmacological interventions for agitation in ICU. While medication is essential to keep patients safe and treat underlying causes of agitation, there are issues associated with an overreliance on medication and physical restraints. Therefore, clinicians must also be aware of and use nonpharmacological strategies. This systematic review forms a cornerstone of my PhD. It outlines areas where more research is needed and, most importantly, highlights that RCTs are not always feasible and ethical.



On a more personal note, I needed this conference to catch up with colleagues and like-minded people who feel passionate about care in ICU. Doing a PhD fulltime is a lonely endeavour – in comparison to the bustling, collaborative ICU environment. Thanks to all of you who connected with me and shared thoughts and ideas for how we can move closer to better care in the ICU.

Finally, I want to thank the ACCCN and ANZICS convenors for organising this fantastic conference and for accepting my abstract, and thanks to the ACCCN SA/NT Branch for supporting a part of my conference registration fee.

I hope to see you all at the ANZICS/ACCCN ASM 2023 in Adelaide!

Kind regards,
Anne Mette Adams
PhD candidate and associate lecturer, Flinders University



UPCOMING EVENTS



ACCCN

In Case U missed it:
Innovations and Inspiration

VIC Critical Care Seminar
Friday 3 June 2022
Oaks on Market, Melbourne

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TASSIE TRAUMA DAY
Friday 1 July 2022
Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel, Hobart

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WA Study Day
RECOGNISING & RESPONDING TO
THE DETERIORATING CHILD
Saturday 17 September 2022
Royal Perth Hospital
8:30 – 17:30

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In Critical Care

20 & 21 OCTOBER 2022
SEA WORLD, GOLD COAST

AEM ACCCN'S ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING **ACCCN**



ACCCN'S AEM 2022 – REGISTRATION AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS OPENING SOON!

Employment Opportunities



Registered Nurse - Emergency

Health Careers & Opportunities in the Northern Territory

If you want your career to go places then join Department of Health in the Northern Territory. The challenges and opportunities in health and community care in the Territory are like no other in Australia, from remote Aboriginal health to tropical health and urban tertiary care. Continued investments in Aboriginal health, remote health, acute care and community services offer many opportunities for health professionals who want to be part of making a difference.

Central Australia

Nurse 2 - Remuneration Package Range \$79,799 - \$105,575

(Comprising salary \$71,670 – \$94,821, superannuation, leave loading and the value of 2 weeks extra recreation leave)

In addition to above Package Range; postgraduate qualification and professional development allowances and salary sacrifice provisions apply

Alice Springs Hospital - Nursing

Several vacancies are available on a full time and part time or casual basis.

Opportunities exist for Registered Nurses to work in the Emergency Department at Alice Springs Hospital. Located in the rugged and beautiful centre of Australia, the Alice Springs Emergency Department is unique due to the size of our catchment area (1 million square km's) and population. Home to the Arrernte people, Alice Springs is a small town and embodies the quintessential Australian spirit.

Our ED is a 43 bed department including three resuscitation bays, four high dependency bays and a paediatric specific area. Nurses coming to our department will progress through all areas of the department with support and tailored education packages to assist them in upskilling. Our friendly and committed multidisciplinary team work closely together to achieve the best outcomes for our patients

We are looking for passionate, enthusiastic, dedicated registered nurses who are able to adapt easily and always provide compassionate and patient focused care. Nurses applying would need current AHPRA registration and an ability to lead and co-ordinate client care resulting in positive clinical outcomes. Ideally you will have recent Emergency experience and experience in management of high acuity patients.

For a confidential discussion please contact Kimberley Robson on 08 89517528 or Kimberley.Robson@nt.gov.au

Quote vacancy number: 35214

Vacancy closing date: 07/06/2022

Direct link for application - <https://jobs.nt.gov.au/Home/JobDetails?rtfId=239231>



Associate Nurse Unit Manager – Critical Care Unit

St John of God Health Care is one of the largest private providers of health care services in Australia, employing more than 16,000 employees (caregivers). We operate 27 hospitals and services comprising more than 3,500 hospital beds, including home nursing, disability services and social outreach programs.

With over 127 years' experience in health care, we have an excellent reputation as a caring, nurturing and supportive employer. Learning is highly valued and there are many opportunities for professional development

The Position

St John of God Bendigo Hospital is a private hospital located in central Victoria. St John of God Health Care acquired Mt Alvernia Mercy Hospital in February 2005, renaming it St John of God Bendigo Hospital. The private hospital services the City of Bendigo and Central Victoria.

The hospital is well equipped to deal with a wide range of medical and surgical conditions, including a fully equipped Intensive Care Unit. This level of support allows complex procedures to be undertaken.

We are currently seeking an experienced Registered Nurse to take the next step in their career assisting the Nurse Unit Manager in the overall clinical management of the Critical Care Unit. As **Associate Nurse Unit Manager** you will also be responsible for the provision of comprehensive patient care and supervision of care given by junior staff in accordance with the Nurses and Midwifery Board of Australia Scope of Practice and deputises for and assists the Nursing Unit Manager.

