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## CANADIAN CRITICAL CARE NURSING CONFERENCE 2023

Fredericton Convention Centre, Fredericton, New Brunswick

SEPTEMBER 25 TO 27, 2023

**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CRITICAL CARE NURSES (CACCN):** The Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN) is celebrating 40 years of critical care nursing excellence. The CACCN is a volunteer organization of critical care nurses and is the voice for excellence in Canadian critical care nursing. Our shared goal is to promote quality patient- and family-centered care for Canadian's experiencing life threatening illness and injury. CACCN welcomes all registered nurses, nursing students, allied health professionals and our interprofessional colleagues who are interested in advancing the science and craft of critical illness care.

**CANADIAN CRITICAL CARE NURSING CONFERENCE:** The Canadian Critical Care Nursing Conference is the annual national convention and product exhibition of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN). Diverse programming of evidence-based topics geared toward enhancing clinical practice, leadership, education, and research are offered, allowing participants to design educational agendas to meet their own unique needs. The conference brings colleagues together from coast to coast and abroad to share ideas and experiences.



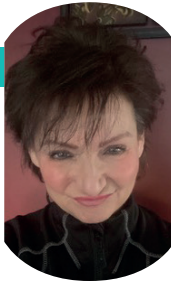
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## SPEAKERS

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

#### JUDY BOYCHUK DUCHSCHER

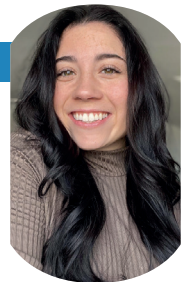
Dr. Duchscher comes with 44 years of nursing history as a direct-care practitioner, researcher, scholar, administrator, and educator in both academic and clinical settings in Canada and the United States. For the past 23 years Dr. Duchscher has been an active researcher and consultant in new graduate professional role transition – work for which she has received over 32 national and international grants, awards, and scholarships. The findings of her research have generated a theory of Transition Shock and a model of the Stages of Transition resulting in the publication of more than 18 peer-reviewed articles, 2 books, 9 book chapters and the delivery of over 300 keynotes and workshops throughout Canada, the United States, Australia, and Asia on the topic of new nurse integration. Dr. Duchscher founded and acted as the Executive Director of a federally registered non-profit nursing organization entitled Nursing the Future (NTF) that served as a bridge between the ideals taught in undergraduate nursing education and the realities of the 'real' world of professional practice.



### PANEL PRESENTERS

#### GABRIELLE DEGRACE

Gabrielle DeGrace is a registered nurse (RN) in the intensive care unit (ICU), at Chaleur Regional Hospital in Bathurst, NB. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) in 2019 with the Université de Moncton. Gabrielle started her nursing career in 2019 as a paediatric nurse, before transitioning to critical care nursing a year and a half later. She completed her critical care course in 2020 and has been working in the ICU since that time.



#### FRANCES FOTHERGILL-BOURBONNAIS

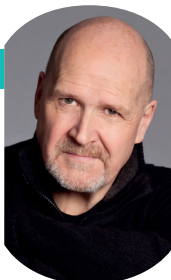
Dr. Frances Fothergill Bourbonnais was a full professor in the University of Ottawa, School of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences. She joined the university in 1976 and taught at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Her teaching has been in life threatening and complex health problems. Frances' research has also focused on palliative care including an exploration of the learning needs of nursing students and educators related to palliative care. Frances has been a long-time member of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN) and received the CACCN life member award in 2022.



### CLOSING SPEAKER

#### BILL CARR

For over twenty-five years, Bill Carr has been making people laugh at what's trivial while helping them think deeply about what counts. His unique blend of humour and insight inspires laughter and helps people see their world with a fresh perspective. An award-winning writer, speaker, actor, and coach, Carr offers custom-tailored performances, keynotes, and workshops.



**LISA GILLIS ROCHON**

Lisa Gillis Rochon graduated from nursing school in 1993. After graduation, she specialized in neurological critical care as well as the intensive care unit (ICU), critical care unit (CCU) and the emergency room (ER) at various facilities in Texas. Afterward, Lisa worked in the medical, surgical, neurological, and cardiovascular ICU, and as an Organ Donation Coordinator in Halifax, NS. During this time, Lisa completed her Bachelor of Nursing (BScN) degree from Athabasca University and obtained national certification in Critical Care Nursing (CNCC(C)) and the Canadian Certified Simulation Nurse Educator program. Lisa is currently enrolled in the Master of Education program at Mount Saint Vincent University and is faculty at a hospital-based critical care nursing program (CCNP).

**BRENDA MORGAN**

Brenda is a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) in the Critical Care Trauma Centre (CCTC), Victoria Hospital, London Health Sciences Centre. She has 43 years of critical care experience, including more than 39 years as an educator. She has extensive critical care teaching experience, including the development and instruction of a hospital-based critical care program. She has spoken locally, nationally, and internationally on a variety of professional and clinical topics. In her roles as educator and CNS, Brenda has developed evidence-based nursing procedures, standards of care, quality improvement protocols and educational websites for both CCTC health professionals and family members. A long-standing supporter and life member of the CACCN, Brenda has held a variety of positions on both the national Board of Directors and the London Regional Chapter Executive.

