

AACN invites you to join us in Chicago for NTI—

—the premier conference for nurses who care for acutely and critically ill patients and their families. In addition to cutting-edge education that keeps you up-to-date with the rapid pace of evidence-based practice, NTI offers a unique and energizing experience that can only be achieved in the company of other nurses facing similar challenges. Whether you are a cardiac nurse, pediatric or neonatal nurse, progressive care nurse, emergency or trauma nurse, advanced practice nurse, nurse manager or director, NTI has content that is just right for you. Look inside to find out more.



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AACN's Premier Clinical Conference for Acute and Critical Care Nurses

# 2008 National Teaching Institute &

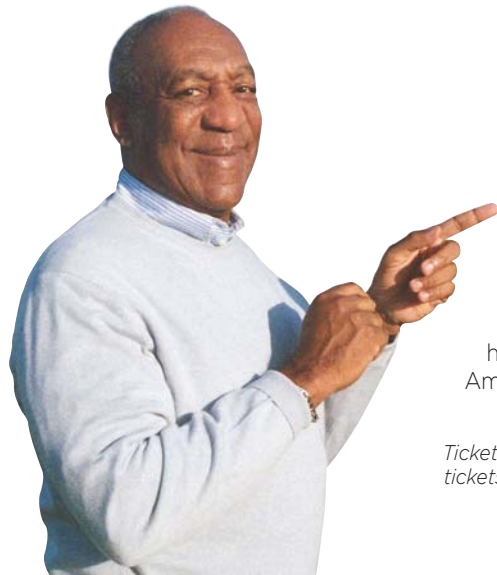
## Welcome, Acute and Critical Care Nurses

If you care for acutely or critically ill patients, you'll definitely want to be a part of AACN's 2008 National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition—a time to learn, to rejuvenate, even a time to kick back and relax. NTI is more than an educational conference. It's an experience, an encounter that only you and your colleagues from across the country can truly understand and appreciate. Through sharing and comparing, you'll come away with new ideas and a fresh perspective. And this year, it all takes place in one of the world's most exciting cities—Chicago! Whether you're at the bedside or in a leadership role, you'll find plenty to fill your professional and emotional reservoir at NTI 2008. The learning spectrum is vast and up-to-date—

Sessions on fostering and sustaining healthy work environments continue to be popular, with the growing awareness of their impact on patient safety, and staff recruitment and retention • A session on traumatic brain injury (TBI), a battle-induced phenomenon that the healthcare community has been ill-prepared to recognize or handle • Advanced practice nurses will have access to the specialized content that drives their work, including pharmacology CE content and the Clinical Simulation Lab (open to all registrants) • You'll find abundant information on medical technology and resources, professional services and recruitment needs at the Critical Care Exposition.

*"Our shared commitment to patients and families inspires us and gives us strength."*

—Dave Hanson, AACN President



### Comedy Legend Bill Cosby comes to NTI '08

*Sponsored by Critical Care Exposition Exhibitors*

Whether you know him as a standup comedian or as America's dad on the *Bill Cosby Show*, you'll cherish the opportunity to get reacquainted with Bill Cosby at NTI 2008. The legendary comedian will headline the popular Participant/Exhibitor Event on Wednesday evening. Without question, Cosby is one of the most influential Americans of our time, a national treasure whose insights provide a refreshing awareness and understanding of life. His poignant style of humor has touched the lives of countless thousands, and his contributions to American culture have been recognized with a Kennedy Center Honor and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

*Ticket(s) for this event are included with full conference registration. Additional tickets will be for sale at Registration on-site. Visit [www.aacn.org/nti](http://www.aacn.org/nti) for details.*



AACN President Dave Hanson was already in the Chicago "groove" when the NTI '08 venue was announced last year

# Critical Care Exposition®



## Monday Opening Session Keynote AACN President Dave Hanson

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Throughout his term, AACN President Dave Hanson has advanced his Reclaiming Our Priorities theme, writing about it in his monthly *AACN News* column and discussing it with colleagues around the country. In this opening session, Hanson will elaborate on this message and reflect on his presidential year. Hanson is a clinical nurse specialist in cardiovascular surgery progressive and critical care at Clarian Health-Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. A member of AACN since 1992, he was a member of the AACN Board of Directors from 2001 to 2004 and treasurer the last two years of his term. He is a past president of the Dallas County Chapter of AACN and is currently actively involved in the Central Indiana Chapter of AACN.