This Permanent Full Time position is offering 76 hours per fortnight.

The successful candidate must have a post-graduate qualification in Critical Care Nursing.

St John of God can offer you:

- Generous salary packaging
- Discounts on hospital services & private health insurance
- Option to purchase up to two weeks of additional annual leave
- Unique and competitive overseas relocation support offered
- 10 weeks paid parental leave

For more information and how to apply for this role, please [CLICK HERE](#)

Closing date: 15/06/2022



Registered Nurse (517824)

Tasmanian Health Service
Department of Health
Royal Hobart Hospital – Department of Critical Care Medicine
Hobart, Tasmania

Applicants are advised that in accordance with Tasmanian Public Health Directions, all employees of the Department of Health must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This step is critical in protecting both our health workforce and vulnerable Tasmanians in our care.

Would you like to work in beautiful Tasmania?

The Department of Health is seeking interest from suitable qualified applicants for multiple Registered Nurse vacancies.

Tasmania offers an enviable lifestyle with some of the most amazing natural attractions, a wide range of opportunities, quality education systems, short commutes, exceptional food, wine and local beer. Hobart is a beautiful city which is easily accessible from other major cities in Australia. If moving interstate, we recognise this can be a big decision and the right candidate may be eligible for relocation support.

Vacancy:

Multiple vacancies. Permanent, full-time and part-time, shift work (fully rotational), working up to 76 hours per fortnight, commencing as soon as possible.

Please note that actual hours may be negotiated with the successful applicants.

Please also note that this process may be used to fill fixed term and casual opportunities as they arise.

Duties:

RNs required for Royal Hobart Hospital ICU. This is a very busy 23 bed unit including HDU and is the tertiary referral centre for Tasmania. It receives ICU patients including general medical & surgical, trauma, NSU, CTU, Vascular, burns and complicated obstetrics.

ICU experience including ventilator proficiency, in a tertiary level facility will be highly regarded.

The Department of Health offers:

- Attractive salary including salary packaging
- A multi-disciplinary work environment
- Family friendly workplace
- Relocation support for the right candidate

Salary: \$67,982 to \$93,964 pro rata, per annum (Access to the Grade 4 salary range \$87,970 to \$93,964 is subject to successful application for progression to Grade 4.)

So what are you waiting for! If you have a can-do attitude and a passion for Critical Care Nursing, we'd like to talk to you today!

To find out more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Felicity Geeves, Nurse Unit Manager – Department of Critical Care Medicine on (03) 6166 8856 or via email at felicity.geeves@ths.tas.gov.au

How to apply

To apply for this role, please go to www.jobs.tas.gov.au and look for vacancy number **517824**.

<https://careers.pageuppeople.com/759/cw/en/job/1079417/registered-nurse-517824-multiple-vacancies>

Applications close: Monday, 13 June 2022 at 11:55pm



INTENSIVE CARE SERVICES CLINICAL RESEARCH MANAGER

- Part Time Contract - 5 Years
- Generous Salary Packaging
- Ability to purchase additional leave

Eastern Health

Eastern Health is one of Melbourne's largest public health services. We provide a range of emergency, surgical, medical and general healthcare services, including maternity, palliative care, mental health, drug and alcohol, residential care, community health and state-wide specialist services to people and communities that are diverse in culture, age, socio-economic status, population and healthcare needs.

About the role

As a senior member of the clinical research team, the Clinical Research Manager (CRM) will, have responsibility for the delivery of direct and indirect care and associated data collection for concurrent research studies undertaken in the relevant department.

Vaccination against infectious disease is a mandatory requirement of this role. An offer of employment is conditional on you providing evidence that you are currently vaccinated against COVID-19 including your booster, prior to commencing employment.

What we offer

Eastern Health offers a variety of fantastic Employee Benefits, view the extensive range [here!](#)

- Diverse and engaging career opportunities
- Friendly & supportive team
- Flexible working hours
- Salary packaging options
- Career progression in our teaching hospitals

Next Steps

If you believe you have the ability to make a difference in this rewarding industry, **apply today!**

Please note:

- All applications must be submitted online via E-Mercury
- All appointments are made subject to a satisfactory Fit2Work Check, where preferred candidates will be required to complete a Criminal History Check at the expense of Eastern Health.
- You must have Australian work rights to apply for this position.
- Recruitment agency applications will not be accepted.

