



Lead, represent, develop and support Australian critical care nurses

Happy New Year!

Once again, we would like to acknowledge the amazing response and expert care that our skilled and dedicated nurses have provided and continue to provide. Your commitment to your patients, your profession and our community is truly remarkable. We thank you for your diligence, drive & determination under exceptionally trying circumstances. You are doing the critical care community and our country proud.



If you have considered returning to work to support your ICU colleagues, ICU Nurse Unit Managers across Australia are looking for new staff to ensure our patients continue to receive exceptional care. There are programs to support you re-joining and playing a crucial role in the current pandemic response.

If you are interested in re-joining your colleagues in the fight against COVID-19

contact the leadership of your local or former unit and keep an eye out for position vacancies in the monthly newsletter, on Facebook and on the ACCCN website.



ACCCN continues to support critical care nursing and provide educational resources to assist acute care nurses to care for COVID-19 patients. The online lectures relating to the pathophysiology and management of COVID-19 patients in the acute inpatient environment are freely available on the ACCCN website

- **COVID-19 Respiratory Failure**
- **Non-Invasive Ventilation in COVID-19**
- **Oxygen Therapy**
- **Positioning and Prone Ventilation**
- **Respiratory Physiology and Assessment**

As our team navigates the COVID-19 challenges, the ACCCN State Committees and National Events Committee are hard at work behind the scenes planning 2022 events and courses. Keep up to date through the ACCCN website, newsletter, social media and emails.

Code Brown Victoria

As our members would be aware, Victoria has had a Pandemic Code Brown alert activated from midday 19th January 2022, and it is expected to remain in place for four to six weeks. The Code Brown provides a more centralised and coordinated approach to managing the increased number of patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalisation due to the Omicron COVID-19 variant, severe workforce shortages, and the continued need to treat patients with other urgent emergencies. Already over the last two years, many of the strategies afforded by a Code Brown response have been in place at times (e.g. surge workforce, redeployment and suspension/cancellation of leave).

ACCCN acknowledges the unprecedented calamity that the pandemic years have presented and is extremely proud of all frontline workers, not least our critical care nurses. Your outstanding efforts have diverted catastrophe in the health care system and ensured outstanding healthcare to our population in the face of adversity. We know you are tired.

ACCCN and the Victorian Committee are committed to our continued support and we are working closely with the Victorian ICU NUMs CoP (Community of Practise) to ensure the safest care of our nurses, co-workers and patients as is currently possible and to ensure a rested, stronger, safer, sustainable workforce in the future.

Rose Jaspers

ACCCN Victorian Branch President

TAS Hot Topic Evening: 'Nasal High Flow (NHF) Therapy

On the 9th December at the RACV Hotel in Hobart, Fisher and Paykel Healthcare hosted a two-course meal and presented an informative session on the application of High Flow Nasal Oxygen with a focus on COVID 19.

Presenters Included:

Anna Ydreos – National Education Manager F&P

Leanne Plush – Senior Clinical Educator F&P

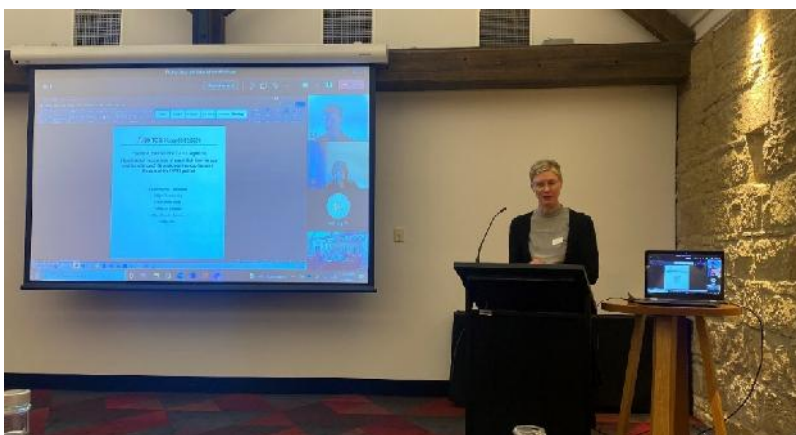
Liam Burton – Clinical Educator F&P

It was a great way to end the year – an informal evening of great food, great company and engaging presentations.



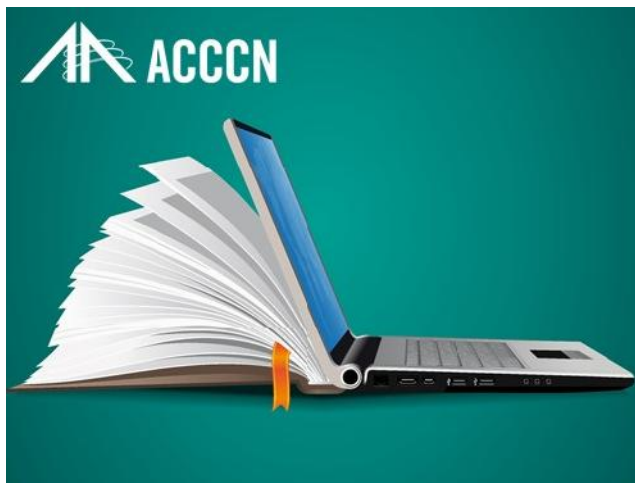
Picture: Cindy Weatherburn & Rick McCallister.

