

RCN Acute Care Symposium 2026

From recognition to response: Managing the deteriorating patient

Wednesday 8 July 2026 Hybrid (In-person and online)

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

Programme at a glance

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| 9.00 | Registration, exhibition and networking | | |
| 10.00 | Chair's opening remarks Rachel Bird, Nurse Director Surgical Services Care Group, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust | | |
| 10.15 | Keynote: Managing the deteriorating patient: Past, present and future John Welch, MBE, Consultant Nurse, Critical Care & Critical Care Outreach, University College London Hospitals, Honorary Clinical Lecturer, University College London; National Clinical Advisor, Acute Deterioration, NHS England | | |
| 10.45 | Resuscitation Guidelines 2025 and emergency care planning Tom Wood, Clinical Lead, Resuscitation Council UK | | |
| 11.15 | Refreshments, exhibition and networking | | |
| 11.45 | Plenary: The Patient Voice: Lived experience of Emergency Care Jackie Bullock is a prominent Patient Representative for the Association of British Surgeons, Chair of the European Hernia Society and a Patient Representative for the British Hernia Society. | | |
| 12.15 | Transition time | | |
| 12.20 | Concurrent sessions | | |
| Room | Cowdray Hall | 101/102 | 307 |
| | Stream 1 - Emergency care | Stream 2 - Peri-operative care | Stream 3 - Critical care |
| | 1.1 Ultrasound guided cannulation Simon Tippler, ED Advanced Clinical Practitioner | 2.1 : Point-of-care ultrasound in acute care Shailen Soobhug, Perioperative Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Nurse) University Hospitals Sussex | 3.1 Assessing the deteriorating patient Sarah Mitchell, Lead Nurse, Critical Care Outreach & Deteriorating Patients. Harefield Hospital, part of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust |

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| | 1.2 Acute Trauma Stuart Wildman, Trauma Nurse Consultant, Salford Royal Hospital | 2.2 Emergency laparotomy case study - Sip to Send Hannah Watson, Emergency Laparotomy Nurse at NHS Tayside | 3.2 Recognition and management of shock in deteriorating patients Ciara Collins, Chair, RCN Critical Care and Flight Nursing Forum |
| 14.20 | Transition time | | |
| 14.25 | Panel Discussion - Moral Injury, managing deteriorating patients in current circumstances. Chair: Kendal Andreason , Professional Lead for Acute and Emergency Care and Defence Nursing. Panel members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suman Shrestha, RCN Professional Lead for Critical Care; Consultant Nurse in Critical Care, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust; • Rachel Bird, Nurse Director, Surgical Services Care Group, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, RCN Urgent and Emergency Care Forum; • Angeline Price, Chair RCN Perioperative Forum, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust; • Rebecca Crisp, RCN Defence Nursing Forum Vice Chair | | |
| 15.05 | Refreshments, exhibition and networking | | |
| 15.30 | Motivational session Deborah Swann, Royal College of Emergency Medicine Advanced Clinical Practitioner In ED (Further details to be confirmed.) | | |
| 16.00 | Chair's closing remarks Rachel Bird, Nurse Director, Surgical Services Care Group, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust | | |
| 16.10 | Conference close | | |