## Wednesday Keynote Keith Harrell

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Known for his energetic, innovative presentations, Keith Harrell is a dynamic life coach who specializes in changing behaviors through a positive attitude. As president of Harrell Performance Systems, he has shared his powerful message with audiences around the world. Harrell's book, *Attitude Is Everything: Ten Life-Changing Steps to Turning Attitude Into Action*, presents a 10-step program for tuning up your attitude and improving your professional and personal life. His unique style of delivery, solid content and practical application are spiced with the right amount of humor, leaving audiences ready to take action.



## Tuesday Keynote Ron McMillan

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and VitalSmarts*

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Best-selling author Ron McMillan is recognized as an expert in interpersonal relationships, culture change and workplace issues. Concentrating in areas such as team development, personal vitality, quality communications, and results-oriented leadership, he is co-founder of the Covey Leadership Center and VitalSmarts. He has researched methods for driving rapid, sustainable, and measurable change in behaviors. McMillan is co-author of *Crucial Conversations* and *Crucial Confrontations*, as well as the latest VitalSmarts book, *Influencer: The Power to Change Anything*. McMillan will inspire attendees to improve their personal and professional lives.



## Thursday Keynote AACN President-Elect Caryl Goodyear-Bruch

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AACN President-Elect Caryl Goodyear-Bruch will accept leadership of the association from President Dave Hanson at this session, where she will also unveil the theme that will anchor her presidential year. You won't want to miss this special exchange. Goodyear-Bruch is a critical care clinical nurse specialist and clinical associate professor at the University of Kansas Hospital and University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas. A member of AACN since 1981, she served on the AACN Board of Directors from 2003 to 2006 and was a member of the AACN Certification Corporation Board of Directors in 2005-06. Goodyear-Bruch is a member and past president of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of AACN.

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KEYNOTESPEAKERS



## Critical Care Exposition®

The Critical Care Exposition is the largest and most comprehensive trade show for nurses who care for acutely and critically ill patients. Featuring healthcare equipment, devices, supplies and pharmaceuticals, the exposition introduces participants to new products with the latest features. With more than 500 exhibitors and 120,000 square feet of exhibit space, there are learning opportunities at every turn. Many companies offer CE credit in their booth as part of AACN's nationally recognized Exhibit CE program. You can earn up to 6.0 total contact hours (0.5 hour per session) by attending condensed educational sessions featuring more than 75 topics throughout the three-day exposition.

You can check out employment, educational and training opportunities at more than 200 Career Opportunity exhibits. The exposition offers special sections showcasing nursing apparel and lifestyle items, educational resources, publications and organizations serving nurses and healthcare providers. For a change of pace, contribute your knowledge to new product development by participating in market research surveys. Stop by the Rest & Relaxation Pavilion for a seated massage. *Sponsored by Hill-Rom*



## Additional Educational Opportunities in the Exhibit Hall

NTI 2008 participants can gain additional CE credit when they visit two special feature stages on the exhibit floor of the Critical Care Exposition. For additional Exhibit CE opportunities, be sure to visit both the Transport Nursing Workshops Stage and the Blood Bank Workshops Stage.

The Transport Nursing Stage will offer CE sessions related to transporting acute and critical patients. The sessions are being developed by experts from ASTNA—the Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association. You can learn techniques and procedures for safely transporting patients by air (both by helicopter and fixed wing) and ambulance.

