



Advancing Critical Care Excellence

The Greater St. Louis Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses invites you to attend our Annual Symposium

October 1st, 2026

Eric P. Newman Education Center
320 S Euclid Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110

07:00–16:45

AACN member \$140

Non-member \$150

Student \$75

Early Bird discounts available
Breakfast, lunch, snacks, and parking
validation included!

This event is directed towards: Staff
Nurses, Student Nurses, Clinical Nurse
Educators, Clinical Nurse Specialists,
Advanced Practice Nurses

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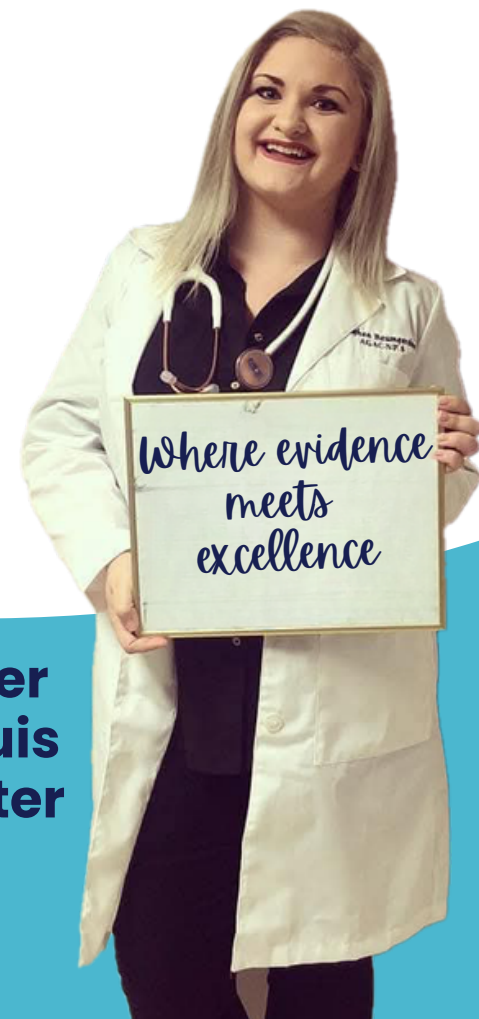
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2026 Emerging Trends in Critical Care

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Featured Speakers & Topics

Morning Sessions

7:00–8:00 AM Registration & Breakfast

8:00–9:00 AM Opening Keynote

Self Care for the Critical Care Nurse
Kendra Sweezy-Error RN, LMT

9:00–10:00 AM Breakout Session 1

*The Overdose Chain of Survival:
Emergency Care in the Fentanyl Era*
Gregory Boal EMT-P, MPA

Hospital Reimbursement History
Dawn Sitler MSN, APRN-CNS, ACCN-AG, CCRN

The Voyage
Patricia Eppel DNP, MSN, RN, CCRN
and Rebecca Rodman DNP, RN, NPD-BC

10:00–10:15 AM Vendor Break

10:15–11:15 AM Breakout Session 2

DKA & HHS in the ICU: When Sugar Gets Spicy
Meaghan Baumgardner MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC

ICU Later...Or Will You Remember?
Gabrielle Gibson PharmD, BCCP, FCCM

11:15 AM–12:15 PM Lunch & Vendor Hall

Afternoon Sessions

12:15–1:15 PM Breakout Session 3

ECMO and the Trauma Patient
Stephanie Armocida MD

*No Ifs, Ands, or Ducks About It-A Low Tech
Visual Management System's Usefulness*
Jennifer Tuzzo BSN, RN
and Sarah McDonald BSN, RN

1:15–2:15 PM Breakout Session 4

*Vasopressor Management in
Refractory Septic Shock*
Lauren Kolodziej PharmD, BCCCP

Endotoxic Septic Shock and CRRT Use
Jessica Devore BSN, RN, CCRN

2:15–2:30 PM Vendor Break

2:30–3:30 PM Breakout Session 5

Malignant Hyperthermia Treatment
Corrine Fisher PharmD

*Updates in Management of
Amyloidosis, HCM, and Acute CHF*
Molly Hulsen NP

3:30–4:30 PM Closing Session

Teaspoons of Air
Katie Toler BSN, RN, CCRN

04:30 - 04:45 PM Closing Remarks

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The Greater St. Louis Chapter of the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) is dedicated to supporting and empowering nurses through education, professional development, networking, and leadership opportunities. Throughout the year, we bring critical care professionals together for educational dinner meetings, certification support, networking events, and celebrations that recognize and honor the incredible work nurses do every day.

Whether you are new to critical care or an experienced clinician, our chapter offers opportunities to learn, connect, grow, and have fun alongside colleagues who share a passion for excellence in patient care.



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