

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		
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 (Title tbc) Tom Wood, Clinical Lead, Resuscitation Council UK		
11.15	Refreshment break		
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 : Insertion of nerve block/catheters (working title) Shailen Soobhug, Advanced Clinical Practitioner in Post-Anaesthesia Nursing, University Hospitals Sussex	3.1 Assessing the deteriorating patient Critical Care Outreach Team, Harefield Hospital
12.50	Lunch break		

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	1.2 Advanced Life Support Speaker to be confirmed	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	Topic: Simulation principles or Innovation and developments in artificial intelligence Speaker to be announced		
15.05	Refreshment 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		