The Blood Bank Stage will offer CE sessions related to how acute and critical care nurses can successfully collaborate with blood banks throughout the U.S. The sessions are being developed by experts from AABB (formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks). You will learn about systems and procedures to better manage your facility's supply and strategic use of vital blood resources.



Dawmari Kotsonis will be in Chicago to emcee NTI '08.

*Be sure to make the Critical Care Exposition part of your complete NTI 2008 experience.*



## Education—The Foundation of NTI

The National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition® (featuring the Advanced Practice Institute—API), is AACN's premier clinical education program, providing acute and critical care nurses with six full days of opportunities for learning. The program encompasses a wide range of topics related to the care of acutely and critically ill patients, nursing practice, professional development and the latest trends in healthcare.

### Educational Content Areas

NTI and API offer facilitated learning in classroom settings, lectures and technical exhibits, poster sessions and self-study. Participants will have the opportunity to pursue areas of specialized content and professional development concentration in these 12 categories:

#### Advanced Practice—look for **AP**

Content specifically targeted to meet the needs of the advanced practice nurse may be found in designated preconferences and clinical, leadership development, pharmacology and mastery sessions

#### Healthy Work Environments—look for **H**

These sessions apply to all nurses and focus on improving the work environment by learning and applying the six principles of the *AACN Standards for Establishing and Sustaining Healthy Work Environments*

#### Leadership Development—look for **LD**

For nurse managers seeking to strengthen their "influencing" skills through dialogue, conflict resolution and navigating change

#### Pediatric/Neonatal—look for **PN**

For nurses who have the special challenge of dealing with acute and critical illness while meeting the developmental needs of child patients

#### Pharmacology—look for **RX**

These sessions focus on drugs and drug delivery methods used in best practices, and meet the requirements for pharmacology CE credit

#### Progressive Care—look for **PR**

Progressive Care collectively describes areas referred to as Intermediate Care, Direct Observation, Step-down, Telemetry or Transitional Care

*Other content areas featured—*

Chapter Sessions—look for **C**

Ethics—look for **E**

Emergency/Trauma—look for **ET**

Legal—look for **L**

Learning Connections—look for **LC**

Technology—look for **T**

### Self-Study Pavilion

*Sponsored by GE Healthcare*

In addition to preconferences, concurrent and mastery sessions, the popular Self-Study Pavilion offers a unique way to earn continuing nursing education credit through independent self-study. Participants can earn up to 4.0 contact hours per day in the Pavilion, which is comprised of two areas—

#### E-Learning and Mobile Resources Lab

Step into the new E-Learning and Mobile Resources Lab where you will experience many of AACN's E-Learning resources, such as Basic ECG, Essentials of Critical Care Orientation (ECCO) and Essentials of Nurse Manager Orientation (ENMO). You'll also explore more than 30 audio/slide CD-ROM presentations by NTI speakers, certification review courses, NTI posters and more. Learn all about how Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) and iPod mobile devices enable you to enjoy AACN video and CD-ROM resources on the go. Explore dozens of nurse-related PDA software programs using a "virtual" PDA that functions just like an actual device.

#### Independent Study Lab and Library

Relax in the library while studying more than 100 AACN educational catalog resources, including books, audio CDs and clinical simulation CD-ROMs.

### Distinguished Research Lecture

Anna Gawlinski  
The Power of Clinical Nursing Research: Engage Clinicians, Improve Patients' Lives and Forge a Professional Legacy  
*Sponsored by Philips*



Anna Gawlinski is the recipient of the 2008 AACN Distinguished Research Lecture Award, which honors a nationally known researcher who has made a significant contribution to acute and critical care nursing research. Gawlinski's research focuses on the conduct and dissemination of interventions that improve outcomes in acutely and critically ill patients. As the director of evidence-based practice at UCLA Medical Center, Gawlinski has developed an infrastructure that supports research and evidence-based practice initiatives. Her ability to clarify difficult research concepts and apply them in a meaningful way has helped clinicians improve patient care. Her knowledge of research methodology and pragmatic approach to problem solving have energized clinicians at all levels. *The Distinguished Research Lecture will be on Monday, 2:15-3:30 PM.*