**BRANDI VANDERSPANK-WRIGHT  
(MODERATOR)**

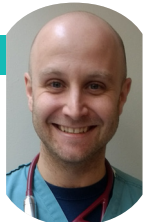
Professor Brandi Vanderspank-Wright is an associate professor at the University of Ottawa, School of Nursing. She is also an affiliate investigator at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, vice-president of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses, and former chief editor of the Canadian Journal of Critical Care Nursing. Her clinical practice experience includes adult critical care and end-of-life care in both critical care and residential hospice settings. She maintains certification in adult critical care through the Canadian Nurses' Association Certification Program. The focus of Professor Vanderspank-Wright's doctoral research was the development of critical care nursing in Canada over a period of 40+ years. Her current research focuses on the experiences of clinicians (particularly nurses) as they navigate complex health care situations inherent to the critical care environment.

**INVITED SPEAKERS****LEIGH CHAPMAN, CHIEF NURSING  
OFFICER CANADA**

Leigh Chapman's nursing career has spanned almost 20 years, and in that time, she has gained a deep understanding of nursing through a variety of clinical leadership positions in home and community care, research, academic, regulatory, and professional practice environments. Before her appointment as Canada's Chief Nursing Officer, her background in direct service provision includes critical care (i.e., intensive care unit (ICU), emergency department (ER)), community care (i.e., home care, harm reduction, camp nursing), as well as education in professional associations (i.e., the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO)). Most recently, Leigh was the Director of Clinical Services with Inner City Health Associates in Toronto. Her work there encompassed strategic, operational, and clinical oversight of the nursing program for the care of people experiencing homelessness who were affected by COVID-19 in Toronto. As the senior nurse executive responsible for developing, launching, and overseeing the program, she garnered significant change management expertise.

**SPONSORED SPEAKERS****CHRISTOPHER PICARD**

Christopher Picard is an Emergency Department Clinical Nurse Educator at a level two trauma center. He is also an Editor with the Canadian Journal of Emergency Nursing (CJEN) and the Vice President of the National Emergency Nurses Association (NENA). Christopher's research focuses on resuscitation care, big data, and artificial intelligence. He helped develop the Alberta Health Services ultrasound guided intravenous (USGIV) learning package and has conducted ultrasound guided IV learning courses with the University of Calgary Cummings School of Medicine.



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SHARING EXPERTISE

**LEE JAMES**

Lee James has been a senior project manager at Canadian Blood Services since 2019. With over 14 years of experience in the organ donation system, Lee supports national initiatives aimed at improving organ donation. Lee is an RN and holds a Master of Nursing from Athabasca University. Lee previously worked at BC Transplant in various roles for 10 years.



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**JEHAN LALANI**

Jehan Lalani is a senior project manager at Canadian Blood Services. Jehan supports development of leading practices and national initiatives aimed at improving deceased organ donation in Canada. Jehan has a Master of Health Administration from the University of British Columbia and has previous experience in quality assurance.



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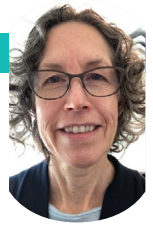


**ALLANA LEBLANC**

Allana LeBlanc is the Clinical Nurse Specialist for Intensive Care and High Acuity at Vancouver General Hospital. She completed her Bachelor of Nursing at Dalhousie University and her Master of Nursing at the University of Ottawa. Her interests include enhancing patient and family engagement in critical care, promoting excellence in end-of-life care, and evidence informed nursing practice.

**KIM WIEBE**

Kim Wiebe trained in internal medicine, critical care, addictions medicine, public health, and palliative care. Her work experience included being medical director of the organ donor organization (ODO) in Manitoba. She is currently medical director of the Manitoba medical assistance in dying (MAiD) service.



## SOCIAL EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

### OPENING RECEPTION

#### Extraordinary Every Day!

Join us for the Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall. This event is an opportunity to relax, network, interact with our poster presenters, sponsors, and exhibit partners. Enjoy light snacks and a complimentary beverage (wine or soda).

This is a complimentary ticketed event. Please order tickets at the time of registration.



### SOCIAL

#### Nurses Night Out!

Delegates, exhibitors, and sponsors are invited to join us for the social! Mix and mingle! This event is always a highlight of the conference!

This is a complimentary ticketed event. Please order tickets at the time of registration.

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<b>Three Day</b> <i>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday</i>	\$470	\$670	\$255	\$530	\$730	\$315
<b>Two Day</b> <i>Any Two Days</i>	\$365	\$565	\$195	\$425	\$625	\$255
<b>One Day Tuition</b> <i>Any One Day</i>	\$220	\$420	\$120	\$280	\$480	\$180

All Tuition and registration fees are in CDN dollars and subject to 15% HST (NB)

Early Bird registration deadline: August 21, 2023 @ 1700 hrs ET\*

Final Registration deadline: September 11, 2023 @ 1700 hrs ET\*

\*ET = Eastern Time



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