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Happy New Year and Welcome to 2021!

What a year it was, and we are looking forward to a busy 2021 with a number of national and state events along with state ALS courses.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank a special family who made a significant donation to ACCCN on Christmas Day as a 'Family Xmas Lunch Donation'. ACCCN is registered charity and able to receive tax deductible donations. [Donations](#) enable us to provide additional services and funding to members.

Be part of ACCCN's first national event for 2021 and register today – [ACCCN's Annual Education Meeting 2021](#)

This meeting will be held at the QT Hotel Canberra and virtually. It will be a great opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, share experiences and be updated on latest developments in a range of topics. The AEM preliminary program has been published on the website and the committee is finalising the schedule of workshops to be offered.

LAST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - submissions close Friday 5 February – [AEM Abstract Submission Portal](#).

ACCCN members receive a range of benefits including full online access to [Australian Critical Care](#) – official journal of ACCCN.

We hope all our members continue to utilise this benefit. If you haven't accessed the journal online please refer to the step-by-step guide.

ACCCN state branches are excited to have a number of seminars and study days confirmed with more events to announce.

Registration now open:

[WA Cardiac Study Day – 'A change of Heart: The deteriorating Cardiac Patient' on Friday 5th March @ Hyatt Regency Perth](#)

[QLD Seminar – Management of Complex Respiratory Failure in ICU on Friday 19 March @ Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane](#)

[TAS Study Day – Recognising the Deteriorating Patient on Friday 2nd July @ The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel](#)

Save the date:

QLD Paediatric Critical Care Seminar on Friday 15 July @ Queensland Children's Hospital

SA/NT Critical Care Seminar – 'When the War is Over' on Friday 30 July @ South Australian Health & Medical Research Institute

We look forward to continuing to support the critical care community throughout the year.

Enjoy the [January newsletter](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS



ACCCN
A Change of Heart

Deteriorating Cardiac Patient
Adult and Paediatric Study Day
Friday 5th March 2021
Hyatt Regency, Perth



OLD CRITICAL CARE SEMINAR

MANAGEMENT OF COMPLEX RESPIRATORY FAILURE IN ICU

FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2021
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL, BRISBANE
8:00am-4:30pm

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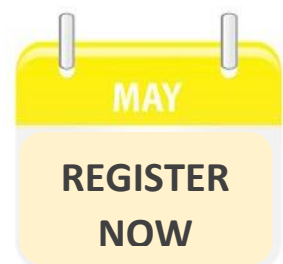




READY TO ACT
CRITICAL CARE IN TIMES OF CHANGE

ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING
13 - 14 MAY 2021
QT HOTEL, CANDERRA

ACCCN'S ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING (AEM) FORMERLY KNOWN AS ICE CONFERENCE




Recognising and Responding to Clinical Deterioration in Acute Health Care

Register Now

TAS Study Day
Recognising the Deteriorating Patient
Friday 2nd July 2021
The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel

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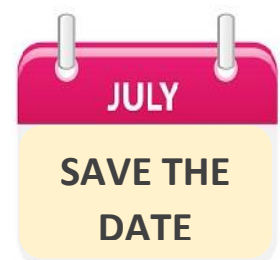
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SAVE THE DATE

Paediatric Critical Care Seminar
Friday 16 July 2021
Queensland Children's Hospital

Children's Health Queensland
Hospital and Health Service





AEM 2021

Registration is Now Open!

Be part of ACCCN's first national event for 2021 and register today for the Annual Education Meeting to be held 13 - 14 May 2021. The meeting will be held at the QT Hotel, Canberra and virtually and is a great opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, share experiences and be updated on latest developments in a range of topics.



A preliminary program is now available online and the committee are presently finalising a variety of workshops for those attending in person.

[Download Preliminary Program](#)

[View Registration Information](#)

Final Call for Abstracts – submissions close Friday 5 February 2021

We invite critical care nurses, educators, managers or teams to share what they have learned through local innovations or quality improvement projects, giving insight and stories about their work.

We are seeking submissions appropriate for two areas:

A - 'MacGyver'- innovative solutions to difficult problems

B - Quality Improvement Projects - how outcomes have been applied and their impact on the local area

For more information – [CLICK HERE](#)

Photo Submission for Image Montage at AEM 2021

What has 2020 looked like in your unit/hospital?