### First-Timers NTI Orientation

*Spons. by Marsh Consumer Association Business*

The initial experience of attending NTI can be overwhelming. The NTI Work Group offers simple suggestions for maximizing benefits from the variety of sessions and learning opportunities, the NTI Critical Care Exposition, and networking contacts. Information about resources available and practical tips from seasoned NTI attendees can help "first-timers" plan for an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

## Certification Celebration

*Sponsored by Hill-Rom in partnership with AACN Certification Corporation  
Certification Memento Mugs sponsored by Atrium Medical*

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Building on the success of past events, the Certification Celebration is the perfect time and place for certified acute and critical care nurses to come together around the value of their achievements. Again this year, the Celebration will offer a cash bar at 5:45 PM, preceding the dinner. Attendees will also be able to earn CE credits by viewing the posters during this time of relaxation and conversation. As always, the dinner event (at 6:45 PM) will celebrate CCRNs, CCNSs, PCCNs, ACNPs, CMCs and CSCs. CCRN Alumni may also attend. The program will include recognition activities and prize drawings. Casual business attire is appropriate for the Certification Celebration. Tickets may be purchased with NTI registration.

## Get Certified at NTI

*Offered by AACN Certification Corporation*

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Paper-and-pencil versions of the CCRN, PCCN, CCNS and ACNPC exams, as well as the CMC and CSC subspecialty exams, will be offered on Monday, May 5, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM, with a 1:00 PM check-in. Preregistration using a *special NTI exam application* is required for each applicant. The special NTI exam application may be obtained online at [www.certcorp.org](http://www.certcorp.org) under "What's New" or by calling **800/899-2226** and requesting the application. To be eligible, your exam application must be postmarked by Tuesday, **March 18, 2008**. Payment of exam fees must accompany the application. Exam candidates are not required to attend the NTI conference, but if you choose to do both, *separate registration and payment must be submitted*. Confirmation of exam registration will arrive separately from NTI materials, approximately one week prior to the conference.

## Creating a Culture of Certification: Best Practice Roundtable

*Ticketed session • Limited to 60 participants*

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Join the AACN Certification Corporation Board of Directors and staff for this interactive session designed to facilitate sharing of best practices in creating a culture of certification. This is a time for participants to learn from one another about what strategies have been most successful in moving organizations and individuals to excellence through specialty nursing certification. Board and staff members will also participate, sharing what they have learned from chapters, ambassadors and institutions across the country that have led successful efforts to rally support for certification and a resulting increase in the number of certified nurses in their sphere of influence. If you have implemented a program that has shown promising results, please join us and share your experience with others who have done the same.

## Differences in Perceptions of Empowerment: Certified vs. Noncertified Nurses

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Nurses' perceptions of their work environment have been considered an important factor in enhancing retention and job satisfaction. Individuals' perceptions that they have high degrees of power in the organization have been related to higher levels of motivation, commitment and work effectiveness. Joyce Fitzpatrick will present preliminary findings of her research on differences between specialty and subspecialty certified nurses and noncertified nurses in: 1) empowerment, and; 2) intent to leave their current position and the profession.

## Intensive Power Units: Healthy Work Environments

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Presented by Milisa Manojlovich, the purpose of this session is to demonstrate how healthy work environments have characteristics that contribute to empowered nurses, who in turn are able to gain specialty certification. Key topics for this session include a discussion of healthy work environment characteristics that promote nurse empowerment, strategies to build powerful work environments and ways to support nursing staff in certification efforts. A case study will be used. This session will be of special interest to managers, directors, clinical nurse specialists and staff leaders. Prerequisite skills for this session are a passionate commitment to building powerful work environments and a conviction that specialty certification is worth the investment.