Eastern Health Values: Patients First | Agility | Humility | Respect | Kindness | Excellence

****Please note applications will be screened upon receipt and advertising may close prior to the closing date.****

To apply: [Eastern Health - Equifax eRecruit \(mercury.com.au\)](https://mercury.com.au)

Closing date: 08/06/2022



Intensive Care Research Nurse

- Clinical Research Team
- Limited Term Part Time
- Generous Salary Packaging and Employee benefits

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About the role

As a senior member of the clinical research team, the Clinical Research Nurse (Research Nurse) will, have responsibility for the delivery of direct and indirect care and associated data collection for concurrent research studies undertaken in the relevant department,

About you

To be successful in this role you will possess:

- Registered Nurse Division 1 (General) with current registration with Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).
- Minimum 5 years post graduate nursing experience demonstrating appropriate clinical assessment skills and delivery of patient care.
- Post graduate qualification in critical care nursing with at least 3 years critical care clinical nursing experience.
- Minimum 2 years' experience in clinical drug/device trials including experience in negotiating and monitoring trial budgets/finances and responsibility for maintaining Human Research Ethics & Governance requirements.
- Evidence of further education/ongoing professional development.
- Excellent interpersonal skills & ability to collaborate effectively with a diverse range of individuals and groups.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team.
- Capacity to think analytically to critically review and redefine procedures and processes to generate improvements and efficiencies within research management work processes.
- Demonstrate ability to communicate effectively (both written and verbal) with all levels of staff including clinicians, other research nurses, service department personnel and external stakeholders
- Strong planning, organisation & project management skills with clinical change management in a health care organisation.
- The ability to organise tasks, meet timelines with accurate and appropriate information and manage conflicting pressures. Ability to prioritise workload.
- Understanding of the requirements of site selection visits, site initiations visits and monitoring visits.
- Flexibility with work demands, including support for out-of-hours research tasks and responsibilities.
- Advanced computer skills, database management, web-based data entry / storage, and data analytical skills including working knowledge of REDCap™ database, Infonetica™ online forms database, the National Ethics Application Form (NEAF) and the Site Specific Assessment (SSA) form.
- Demonstrate understanding of study sponsors including pharmaceutical companies, Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society Clinical Trial Group (ANZICS-CTG).
- Understanding of structure and function of intensive care unit(s). Understanding of roles, responsibilities, and rights of staff, patients, and families in ICU.
- Ability to empathetically engage with patients and families.
- A current Victorian Drivers Licence

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To Apply: [Eastern Health - Equipax eRecruit \(mercury.com.au\)](https://mercury.com.au/equipax/eastern-health)

Closing date: 08/06/2022



Critical Care Registered Nurse - ICU Monash Health (Ref: 52894)

- Opportunities at Monash Medical Centre, Dandenong Hospital and Casey Hospital
- Be part of the frontline management of patient care in intensive care
- Ongoing and fixed term, full time or part time positions

Working in healthcare has never been more important or meaningful.

The Monash Health ICUs provide a journey across the lifespan.

In support of the growing needs of the community, our three Intensive Care Units at Monash Medical Centre Clayton, Dandenong hospital and Casey Hospital provides Victorians across the South East, with faster access to critical care and highly skilled staff when they need it most.

Each centre has its own specialty focus, and there is no better time than now, to grow your career within Monash Health's Critical Care Program.

For a confidential discussion and to explore the opportunity further, please call Lucy Johnston on 0436626130.

Applications will only be accepted via the Monash Health online Mercury System only. Email applications will not be considered.

[Please click here to Apply and/review the full Position Description.](#)

Closing date: 30 June 2022



Registered Nurse (Our reference: #52674) Jessie McPherson Private Hospital, Clayton

About Jessie McPherson Private Hospital

Jessie McPherson Private Hospital (JMPH) is a 115 bed tertiary level Private Hospital which has been co-located at Monash Medical Centre Clayton since 1987. Ward 31 North is a 26 bed Cardiology / Cardiothoracic surgical unit that will re-locate to the Victorian Heart Hospital (VHH) in February 2023, with increased capacity to 48 beds. Our co-location with Monash Health provides a unique opportunity for access to world-renowned research and teaching facilities.

Jessie McPherson Private Hospital also has a wider official specialist role for greater Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate in such specialties as cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, neuro-surgery, gastroenterology, gastrointestinal surgery, high acuity maternity and neonatal services.

About Victorian Heart Hospital

The Victorian Heart Hospital will be an Australian-first heart hospital, bringing together the world's best in cardiovascular care, training and research. The Victorian Heart Hospital will improve the lives of those diagnosed, or at risk of cardiovascular disease with an iconic, purpose-built centre of excellence, enabling the integration of clinical and scientific resources and expertise.

Located on the Monash University Clayton campus, the VHH will support integration of world-class research, education and training with clinical care, translating advanced developments into new and innovative models of cardiac care.

VHH will be the first cardiac-specific, standalone hospital in Australia and will incorporate both public and private (JMPH) services to the local community and across the State.

We are seeking professional, passionate and dedicated Registered Nurses with acute clinical experience, ideally but not limited to the Cardiac specialty.

How to Apply

Applications will only be accepted via the Monash Health online Mercury System only. Email applications will not be considered.

[To view the full position description and to APPLY NOW, click here](#)

Any queries, please contact: Amber Coleman, Nurse Unit Manager / JMPH VHH Project Lead, Tel: 9594 3160.

Closing date: 30 September 2022
