

# RCN Acute Care Symposium 2025

## Advances in acute care: exploring the latest innovations and developments

Friday 20 June 2025

RCN HQ, 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN

Please note these programme details and timings are subject to change. A final programme will be circulated prior to the event.

### Programme at a glance

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| 9.00  | <b>Registration, exhibition and networking</b>   |   |  |
| 10.00 | <b>Chair's opening remarks</b><br>Jason Cross, RCN Perioperative Forum, POPS ANP & Nurse Lead, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust  |   |  |
| 10.15 | <b>Current challenges and future direction of nursing</b><br>Lynn Woolsey, Chief Nursing Officer, RCN  |   |  |
| 10.45 | <b>Delirium from a Patient's Perspective</b><br>Kerry Lyons, Consultant Admiral Nurse for Frailty and Physical Health, Dementia UK<br>Melissa Grundy, Consultant Admiral Nurse for Frailty and Physical Health, Dementia UK    |   |  |
| 11.15 | <b>Refreshments, exhibition and networking</b>   |   |  |
| 11.45 | <b>Cardiac arrest: innovation and modernisation</b><br>Luke Winterbourne, Nurse Practitioner, Royal Army Medical Services and Salford Royal Hospital   |   |  |
| 12.15 | Transition time  |   |  |
| 12.25 | <b>Concurrent sessions (repeated after lunch)</b>  |   |  |
| Room  | <b>Cowdray Hall</b>  | <b>101/102</b>  | <b>307</b>   |
|       | <b>50 shades of diabetes</b><br>Tamsin Fletcher-Salt, Clinical Diabetes Specialist Nurse & Team Leader, Clinical Lead Diabetes Inpatients NHSE (Midlands Network)<br><b>Chair:</b> Kendal Andreason, RCN Professional Lead for | <b>Managing the care of patients undergoing emergency laparotomy: learning from the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA) and Emergency Laparotomy and Laparoscopic Scottish Audit (ELLSA)</b><br>Angeline Price, Chair, RCN Perioperative Forum, Advanced | <b>Options for managing acute pain</b><br>Karin Cannons, Nurse Consultant Pain Management, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust<br><b>Chair:</b> Ciara Collins, Chair, RCN Critical Care and Flight Nursing Forum |

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|       | Acute and Emergency Care and Defence Nursing  | Practitioner, Salford Royal Hospital<br>Victoria Richmond, Advanced Nurse Practitioner   |   |
| 13.00 | <b>Lunch, exhibition and networking</b>   |  |   |
| 14.00 | <b>Concurrent sessions</b>  |  |   |
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|       | <b>50 shades of diabetes</b><br>Tamsin Fletcher-Salt, Clinical Diabetes Specialist Nurse & Team Leader, Clinical Lead Diabetes Inpatients NHSE (Midlands Network)<br>Chair: Kendal Andreason, RCN Professional Lead for Acute and Emergency Care and Defence Nursing  | <b>Managing the care of patients undergoing emergency laparotomy: learning from the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA) and Emergency Laparotomy and Laparoscopic Scottish Audit (ELLSA)</b><br>Angeline Price, Chair, RCN Perioperative Forum, Advanced Practitioner, Salford Royal Hospital<br>Victoria Richmond, Advanced Nurse Practitioner | <b>Options for managing acute pain</b><br>Karin Cannons, Nurse Consultant Pain Management, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust<br>Chair: Ciara Collins, Chair, RCN Critical Care and Flight Nursing Forum |
| 14.30 | Transition time   |  |   |
| 14.35 | <b>Panel discussion: advancing your career in nursing</b><br><b>Chair: Jason Cross</b> , RCN Perioperative Forum, POPS ANP & Nurse Lead, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust<br><b>Suman Shrestha</b> , RCN Professional Lead for Critical Care and Perioperative Care, Consultant Nurse, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust<br><b>Professor Natalie Pattison</b> , Professor of Clinical Nursing, University of Hertfordshire / East and North Herts NHS Trust<br><b>FS Lucy Reading</b> , Critical Care Air Support Team, Royal Air Force |  |   |
| 15.05 | <b>Refreshments, exhibition and networking</b>  |  |   |
| 15.35 | <b>Working with spinal injury patients in low-income countries</b><br>Fiona Stephenson, Health Care Capacity Building Advisor and Medico-Legal Expert Witness   |  |   |
| 16.05 | <b>Chair's closing remarks</b><br>Jason Cross, RCN Perioperative Forum, POPS ANP & Nurse Lead, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust   |  |   |
| 16.15 | <b>Conference close</b>   |  |   |