Thanks to Fisher and Paykel Healthcare for sponsoring this event.



Fisher & Paykel
HEALTHCARE

ACCCN Online Journal Club – 23rd February 2022



ACCCN Online Journal Club

Wednesday 23rd February, 2022

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Via zoom, facilitated by NSW Branch

'The effects of intensive care unit-initiated transitional care interventions on elements of post-intensive care syndrome: A systematic review and meta-analysis'

SA/NT Hot Topic – 29th March 2022



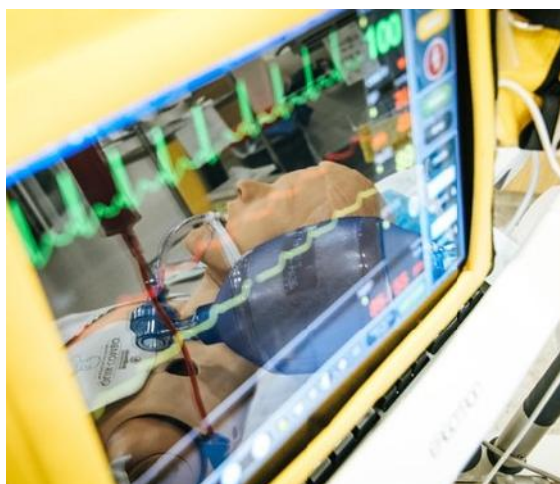
SA/NT 'Virtual' Hot Topic Evening 'Sepsis – How to manage sizzling symptoms in cool ways'

Tuesday 29^h March 2022

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Via zoom

VIC Critical Care Seminar: SAVE THE DATE – 3 June 2022



Postponed from
October 2021



In Case U missed it: Innovations and Inspiration

VIC Critical Care Seminar

Friday 3 June, 2022

Oaks on Market, Melbourne

ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care ASM: 27-29 April 2022

ACCCN Members receive up to \$150 discount off registration prices! Book early to save!
Early bird registration closes on 11th March



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ANZICS/ACCCN
Intensive Care ASM
27-29 April 2022
ICC Sydney
New South Wales

MEMBER REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS

**ACCCN Members Receive Discounted
Registration Fees to Attend the ASM**

Register Here

Invitation to participate in a Delphi study

Do you have experience with managing patient agitation in an intensive care unit (ICU)? If so, we need your support. This Danish-Australian study aims to develop a practice guideline on non-pharmacological strategies to reduce patient agitation in the ICU. Our study now needs support from a broad group of people including nurses, physicians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and psychologists/psychiatrists with expertise in this area to determine the appropriateness of a range of recommendations.

If you choose to participate in this study, you will be asked to complete three surveys over five months. Each survey will take between 20-50 minutes to complete.

After completion, you will be offered a professional development certificate and, you will have the chance of winning one of six \$50 vouchers.

To learn more about the study and register your interest -
<https://www.agitationicu.com/delphi-expert-panel>.
Registrations close on the 7th of January.

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Industry News & Updates

ANZCEN Clinician Educator Incubator

EOIs are open to join the [2022 Clinician Educator Incubator](#) for Clinical Educators working in critical care. This is a professional development programme for clinicians engaged in health professions education, with a focus on the critical care specialties. The one-year programme enrolls participants into a mentored digital community of practice.

If you are a clinician who wants to develop as a scholarly educator, apply best practices and innovations to health professions education, and help lead critical care education in the 21st century, we invite you to work with us and join our community.

Participants will be selected for their demonstrated commitment to health professions education and their potential to develop as Clinician Educators. Through collaboration and mentorship, they will develop their expertise and engage in education projects that will benefit our community of educators, our learners, and ultimately help improve patient care.

Cost for this 12-month interprofessional faculty development programme:

- Consult physicians (with CPD funds) – AUD \$1,949.95
- Nursing/Allied Health/Trainees/Other - AUD \$449.95

Active ACCCN members will receive a further AUD \$100.00 discount. All proceeds are donated to the [Australia and New Zealand Intensive Care Foundation](#) to support future education projects.

View full information on the 2022 Clinician Educator Incubator [here](#)

EOIs close - 11th February 2022



We want to continue to grow, learn, connect and have the WFPICCS community come together to share practices as well as the latest developments in paediatric intensive & critical care.

Unfortunately, with all the continuously changing circumstances around us, we don't feel we can safely do that in Cape Town this July. Things remain unpredictable, but we prefer to make a clear call to you all now.

