

# 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	<b>Chair's opening remarks</b> Rachel Bird, Nurse Director for Surgical Services, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust		
10.15	<b>Keynote: Managing the deteriorating patient: Past, present and future</b> 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	<b>Beyond the Task: Maintaining person-centred care in taskified acute, urgent and emergency care</b> Matthew Osborne, Lecturer in Adult Nursing and Advance Practice, School of Health and Social Care, University of Essex		
11.15	Comfort break		
Main Stage 11.45	<b>Plenary: The Patient Voice: Lived experience of Emergency Care</b> 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
	<b>1.1 Vein spotting - Ultrasound guided cannulation</b> Simon Tippler, Emergency Medicine ACP, Broomfield Hospital, Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust.	<b>2.1 : Point-of-care ultrasound in acute care</b> Shailen Soobhug, Perioperative Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Nurse), University Hospitals Sussex	<b>3.1 Assessing the deteriorating patient</b> 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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	<p><b>1.2 When seconds count: Managing haemorrhage in the Emergency Department</b></p> <p>Matthew Osborne, Lecturer, School of Health and Social Care, University of Essex</p>	<p><b>2.2 SipTilSend: The future for pre-operative fasting.</b></p> <p>Hannah Watson, Specialist Surgical Nurse, NHS Tayside</p>	<p><b>3.2 Recognition and management of shock in deteriorating patients</b></p> <p>Ciara Collins, Chair, RCN Critical Care and Flight Nursing Forum</p>
14.20	Transition time		
Main Stage 14.25	<p><b>Panel discussion: Moral Injury, managing deteriorating patients in current circumstances.</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Kendal Andreason</b>, Professional Lead for Acute and Emergency Care and Defence Nursing.</p> <p><b>Panel members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Suman Shrestha</b>, RCN Professional Lead for Critical Care; Consultant Nurse in Critical Care, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust;</li> <li>• <b>Rachel Bird</b>, Nurse Director, Surgical Services Care Group, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, RCN Urgent and Emergency Care Forum;</li> <li>• <b>Angeline Price</b>, Chair RCN Perioperative Forum, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust;</li> <li>• <b>Rebecca Crisp</b>, RCN Defence Nursing Forum Vice Chair</li> </ul>		
15.05	Comfort break		
15.30	<p><b>Title tbc: From The Resus Room To The Rubble: A career without a straight line.</b></p> <p>Deborah Swann, Advanced Clinical Practition, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.</p>		
16.00	<p><b>Chair's closing remarks</b></p> <p>Rachel Bird, Nurse Director for Surgical Services, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</p>		
16.10	Conference close		