

Anchored in Excellence: A Nursing Summit to Empower Our Mission with Purpose in Healthcare Climate

Thursday, September 10, 2026, 7:00AM-5:00PM, Benvenuto, Boynton Beach



Program of Events

7:00-7:30	Registration		
7:00-12:00	Circle Of Excellence: EBNP and Beacon Unit Posters 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Meet the teams, hear their journey.		
7:15-9:15	Exhibitor’s Hall The Exhibitor’s Hall will feature the latest medical equipment and pharmaceutical products from our industry partners. This is a key opportunity for attendees to engage with advancements in clinical technology and network with representatives from leading medical and pharmaceutical companies. Breakfast provided		
7:15-9:15	Leadership Unscripted - Real Challenges. Real Conversations. Real Solutions Nursing Leadership Roundtable Session featuring Kelley Gonzalvo, DNP, RN, CCRN-K, Vice President & CNO of Moffitt Cancer Center; Desiree Hodges, MBA, BSN, RN, CCRN, NE-BC, AACN Board of Director 2023-26; along with Tracey Melhuish, MSN, RN, CCRN, Clinical Practice Specialist for Critical Care at Holy Cross Health. <i>Pre-registration required.</i>		
8:00-9:00	Clinical Escape Rooms: “Blood Bath Bay” and “Under Siege: The Brain Code” Limited Seats. <i>Pre-Registration is required.</i>		
7:15-8:15 and 8:15-9:15	Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IV Insertion workshop Sponsored by BD. Limited Seats. <i>Pre-registration required.</i>		
9:30-10:00	Welcome/Opening: Kathleen Lopez, BSN, RN, CCRN, PCCN 2025-26 AACN-Palm Beach County Chapter President		
Concurrent Sessions (10:00-12:15)			
10:00-11:00	Silence Kills 2.0 Desiree Hodges, MBA, BSN, RN, CCRN, NE-BC AACN Board of Director 2023-26	Sustaining Excellence: The Essential Behaviors That Shape a Healthy Culture Kelley Gonzalvo, DNP, RN, CCRN-K - Vice President & CNO of Moffitt Cancer Center	Immersive sessions: Escape Room (<i>Pre-Registration required</i>)
11:00-11:15	Break/Posters		
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12:30-1:20 (Lunch session)	Keynote Speaker: Desiree Hodges, MBA, BSN, RN, CCRN, NE-BC		
1:20-4:00	Culture, Communication & the Cost of Silence - An Interactive Solutions Forum Facilitators: Natalie Bermudez, PhD, RN and Tammie Couch, BSN, RN Desiree Hodges, MBA, BSN, RN, CCRN, NE-BC; Kelley Gonzalvo, DNP, RN, CCRN-K; Tracey Melhuish RN, MSN, CCRN, Clinical Practice Specialist Critical Care and Professional Practice, Holy Cross Health		
4:00 - 4:30	Panel Q and A		
4:30 - 5:00	Closing and Raffles: Cynthia Pericles-Radonis, MSN-Ed, RN, PCCN-K, 2026-27 AACN Palm Beach County President		