

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

Please note these programme details and timings are subject to change. A final programme will be circulated prior to the event.

Programme at a glance

9.00	Registration, exhibition and networking		
10.00	Chair's opening remarks Jason Cross, RCN Perioperative Forum, POPS ANP & Nurse Lead, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust		
10.15	Current challenges and future direction of nursing Lynn Woolsey, Chief Nursing Officer, RCN		
10.45	Perspectives of Delirium - Understanding Delirium: Risk Factors, Identification and Management 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	Cardiac arrest: innovation and modernisation Luke Winterbourne, Nurse Practitioner, Royal Army Medical Services and Salford Royal Hospital		
12.15	Transition time		
12.25	Concurrent sessions (repeated after lunch)		
Room	Cowdray Hall	101/102	307
	50 shades of diabetes Tamsin Fletcher-Salt, Clinical Diabetes Diabetes and Endocrinology Team Leader, Clinical Lead for Diabetes Inpatients NHSE (Midlands Network), University Hospital of North Midlands	Managing the care of patients undergoing emergency laparotomy: learning from the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA) and Emergency Laparotomy and Laparoscopic Scottish Audit (ELLSA) Angeline Price, Chair, RCN Perioperative Forum, Advanced	Options for managing acute pain Karin Cannons, Nurse Consultant Pain Management, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust

	Chair: Kendal Andreason, RCN Professional Lead for Acute and Emergency Care and Defence Nursing	Practitioner, Salford Royal Hospital Victoria Richmond, Senior Nurse for Unscheduled Surgery, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	Chair: Ciara Collins, Chair, RCN Critical Care and Flight Nursing Forum
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14.30	Transition time		
14.35	Panel discussion: advancing your career in nursing Chair: Jason Cross, RCN Perioperative Forum, POPS ANP & Nurse Lead, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust Suman Shrestha , RCN Professional Lead for Critical Care and Perioperative Care, Consultant Nurse, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust Professor Natalie Pattison , Professor of Clinical Nursing, University of Hertfordshire / East and North Herts NHS Trust FS Lucy Reading , Critical Care Air Support Team, Royal Air Force		
15.05	Refreshments, exhibition and networking		
15.35	Working with spinal cord injury patients in low income countries Fiona Stephenson FRCN, Expert Witness, Health Care Capacity Adviser, Tessa Gough Associates		
16.05	Chair's closing remarks Jason Cross, RCN Perioperative Forum, POPS ANP & Nurse Lead, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust		
16.15	Conference close		