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EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND WORKFORCE IN CRITICAL CARE

ACCCN ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING
26-27 MARCH 2026
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# Conference Program

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## Thursday 26th March 2026

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| **7.30am** | **Registration** |
| **8.40am – 10.30am** | **Session 1 – Opening Plenary**<br>**Daintree Room**<br>**Chair: Rand Butcher** |
| 8.40am | **Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country**<br>Georgina Neville, *ACCCN* Queensland Branch President, AEM Convenor |
| 8.55am | **Opening & Introduction**<br>Alison Hodak, *ACCCN* National President |
| 9.25am | **Platinum Sponsor Address**<br>Elle Horbury, Business Development Manager, Device Technologies |
| 9.30am | **One World, One ICU: Connecting Critical Care Nurses Globally**<br>*ACCCN* Global Health Advisory Panel<br>Andy Macey, Ruth Kehoe, Wendy Done, Merilyn Nicholas, Adi Fischer (remotely) |

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| **10.30am – 11.00am** | **Morning Tea & Exhibition** | |
| **Session 2**<br>11.00am – 12.30pm | **2A: Clinical Content Crunch**<br>**Daintree Room**<br>**Chair: Marg Nicholson** | **2B: Abstract Presentations**<br>**Sundown Room**<br>**Chair: Tanya Langtree** |
| 11.00am – 11.30am | Keeping Critical CVAD Care Safe<br>**Dr Claire Rickard** | 11.00am – 11.20am<br>Exploring Junior Critical Care Nurses' Experiences of Transition and Adaptation in the Intensive Care Unit<br>**Feifei Jin** |
| 11.30am – 12.00pm | Breaking Barriers: The First Patient Discharged from Hospital with the BiVACOR Total Artificial Heart. A Case Study<br>**Maria Dolores Correas** | 11.20am – 11.40am<br>Understanding how Experienced Nurses Learn and Adapt in Intensive Care: Findings From a Scoping Review<br>**Ching Yee Vian Luk** |
| 12.00pm – 12.30pm | Optimising Safety & Quality in Critical Care Through Leadership: The Collaborative Role of Nurses<br>**Professor Frances Lin** | 11.40am – 12.00pm<br>Exploring Registered Nurses' Understanding of Micro Trauma: The Straw that breaks the Camel's Back: A Hybrid Concept Analysis<br>**Megan Dale** |
| | | 12.00pm – 12.20pm<br>Co-Designing Online Education to Build Resilience in ICU Nurses: Insights from Lived Experience<br>**Tracey Gooding** |
| | | 12.20pm – 12.30pm<br>Group Questions |

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| **12.30pm – 1.30pm** | **Lunch & Exhibition** | |
| **Session 3**<br>1.30pm – 3.00pm | **3A: Learning, Life and Law**<br>**Daintree Room**<br>**Chair: Rand Butcher** | **3B: Resus Workshop**<br>**Topaz Room** |
| 1.30pm – 2.00pm | Wired to Learn: Insights from Educational Neuroscience<br>**Julie Melhop** | Refractory Anaphylaxis Work + Managing Overcrowding in Code Blues<br>*ACCCN* Resuscitation Advisory Panel<br>**Doug Billing, Marg Nicholson & Andrea Reid** |
| 2.00pm – 2.30pm | VAD, the End of Life and the Law<br>**Dr Jayne Hewitt** | |
| 2.30pm – 3.00pm | Cultural Diversity & What it Means for Care<br>**Professor Melissa Bloomer** | |
| **3.00pm – 3.30pm** | **Afternoon Tea & Exhibition** | |
| **Session 4**<br>3.30pm – 5.00pm | **4A: Trauma & Toxicology**<br>**Daintree Room**<br>**Chair: Andy Macey** | **4B: Abstract Presentations**<br>**Sundown Room**<br>**Chair: Frances Lin** |
| 3.30pm – 4.00pm | eMobility Safety: Harnessing the Power of Injury Data to Contribute to Public Policy<br>**Professor Kirsten Vallmuur** | 3.30pm – 3.50pm<br>Disaster Preparedness for Intensive Care Units: Priorities to Inform Crisis Standards of Care<br>**Dr David Sellers** |
| 4.00pm – 4.30pm | When Fantasy Fades: A Case of GHB Toxicity and E-Scooter Trauma<br>**Fiona Jennings & Ben Learmont** | 3.50pm – 4.10pm<br>Implementing Animal-assisted Activity in the Intensive Care Unit: Feasibility, Acceptability, and Lessons Learned<br>**Tania Lovell** |
| 4.30pm – 5.00pm | | 4.10pm – 4.30pm<br>Re-Imagining of a Training Program for the Role of the ACCESS Nurse in a Non-Tertiary Intensive Care Unit<br>**Rachel Longhurst & Mae-Anne Llanto** |
| | | 4.30pm – 4.50pm<br>Group Questions |
| **5.00pm – 6.00pm** | **AEM Social Hour** | |