## Certification Exam Study/Review Preconferences

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Need a review before taking your certification exam? AACN will offer preconferences to assist participants to prepare for the CCRN, CCNS, PCCN, CMC and CSC examinations. Two-day Adult CCRN, Pediatric/Neonatal CCRN, PCCN, CMC and CSC exam review courses will be held Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4. The CCNS exam review course will be held Sunday, May 4.

## Rejuvenate at the Oasis

*Co-sponsored by Clarian Health Partners in partnership with  
AACN Certification Corporation*

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The Certification Oasis provides ACNPC, ACNP, CCNS, CCRN, PCCN, CMC and CSC certified nurses and CCRN Alumni a place to catch a quiet moment between sessions and enjoy light refreshments and conversation with colleagues. Individuals interested in attaining certification are welcome to stop in to speak with representatives of AACN Certification Corporation about updates to our specialty and subspecialty nursing certifications; Renewal by Synergy CERPs and Renewal by CERPs programs; or ask other questions about certification.

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## The Advanced Practice Institute

The Advanced Practice Institute (API) in Chicago will be fully integrated within the National Teaching Institute, allowing the registered participant to attend both API and NTI sessions of interest. In addition to educational sessions, API attendees will have access to NTI networking opportunities, exhibits and entertainment events.

### Specialized Advanced Practice Content

Content specific to the needs of advanced practice nurses is packed into the Advanced Practice Institute (API), an important part of NTI. From preconferences and clinical sessions to leadership development, pharmacology and mastery sessions the API features cross-discipline presentations. API sessions are denoted throughout this brochure by the **API** symbol. For example:

#### Preconference Sessions

- Interpretation of Pediatric Radiographs: The Basics
- Management of the Mechanically Ventilated Patient: What the APN Needs to Know
- What's in a Name? Complex Cases in Diagnostic Reasoning

#### Concurrent Sessions

- Alveolar vs. Interstitial Infiltrates: What's the Diff(erential)?
- Drug Metabolizing Enzymes: Biochemistry for Every APN
- Evidence-Based Habits: AKA Killing the Sacred Cows 2008
- Top Ten New Drugs to Know for 2008

### Pharmacology Content Credit

API educational sessions that meet requirements for pharmacology CE credit are designated by the **px** symbol. The symbol will also appear on the CE certificate for the convenience of APNs who require this category of credit for licensure or recertification. More than 11.75 CE hours of pharmacology content are available during the API.

## API Reception • Sponsored by Stryker

API registrants are invited to a special reception, a ticketed event designed to give participants a chance to network with their colleagues in a more relaxed atmosphere. All ticketed attendees will also be entered into a drawing for a free registration to API 2009 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

### Clinical Simulation Lab

Introduced at NTI 2007, the Clinical Simulation Lab provides a collaborative experience for both NTI and API participants to determine the most effective treatment with respect to a simulated patient scenario. Closed sessions offering CE credit will be held at specific times. Sign-up will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

API participants will also want to check out these hands-on sessions:

- Airway Management: Skills for the Advanced Practice Nurse
- Crucial Conversations: Tools for Resolving Broken Promises, Violated Expectations & Bad Behavior
- Percutaneous Tracheostomy: The Innovative Airway
- Places In the Heart: Central Venous Access



Clinical Simulation Lab (NTI 2007)



API Reception (NTI 2007)

# 2008 Advanced Practice Institute

Saturday, May 3 • 9A-4:30P

**PC801**  
**Adult CCRN Review—Part I • Barbara Leeper, Mary Kay Bader, Christine Kessler, Diane Byrum**

The purpose of this two-day preconference is to provide a comprehensive review of the essential aspects of the cardiovascular, pulmonary, renal, neurologic, hematologic, and gastrointestinal systems. The Multisystem section of this review course provides an overview of SIRS, Septic Shock, MODS, Burns, and Toxic Ingestion. Each of the above topics will be reviewed with a focus on important concepts using the AACN CCRN Certification blueprint as a guideline.

