

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

9.00	Registration 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	Beyond the Task: Maintaining person-centred care in taskified acute, urgent and emergency care Matthew Osborne, Lecturer in Adult Nursing and Advance Practice, University of Essex		
11.15	Refreshments 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
	Stream 1 - Emergency care	Stream 2 - Peri-operative care	Stream 3 - Critical care
	1.1 Vein spotting - Ultrasound guided cannulation in acute nursing practice. Simon Tippler, Emergency Medicine Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Boomfield Hospital, Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust	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 and networking		
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	1.2 When seconds count: Managing haemorrhage in the Emergency Department Matthew Osborne, Lecturer, School of Health and Social Care, University of Essex	2.2 SipTilSend: The Future for pre-operative fasting Hannah Watson, Specialist Surgical Nurse, 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 and networking		
15.30	Title tbc: From The Resus Room To The Rubble: A career without a straight line. Deborah Swann, Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust		
16.00	Chair's closing remarks Rachel Bird, Nurse Director, Surgical Services Care Group, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust		
16.10	Conference close		