

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

Online programme at a glance

9.30	Join and browse the platform		
Main Stage 10.00	Chair's opening remarks Rachel Bird, Nurse Director for Surgical Services, 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	Topic: Resuscitation Guidelines 2025 and emergency care planning Tom Wood, Clinical Lead, Resuscitation Council UK		
11.15	Comfort break		
Main Stage 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	Sessions (running concurrently)		
Sessions	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
12.50	Lunch break		

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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		
Main Stage 14.25	<p>Panel discussion: Moral Injury, managing deteriorating patients in current circumstances.</p> <p>Chair: Kendal Andreason, Professional Lead for Acute and Emergency Care and Defence Nursing.</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <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	Comfort break		
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 for Surgical Services, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust		
16.10	Conference close		