**PC802**  
**PCCN Review Course—Part I • Laura Savage**

This two-day preconference will follow the PCCN blueprint and present topics in cardiovascular, pulmonary, neurology, endocrine, hematology/immunology, gastrointestinal, psychosocial and multisystem. Sample exam questions will be incorporated with a discussion of each system review. This course is an excellent overview for all nurses working in progressive care units; however, content will focus on test preparation.

**PC803**  
**Cardiac Surgery (CSC) Subspecialty Certification Review Course—Part I • Paula Davis, Myra Ellis, Lynn Clark**

This two-day review/study course is for nurses specializing in cardiac surgery wishing to take the CSC subspecialty certification exam. Concepts include hemodynamic monitoring, essential skills and medications used in cardiac surgery recovery. An intense review of the preoperative and intra-operative phases of cardiac surgery and the postoperative phase of cardiac surgery including potential complications and interventions will be presented.

**PC804**  
**Cardiac Medicine (CMC) Subspecialty Certification Review Course—Part I • Karen Marzlin, Cynthia Webner, Carol Jacobson**

This two-day preconference will prepare nurses to confidently take the CMC certification exam. Pathophysiology, dysrhythmia interpretation, hemodynamics, patient assessment and monitoring, and related patient problems will be covered in depth. Many hands-on learning activities including practice ECGs, rhythm strips, waveform analysis, practice questions, and case studies will be utilized. There will be a focus on physiological understanding of the cardiovascular and other body systems with an emphasis on critical thinking and clinical application.

**PC805**  
**Places in the Heart: Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters**  
*Sophia Rodgers, Susan Schuettrumpf, Jansen Helm, Rosalinde Christodoulos • Sponsored by Bard Access*

This session will prepare bedside and advanced practice nurses on the insertion of PICCs. Anatomy, indications, contraindications, potential complications, and legal aspects will be discussed. The procedure will also be demonstrated in detail emphasizing steps of insertion. Participants will be divided into small groups for hands-on demonstration on the insertion of PICCs using ultrasound guidance. They will also learn how to repair, maintain, and declot the catheters. *Space is limited—register early.*

**PC807** ..... **PN**  
**Pediatric/Neonatal CCRN Review Course—Part I • Leanna Miller**

This preconference will assist the neonatal and pediatric nurse in preparation for the CCRN exam in their specialty. The course will follow the blueprint outlining the types of patients most often seen in the pediatric and neonatal ICU. Several experts in pediatric and neonatal nursing will be presenting the material.

**PC813** ..... **LD**  
**Crucial Confrontations: Tools for Resolving Broken Promises, Violated Expectations & Bad Behavior—Part I • David Maxfield**  
*Presented by VitalSmarts in association with AACN*

A companion to the popular Crucial Conversations program, this two-day Crucial Confrontations workshop will equip participants with a straightforward, step-by-step process for identifying and resolving performance gaps that get in the way of organizational success. Whether preventing problems or managing crises, this hands-on, problem-solving approach will help participants enhance accountability, improve performance and ensure execution.

**PC815**  
**Neurotrauma • Karen McQuillan**

The purpose of this session is to increase nurses' knowledge of acute traumatic brain and spinal cord injury so that they can provide the most effective care for patients with these injuries. This presentation will differentiate the various types of brain and spinal column injuries and explain the pathophysiology of neurologic injury. Explanation of neuronal injury pathophysiology will provide the scientific basis for assessment strategies and therapeutic interventions employed to treat acute traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries.

**PC816**  
**Surface Anatomy • Alexa Doig**

This session will begin with a review of cervical, thoracic, and abdominal anatomy, emphasizing the relationships between internal organs and palpable landmarks on the axial skeleton. The rest of the session will consist of a hands-on workshop where participants will explore the relationships between the visceral organs, blood vessels and nerves, and the palpable skeletal landmarks that create the surface map. The participant will learn methods to rapidly identify vertebral levels, understand the relationships between key organs and their associated vertebral levels, and apply this knowledge to assessment, diagnosis, and situations requiring the accomplishment of procedural tasks.

