

# 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

9.00	<b>Registration, exhibition and networking</b>		
10.00	<b>Chair's opening remarks</b> 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> Speaker to be confirmed		
10.45	<b>Delirium from a Patient's Perspective</b> Kerry Lyons, Consultant Admiral Nurse for Frailty and Physical Health, Dementia UK 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: new guidance</b> Speaker to be confirmed		
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> Tamsin Fletcher-Salt, Clinical Diabetes Specialist Nurse & Team Leader, Clinical Lead Diabetes Inpatients NHSE (Midlands Network) 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> Angeline Price, Chair, RCN Perioperative Forum, Advanced Practitioner, Salford Royal Hospital	<b>Options for managing acute pain</b> Karin Cannons, Nurse Consultant Pain Management, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust Chair: Ciara Collins, Chair, RCN Critical Care and Flight Nursing Forum

13.00	<b>Lunch, exhibition and networking</b>		
14.00	<b>Concurrent sessions</b>		
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14.30	Transition time		
14.35	<b>Panel discussion: advancing your career in nursing</b> <b>Chair: Jason Cross</b> , RCN Perioperative Forum, POPS ANP & Nurse Lead, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust <b>Suman Shrestha</b> , RCN Professional Lead for Critical Care, Consultant Nurse, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust <b>Professor Natalie Pattison</b> , Professor of Clinical Nursing, University of Hertfordshire / East and North Herts NHS Trust <b>Flt Sgt Lucy Reading</b>		
15.05	<b>Refreshments, exhibition and networking</b>		
15.35	<b>Working with spinal injury patients in low-income countries</b> Fiona Stephenson, Health Care Capacity Building Advisor and Medico-Legal Expert Witness		
16.05	<b>Chair's closing remarks</b> Jason Cross, RCN Perioperative Forum, POPS ANP & Nurse Lead, Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust		
16.15	<b>Conference close</b>		