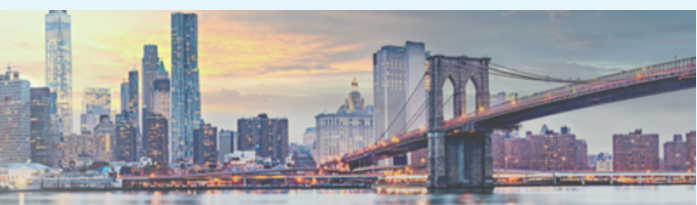
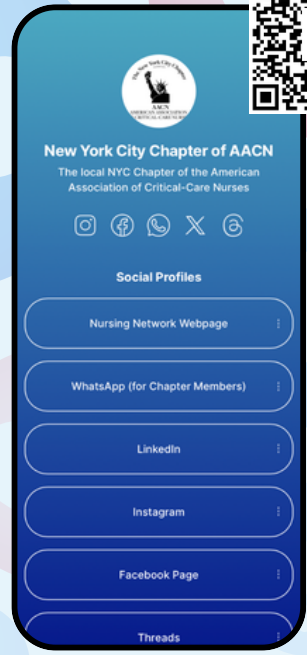


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Challenges in Acute & Critical-Care Nursing 2026

"Every Voice, Every Story, Every Table"



Saturday, September 19, 2026
7am - 5pm
 Mount Sinai Morningside
 The Pavilion Conference Center - 4th Flr
 419 West 114th Street
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New York City Chapter of AACN

President's Message

It is with great pride, gratitude, and excitement that I write to you as President of the NYC AACN Chapter. Each day, I am inspired by the unwavering dedication, compassion, and resilience that you bring to the care of patients and their families. In moments of uncertainty, you are the steady presence. In times of vulnerability, you are the voice of comfort, advocacy, and healing. Your hard work does not go unnoticed—it is the foundation upon which our healthcare community stands.

As nurses, we know that our strength lies not only in our individual expertise, but in the collective power of our shared experiences. Every shift, every patient interaction, every conversation with colleagues contributes to a deeper understanding of what it means to care. We listen, we learn, and we grow together.

It is in this spirit that I warmly invite you to join us at the 2026 Challenges Conference—a space created just for you. This year's theme, "Every Voice, Every Story, Every Table," reflects the heart of our profession. It is a celebration of inclusion, collaboration, and the rich diversity of perspectives that make nursing so extraordinary.

At this conference, you will have the opportunity to:

- Connect with fellow nurses who understand your journey and share your passion
- Learn from thought leaders and peers through engaging and insightful sessions
- Be inspired by the stories that shape our practice and strengthen our purpose
- Enjoy moments of fun and camaraderie, including raffles and community-building experiences

We envision this gathering as more than a conference—it is a table where every nurse has a seat. A place where your voice is heard, your story is valued, and your contributions are uplifted. Whether you are sharing a breakthrough, reflecting on a challenge, or simply listening to others, you are helping to build a stronger, more connected nursing community.

Together, we create an environment where respect, compassion, and collaboration thrive. We support one another. We advocate together. And we continue to elevate the profession we love. Thank you for all that you do—your commitment, your strength, and your heart make an immeasurable difference every single day. I look forward to welcoming you to the 2026 Challenges Conference, where we will come together as one community.

With appreciation and anticipation,



Elka Riley, MSN, FNP
Chapter President
New York City Chapter of AACN

Challenges in Acute & Critical-Care Nursing 2025

September 19, 2026

7:00am - 7:45am	Registration/Breakfast/Vendor Exhibits
7:45am - 8:00am	Welcome Remarks/ Intro of Keynote Speaker Elka Riley, MSN, RN, FNP <i>New York City Chapter President</i>
8:00am - 8:30am	Keynote: The AI Revolution So Far: Lessons from a PhD Student, Nurse Educator, and Creator Dana Mitchell, MSED, BSN, RN, CCRN <i>Critical Care Nurse Educator/ University of Rochester: Thompson Health Regional Advisor/American Association Critical-Care Nurses</i>
8:30am - 9:30am	Departures in Nursing Practice: How to Protect Yourself from Litigation 2.0 Celia M. Wells, PhD, RN <i>Senior Director of Nursing/ Northwell Health</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Understanding the Legal Process when Called to Testify at a Deposition Sylvia Springer-Fahie, DNP, MSN, LNC, DWC, WCC <i>Wound Care Certified RN-Adjunct Professor (PSO)/ Mount Sinai Hospital (Main)</i>
10:30am - 11:15am	Coffee Break/Vendor Exhibits
11:15am - 12:15pm	Updates in Stroke Treatments and Care Tara Roche, RN, MS <i>RN Stroke Coordinator/ Mount Sinai Queens</i>
12:15am - 1:15pm	Stop-the-Bleed James Villamater, BSN, RN, CCRN, Assistant Director of Nursing/ NYCH+H/Bellevue McKenna Duffy, MSN, RN, CPEN, Peds Emergency RN Julia Burstein, MPH, Injury Prevention Coordinator
1:15pm - 2:30pm	Lunch/Exhibits/Networking
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Sickle Cell Disease: Pain Management Charleen Jacob-McFarlane, PhD, RN, ANP-BC <i>Nurse Practitioner/Mount Sinai Hospital</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Rapid Decisions with RRT Lora Drew, AGACNP-BC, CCRN, Nurse Practitioner/ Mount Sinai Hospital Justin Barredo, DNP, RN, CCRN, Registered Nurse/Mount Sinai Hospital
4:30pm - 5:00pm	Closing Remarks/Evaluation/Raffle/CEU Certifications Elka Riley, MSN, RN FNP <i>New York City Chapter President</i>

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Registration & Fees:

Online Registration (preferred):

We encourage participants to pre-register no later than Tuesday, Aug 18th via **on-line for early bird** pricing. Scan QR Code to Register online!



Registration by Mail:

If registering by mail, please make checks payable to the AACN NYC. Fill out Contact Information below and checks are post-marked **by Aug 15th for Early Bird Pricing** or Friday, Sept. 5th for regular pricing. Please detach and return registration form to:

AACN NYC
1392 Madison Avenue, Suite 122, New York, NY 10029

Early Bird Pricing /Regular Pricing

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- Non-Member: **\$160** /\$175; fee includes NYC Chapter membership if currently an active AACN Member. Please provide National AACN Member#
- Unlicensed Nursing Students: **\$50** /\$60
- Health Care Affiliate: **\$100** /\$120
- Group Ticket of 5 (20% off) : \$700.00

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