Do you have a photo that captures 2020?

We are creating a montage of images for the opening of the Annual Education Meeting (AEM) to be held in Canberra, 13-14 May 2021.

Calling all Australian ICUs and critical care units to submit a photo that captures 2020 for them.

[CLICK HERE](#) to upload your photo now!



EOI – SANT Advanced Life Support (ALS) Coordinator

The SA/NT branch is seeking applications for the role of course coordinator/course convener

For Position Description and Selection Criteria – [CLICK HERE](#)

Closing date: 5pm AEDT on Friday 12 February 2021

Please forward enquiries or EOI to – sa@accn.com.au



Congratulations Olivia Coyne for receiving the ACCCN Tasmania branch award for academic achievement in postgraduate critical care studies

I would like to extend my thanks to both ACCCN and UTAS for this generous award. This recognition has come as a total surprise! I am very humbled. Thank you.

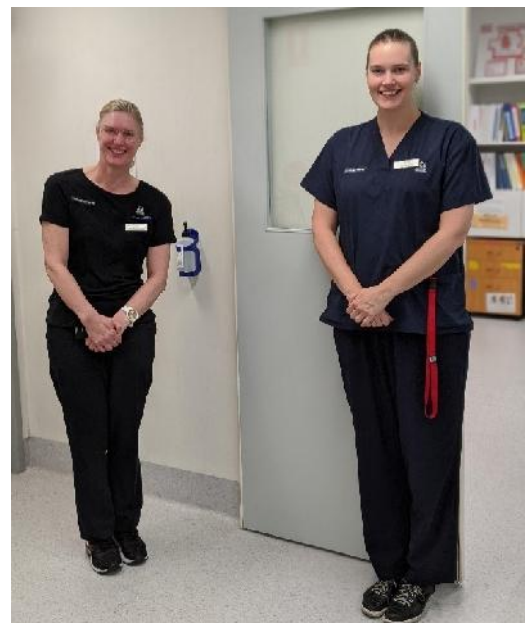
I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to continue studying during a pandemic and am thankful for the ongoing support from all staff at the Royal Hobart Hospital ICU. In 2020 I studied the postgraduate certificate of critical care nursing with a great cohort of nurses, now friends. We have all grown, shared knowledge, pushed ourselves and applied theory to practice with the help of senior staff.

Postgraduate study in the ICU taught me more than I thought it would. We have not only learnt to look at the bigger picture with our patients, their complexities and recovery, but to begin to look more broadly at our role in the unit. How and where can we contribute to the betterment of the unit to improve the experiences of patients, visitors, and our fellow colleagues.

I have always had a keen interest in hearts and lungs and this year has allowed me to delve deeper into complex medical and surgical cases. I would not be where I am today without the support of my colleagues, and one day I hope to offer the same support to new ICU nurses. Like most things in ICU nursing, studying this year has made me realize just how much more there is to learn!

Stay safe. Stay connected.

Kind regards,
Olivia Coyne
Registered Nurse
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Royal Hobart Hospital



RESEARCH - INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

EXPERIENCES AND PERCEPTIONS OF NURSES IN ANTIMICROBIAL OPTIMISATION OR STEWARDSHIP IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

All practising ICU nurses in Australia are invited to complete this survey as a part of a PhD research. We are very interested in knowing your perceptions and experiences surrounding the roles of nurses in ICU in antimicrobial optimisation or stewardship. This will also guide our proposal for education strategies in antimicrobial stewardship.

This project received ethical clearance from The Prince Charles Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee with reference number EC00168/62270 and from The University of Queensland Human Research Ethics Committee with reference number 2020002887/62270.

We encourage you to be frank and forthright on your responses, as information you provide to us will help in future policy-making and in improving clinical practice.

To participate, please read the information sheet found in the survey link, and email Junel Padigos at J.Padigos@uqconnect.edu.au (0411842395) if you have any questions.

We are particularly targeting responses from ICU RNs. Please share this link below with your ICU RN colleagues.

This survey usually takes 8-12 minutes to complete. Your participation is invaluable to help design strategies in preserving our antimicrobial future.

This survey will run for a three-month period and will close on 15th April 2021

Survey link - https://uqmedicine.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3wwhufSULpP1act

Thank you for considering this request.

Best regards,
Junel Padigos BScN, RN, MHSc (Hons)