**PC850**  
**Mapping the Route to Better Outcomes in Mechanically Ventilated Patients**  
*Marcia Bixby, Janice Powers*

This session will cover the overall management of patients receiving mechanical ventilation with a focus on evidence-based practice in order to provide optimal patient outcomes. Nursing interventions that will decrease complications and improve outcomes of patients will be discussed at length. These include appropriate ventilator management and weaning as well as prevention of ventilator associated pneumonia. Other key areas that will be discussed are appropriate DVT prophylaxis, sedation and pain management strategies and appropriate mobility of patients on a ventilator.

Saturday, May 3 • 9A-12P

**PC811** ..... **LD**  
**Charting Technology and Documentation: Making It Work**  
*Ginny Davis, Ann Keillor*

This workshop will help managers, advanced practice nurses and clinicians rethink how nurses can exert positive influence that drives technical solutions to a successful outcome. Participants will learn how to fully understand their operating model in its current state, leaving the past behind, defining the ultimate future practice model, prioritizing initiatives to create that model, and determining the appropriate migration strategy. Participants will learn methodologies to facilitate a successful process.

**PC817** ..... **AP**  
**Percutaneous Tracheostomy: The Innovative Airway**  
*Mary Wyckoff, Douglas Houghton, Salma Hernandez*  
*Sponsored by Cook Critical Care*

This half-day session will provide information to facilitate weaning from positive pressure ventilation and sedation, bypass the potential obstruction of the upper respiratory tract, prevent aspiration from the pharynx or gas-



triointestinal tract, and facilitate long-term airway management. The session will provide nurse practitioners with information on percutaneous tracheostomy and percutaneous tracheostomy insertion training. Each individual will have the ability to practice the procedure on mannequins and provide return demonstration. Bronchoscopic evaluation will be available to provide the experience of direct visualization of a trachea, while placing a percutaneous tracheostomy. *Space is limited—register early.*

**PC818** ..... **H**

**Changing Priorities: eICU Skills for a Healthy Work Environment**  
*Susan Goran, Gretchen Roberts, Frank Sites*

The eICU is a state-of-the-art system that provides an additional layer of expert medical and nursing support to critically ill patients. The eICU's global perspective assists in identifying subtle changes in patient condition and providing interventions that prospectively impact patient outcomes. This preconference is designed to engage the current or future eICU RN in opportunities to grow in skill development using the Healthy Work Environment standards as the framework.

**PC822** ..... **AP**

**MOST Important Issues (2007-2008) in Critical Care**  
*Barbara McLean*

This innovative workshop will bring together the research findings from a variety of journals (nursing, medical respiratory, pharmacologic and others) in an energizing and educational journal club environment. The findings will be interpreted, discussed and then correlated to the critical patient, strategizing for and promoting change at the bedside. This preconference is designed to provide the basis for scientific interchange and empowerment at the bedside and in interactive discussion.

**PC834** ..... **LD**

**Building Healthy Relationships for Healthier Work Environments**  
*Roland Livingston • Ltd. to 30 participants*

Introducing the Reina Trust & Betrayal model, this interactive session will explore TRUST—the power when it exists, the pain when it is broken, and what can be done to rebuild and renew relationships to create healthy work environments. Stories, examples and lessons will be shared.

**PC837**  
**ABCs, and Ds, of the CBC: Indices, Differentials and Diagnoses**  
*Henry Geiter, Jr., James Edwards*

The CBC is one of the most commonly ordered laboratory tests. Critical care nurses understand the basic information such as the white blood cell count, hemoglobin and hematocrit levels and platelet count, but the CBC provides a wealth of additional information of which the critical care nurse

should be aware. This program will cover the alphabet soup of the CBC, the associated differential counts, and abnormal cell findings as they relate to diagnostic testing, treatment, and the patient's condition.

