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This activity has been submitted to the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses for approval to award contact hours.

The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

We have an action-packed event featuring some very well-known and respected local and national speakers.

Target Audience:

- Critical Care, Transport, and ED Nurses
- Progressive Care Nurses
- Paramedics

The Albuquerque Chapter of AACN proudly presents:

The 41st Annual Critical Care Nursing Symposium



Thursday,
March 5th 2026
Presbyterian-
Rev. Hugh Cooper Center
9521 San Mateo Blvd. NE
ABQ, NM 87113

**THURSDAY, March 5, 2026
0800 – 1650**

0730-0800:	Registration- Breakfast: Sponsored by TBD
0800-0810	<i>Introductions/Announcements</i> Yvette Griego, RN, ABQ AACN Chapter President
0810-0900	<i>"His Heart Is Giving Up!"</i> : Heart Failure Updates for 2026 Jacob Mayfield, MD, FAAC, Cardiologist and Mariana Boitano, CHF RN
0900-0955	<i>"ID Magic Needed!"</i> When Antibiotics Just Aren't Cutting it. Andrea Demeter, MD, ID Specialist, VAMC
0955-1020	Break: Sponsored by TBD
1020-1115	<i>"I'm Torn on What to Do"</i> Ethical Dilemmas in Nursing. Leisl Gilchrist MSN, NP-BC AACN Region 15 Chapter Advisor
1115-1210	<i>"When Dying Doesn't Have to Be the End"</i> Organ Donation. Wes Warner, Clinical Director NMDS:
1210-1300	Lunch (Provided)
1300-1355	<i>What You Never Knew About ECMO</i> Erik Kraai, MD, Intensivist UNMH
1355-1455	<i>"It's Two Lives We Are Dealing with Here!"</i> OB Emergencies Elizabeth Garchar, MD FACOG
1455-1520	Break Sponsored by TBD
1520-1620	<i>"Caring For the Caregiver"</i> Coping with caregiver fatigue. Julia Azua, RN, VP Clinical Services at CSI Aviation
1620-1630	Evaluations/CE Distribution

FEE SCHEDULE



Course Objectives:

- Reviewing the latest therapies for heart failure patients and how to get them to comply with their regimens
- Identify contemporary challenges posed by infectious diseases and strategies for effective preparation.
- Understanding the ethical issues that healthcare professionals face every day and empowering us to overcome these challenges
- Navigating the organ donation complexities and how to best ensure that we provide the best care possible
- Reviewing the mechanics of ECMO and the differences between VA, VV, and Hybrid ECMO therapies
- Review the most common OB emergencies and how to save both mom and baby best.
- Recognizing when you or your co-worker is burning out and how best to help them to not only survive but to shine.

Early Bird Registration Ends Feb 23rd

Local AACN Chapter Member: \$75

Non-Chapter Member: \$100

Late Registration-(starts Feb 24th)

Local AACN Chapter Member: \$90

Non-Chapter Member: \$115

*** Last Day to register is February 28th!!**

This is a Non-Refundable Event

You can register and pay online at
<https://albuquerqueaacn.nursingnetwork.com>



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