

# RCN Acute Care Symposium 2025

**Advances in acute care: exploring the latest innovations and developments**

Friday 20 June 2025

RCN HQ, 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN

## Programme at a glance

9.00	Registration, exhibition and networking		
10.00	<b>Chair's opening remarks</b> Jason Cross, RCN Perioperative Forum, POPS ANP & Nurse Lead, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust		
10.15	<b>Current challenges and future direction of nursing</b> Lynn Woolsey, Chief Nursing Officer, RCN		
10.45	<b>Perspectives of Delirium - Understanding Delirium: Risk Factors, Identification and Management</b> Kerry Lyons, Consultant Admiral Nurse for Frailty and Physical Health, Dementia UK Melissa Grundy, Consultant Admiral Nurse for Frailty and Physical Health, Dementia UK		
11.15	Refreshments, exhibition and networking		
11.45	<b>Cardiac arrest: new guidelines, innovation and modernisation</b> Luke Winterbourne, Nurse Practitioner, Royal Army Medical Services and Salford Royal Hospital		
12.15	Transition time		
12.25	Concurrent sessions (repeated after lunch)		
Room	<b>Cowdray Hall</b>	<b>101/102</b>	<b>307</b>
	<b>50 shades of diabetes</b> Tamsin Fletcher-Salt, Clinical Diabetes and Endocrinology Team Leader, Clinical Lead for Diabetes Inpatients NHSE (Midlands Network), University Hospital of North Midlands <b>Chair:</b> Kendal Andreason, RCN Professional Lead for Acute and Emergency Care and Defence Nursing	<b>Managing the care of patients undergoing emergency laparotomy: learning from the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA) and Emergency Laparotomy and Laparoscopic Scottish Audit (ELLSA)</b> Angeline Price, Chair, RCN Perioperative Forum, Advanced Practitioner, Salford Royal Hospital Victoria Richmond, Senior Nurse for Unscheduled Surgery, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	<b>Options for managing acute pain</b> Karin Cannons, Nurse Consultant Pain Management, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust <b>Chair:</b> Ciara Collins, Chair, RCN Critical Care and Flight Nursing Forum

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14.35	<b>Panel discussion: advancing your career in nursing</b> <b>Chair:</b> Jason Cross, RCN Perioperative Forum, POPS ANP & Nurse Lead, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust <b>Suman Shrestha</b> , RCN Professional Lead for Critical Care and Perioperative Care, Consultant Nurse, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust <b>Professor Natalie Pattison</b> , Professor of Clinical Nursing, University of Hertfordshire / East and North Herts NHS Trust <b>FS Lucy Reading</b> , Critical Care Air Support Team, Royal Air Force		
15.05	Refreshments, exhibition and networking		
15.35	<b>Working with spinal cord injury patients in low income countries</b> Fiona Stephenson FRCN, Expert Witness, Health Care Capacity Adviser, Tessa Gough Associates		
16.05	<b>Chair's closing remarks</b> Jason Cross, RCN Perioperative Forum, POPS ANP & Nurse Lead, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust		
16.15	Conference close		