



Emergency Nurse Education Day

August 4, 2026

WakeMed Cary Hospital, Cary, NC

Agenda

7:30-8:00 am	Registration, Light Refreshments	
8:00-8:05	Welcome	Cardinal Chapter President, Tina Johnson
8:05-9:05	Prevention of Documentation & Medication Errors <i>Objectives: Explain the nursing regulatory requirements for documentation and medication errors; and Identify best practices and strategies to prevent documentation and medication errors.</i>	Stacey Thompson, MSN, RN Practice Consultant, NC Board of Nursing
9:05-9:55	The ED Jungle: Transforming Predatory Behaviors to Cultivate Strong, Safe, and Supported Emergency Nurses <i>Objectives: Identify common predatory behaviors in the ED; Describe their impact on new graduate nurses; Apply practical strategies that promote psychological safety, supportive precepting, and team-based learning; and Implement unit-level practices that strengthen retention and foster a culture that "grows strong nurses."</i>	Kate Phillips, MSN, RN, CEN, SANE-A, NPD-BC Nursing Professional Development Specialist & Jamie Bunn, MSN, RN, CEN, NPD-BC, TCRN, Nursing Professional Development Specialist WakeMed
9:55-10:35	Break with Exhibitors in Hallway	
10:40-11:30	Decoding Urgency: The 3+ Phrases of Angor Amine (sense of impending death) <i>Objectives: Differentiate thunderclap headache from more benign headache syndromes and outline evidence-based management strategies; Analyze the clinical implications of the patient's declaration "I'm going to die" and integrate this warning into rapid assessment and response; Evaluate the ethical, legal, and clinical considerations of responding to in-flight medical emergencies.</i>	Nyssa Hattaway, BA, BSN, RN, CEN, CPEN Air Life, Georgia
11:30-12:20	Exploring Nurses' Clinical Knowledge and Attitudes Toward Pediatric Pain in a Free-Standing Emergency <i>Objectives: Identify common challenges in pediatric pain assessment during triage in free-standing emergency departments; Recognize key knowledge gaps related to pediatric pain pharmacology that impact early pain management decisions; and Apply practical strategies to improve pediatric pain recognition and management</i>	Randy Hamm, PhD, DNP, RN, CEN, CCRN WakeMed Health & Hospitals, Barton College
12:20-1:10 pm	Lunch sponsored by TBA	
1:15-2:05	When the Hoofbeats Really are Zebras <i>Objectives: Identify emerging "zebra" conditions (such as mast cell activation syndrome, postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome, Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, and alpha-gal allergy) that are increasingly encountered in the ED; Differentiate atypical</i>	Nyssa Hattaway, BA, BSN, RN, CEN, CPEN Air Life, Georgia

	<i>presentations of uncommon diseases from more common "horse" diagnoses using evidence-based assessment strategies; and Apply clinical reasoning frameworks to develop appropriate interventions for patients presenting with rare or newly prevalent conditions in the ED.</i>	
2:05-2:20	Break	
2:20-3:10	<p>Evolving Care for High-Risk Homeless Patients in the Era of Population Health</p> <p><i>Objectives: Describe current national trends in chronic homelessness and their direct impact on hospital utilization, safety nets, and provider burnout; Recognize the importance of trauma-informed care and trust building as foundational nursing skills for successful engagement; and Address your own biases and reflexive dehumanization instincts when caring for this special population</i></p>	Brian Klausner, MD Executive Medical Director, WakeMed Center for Community Health, Innovation, and Equity
3:10-4:00	<p>Recovery Without Barriers: Exploring Healing Transitions' Services, Support Systems, and Partnerships</p> <p><i>Objectives: Provide an overview of the focus of Healing Transitions and population served; Discuss the full continuum of care and support services available for both the client and family/caregivers; and Evaluate program impact and future direction of community partnerships such as this one.</i></p>	Laura Flood, NCCPSS, Peer Support Specialist, Women's Campus Matt Collins, NCCPSS, Peer Support Specialist, Men's Campus Healing Transitions
4:00-4:50	<p>Grandma's Medicine Cabinet</p> <p><i>Objectives: Explore the evolution of traditional health management; Identify 4 traditional medicines commonly used today; and Evaluate the traditional and modern interactions of 4 modern medications.</i></p>	Mary Alice Vanhoy, MSN, RN, CEN, CPEN, NRP, FAEN EMS and Nursing Education 2026 NCENA President
4:50-5:00 pm	Closing/Evaluations	All

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