## Friday 27th March 2026

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| **7.15am – 8.45am** | **Sponsor Workshop – Aerogen**<br>*Optimising Aerosol Drug Delivery in Acute & Critically Ill Patients*<br>*Topaz Room* |
| **8.30am** | **Registration** |
| **9.00am – 10.30am** | **Session 5 – Plenary**<br>**Daintree Room**<br>**Chair: Alison Hodak** |

9.00am **Essential educational, clinical & regulatory steps to becoming an NP in Critical Care**
*ACCCN* ICU Nurse Practitioner Advisory Panel
Sarah Webb, Aaron Grogan, Katie Kelleway, Marg Nicholson

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| **10.30am – 11.00am** | **Morning Tea & Exhibition** | |
| **Session 6**<br>11.00am – 12.30pm | **6A: Leadership for Clinical Nurses**<br>**Daintree Room**<br>**Chair: Nittaya Caruana** | **6B: Paediatrics**<br>**Sundown Room**<br>**Chair: Kylie Thompson** |
| 11.00am – 11.30am | Panacea or Poison: A Critical Thinking Compromise or Competent Clinical Care<br>**Professor Deb Massey** | Ventilation of the Paediatric Patient<br>**Dr Helen Miles** |
| 11.30am – 12.00pm | Succession Planning for Nurse Education through an Internship Program<br>**Judith Gonzalez** | PICU Management of the Paediatric Patient with Pneumonia<br>**Dr Jessica Schults** |
| 12.00pm – 12.30pm | Leadership and Workforce<br>**Dr Elizabeth Elder** | Innovation in Vascular Access: Ready for your Paediatric Practice Tomorrow<br>**Professor Amanda Ullman** |
| **12.30pm – 1.30pm** | **Lunch & Exhibition** | |
| **Session 7**<br>1.30pm – 3.00pm | **7A: Cardiac Concerns**<br>**Daintree Room**<br>**Chair: Sarah Webb** | **7B: Research**<br>**Topaz Room** |
| 1.30pm – 2.00pm | Pulstile ECMO – ECG Triggered ECMO for Cardiogenic Shock<br>**Dr Gianluigi Li Bassi** | The Anatomy of a Research Publication: A Practical Guide for Critical Care Nurses<br>*ACCCN* Research Advisory Panel<br>**Amanda Corley & Annabel Levido** |
| 2.00pm – 2.30pm | ACOMI on ECG: Beyond the STEMI<br>**Alyce Bowtell** | |
| 2.30pm – 3.00pm | ECG Emergencies in Critical Care<br>**Kirstin Bull** | |
| **3.00pm – 3.30pm** | **Afternoon Tea & Exhibition** | |

| 3.30pm – 4.45pm | Session 8 – Closing Plenary<br>Daintree Room<br>Chair: Ylona Chun Tie |
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| 3.30pm | **Pre Hospital Critical Trauma Care – 2026 and beyond**<br>**Dr Claire Bertenshaw** |
| 4.15pm | **Award presentations – Rand Butcher and Georgina Neville**<br>**What's next – Rand Butcher** |

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| **4.45pm** | **Close of AEM** |