We, therefore, have decided that the **11th Congress of the World Federation of Paediatric Intensive & Critical Care Societies** will take place as a fully virtual meeting on the same dates: **12-16 July 2022**.

More information about the virtual WFPICCS 2022 will become available soon, stay tuned!

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

New online module on voluntary assisted dying and the law



ELLC End of Life Law
for Clinicians

The End of Life Law for Clinicians ('ELLC') online training program has released a new free online module for nurses about Australian laws on [voluntary assisted dying](#). Designed by clinicians and experts in end of life law, it discusses the key information nurses need to know about VAD, including their legal rights and obligations. Read more about how knowing end of life law can support nurses in their practice at the [ANMJ](#).

For more information and to register - [CLICK HERE](#)

Employment Opportunities



Acute Health Service Manager Moree District Hospital

About the role:

Moree District Hospital is seeking the services of a suitably qualified, motivated and experienced Nurse Manager to provide the leadership required to empower their employees to be the best in serving their community. This position will provide professional leadership in matters of nursing professional standards, clinical practice, policy and education and contributes to the achievement and maintenance of best practice in the provision of health care services.

Leadership, collaboration and innovation are at the heart of the Health Service Manager's role. You will coordinate the daily operations of a rural hospital, manage multidisciplinary care teams and maintain a visible role in the community. Promoting efficient and effective day to day operations of facility services, you will be responsible for the delivery of safe, high standards of care and services for patients and their families. HNELHD supports our new leaders with education opportunities and mentoring.

The successful candidate will be innovative and collaborative Registered Nurse with strong leadership skills and tertiary qualifications in management or related discipline. You have a demonstrated ability to develop and nurture internal and external relationships through highly developed interpersonal, negotiation, written and verbal communication skills, along with capacity to operate as an effective representative of HNE LHD in external and internal forums.

Apply Now:

<https://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au/job/acute-health-service-manager-moree-district-hospital-294554>

Closing Date: 15 February 2022

TASMANIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Registered Nurses – Emergency, Intensive Care and Theatre North West Regional Hospital

Position details

The North West Regional Hospital are seeking specialist Registered Nurses to join our dynamic teams in the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit and Theatre.

The Role:

Reporting to the NUM, you will contribute to the health outcomes of your patients through excellence in practice, fostering a learning culture, excellent communication skills and working effectively within a multidisciplinary team.

Details of Appointment

Multiple fixed term, full and part time, shift work positions available.

Please follow the below link for more information and to apply:

[Tasmanian Government Jobs \(pageuppeople.com\)](https://pageuppeople.com)

Registered Nurses – North West Regional Hospital

The North West Regional Hospital are seeking Registered Nurses to work in a range of settings including Surgical Ward, Medical Ward/Acute Medical Unit & Paediatrics.

The Role:

Registered Nurse who deliver the greatest quality of care and will collaborate with members of the multidisciplinary healthcare team. It is expected that within the dynamic team, you will contribute to a strong professional team approach through open communication and a positive supportive environment.

Details of Appointment

Multiple fixed term, full and part time, shift work positions available.

Please follow the below link for more information and to apply for the position:

[Tasmanian Government Jobs \(pageuppeople.com\)](https://pageuppeople.com)

Closing Date: 22 February 2022

For More Information

Maxine Wooler

Position: Nursing Director – Critical Care and Acute Medicine

Phone: (03) 6493 6138

E-mail: Maxine.wooler@ths.tas.gov.au



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Department of Health

Registered Nurse – Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group: Acute Services – Intensive Care Unit

Position Profile: Sir Charles Gairdner Osborne Park Health Care Group (SCGOPHCG) is seeking highly capable Registered Nurses to join the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) team at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH). The Registered Nurses provide comprehensive and evidence-based nursing care to patients as part of a multidisciplinary team; in line with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Board Registration Standards and Nursing Practice Decision Flowchart; and uphold and function within the core values of the organisation.

The SCGH ICU is a 30 bed level III unit providing care for any critically unwell patient from HDU level to complex ICU level patients with multi-system failure requiring complex supports. It provides support for the state service for Neurosurgery, Subarachnoid Haemorrhage, toxicology and liver transplantation.

About You: We are looking for highly capable and values-driven nurses to join our fantastic team at Charlies. You will be a driven and innovative individual whose actions, interactions and partnerships achieve high quality patient care. You will have the opportunity to embody the NMHS Values and make a real difference by providing safe quality care through expertise and teamwork.

If you would like further information about the roles, please contact Mel Eaton (Nurse Manager) on (08) 6457 1010 or email mel.eaton@health.wa.gov.au

URL for applications:

<https://www.jobs.health.wa.gov.au/page.php?pageID=160&windowUID=0&AdvertID=291608>



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Registered Nurses

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[CLICK HERE](#) for more details about the emergency departments nursing roles, how to apply and probity check requirements, please refer to attached 'Application Guide' located under Position Documents.