**Saturday, May 3 • 1:30-4:30P**

**PC806** ..... **AP PN**

**Interpretation of Pediatric Radiographs: The Basics**  
*Maureen Madden*

The aim of this session is to provide the participant with a systematic method to acquire knowledge and skill at assessing pediatric radiographs. Chest X-rays, abdominal X-rays and head CT scans will be presented. This will be followed by an interactive display to identify placement of tubes, catheters and wires that are commonly seen in acute care settings. In the final aspect, participants will utilize the skills learned to identify normal presentations and abnormal aspects on an array of radiographs in an interactive case study approach.

**PC810** ..... **LD**

**Foundational Thinking Skills—Not for Dummies!**  
*Denise Thornby, Lisa Pettrey*

This session will cover the foundational thinking tools that would be of use to those in clinical, managerial, advanced practice or volunteer leadership roles. This session will be interactive, and participants will take away a set of strategies to further develop their thinking skills as well as tools for more effective problem solving and decision making.

**PC812** ..... **LD**

**Charting Technology and Documentation: Cleaning Up What Went Wrong** • *Ginny Davis, Ann Keillor*

This workshop will assist managers, advanced practice nurses and clinicians faced with a flawed EMR (electronic medical record) system to lead a refocus by performing a gap analysis of system failures and shortfalls, defining strategies for improvement that may include revising the system, redesigning the EMR, and optimizing the technology investment.

**PC819**  
**ECGs as Easy as ABC** • *Patricia Hahn*

The purpose of this session is to provide the participant with a systematic approach to 12 lead ECG interpretation. The ABCDE method assures a quick and thorough evaluation of 12 lead ECGs. The course is divided into easy-to-understand and easy-to-remember sections that allow the participant to confidently interpret a 12 lead ECG. This method will help the nurse to rapidly recognize and treat life-threatening conditions associated with abnormal ECGs. Nurses will gain confidence and increase their critical thinking skills when interpreting ECG changes associated with myocardial ischemia/infarction, electrolyte imbalances, pericarditis, and pulmonary embolism.

**PC821** ..... **H**

**Multidisciplinary Team Summit for True Collaboration**  
*Denise Buonocore, Debbie Brinker, Mark Rosen*

This session, presented by leaders from AACN and American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP), is targeted to multidisciplinary acute and critical care teams consisting of staff nurses, nurse leaders, physicians, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, and other team members who will come together in a simulation environment. Simulation scenarios will be utilized to enhance application of evidence-based practice algorithms and clinical decision making. Team roles will be rotated to increase awareness of knowledge/skills of all members of the team, and improve team critical thinking. Communication techniques such as SBAR, callback, debrief, feedback, and conflict resolution skills will be incorporated in the scenarios. *NOTE: This session has been canceled as of 3/05/08.*

**Sunday, May 4 • 9A-4:30P**

**PC814** ..... **AP**

**Management of the Mechanically Ventilated Patient: What the APN Needs to Know** • *Suzanne Burns*

This preconference is designed to update the APN on the latest strategies for managing ventilated patients from the acute to weaning phases. The role of the APN in managing these patients will be covered and includes the use of therapies to improve the conditions requiring mechanical ventilation, selected ventilator modes, augmented assessment tools and the design and application.

**PC820**  
**PCCN Review Course—Part II** • *Laura Savage*

Day two of a two-day session.

**PC835** ..... **LD**

**Crucial Confrontations: Tools for Resolving Broken Promises, Violated Expectations & Bad Behavior—Part II** • *David Maxfield*  
*Presented by VitalSmarts in association with AACN*

Day two of a two-day session.

**PC836**  
**Cardiac Surgery (CSC) Subspecialty Certification Review Course—Part II** • *Paula Davis, Myra Ellis, Lynn Clark*

Day two of a two-day session.

**PC838** ..... **PN**

**Pediatric/Neonatal CCRN Review Course—Part II**  
*Leanna Miller*

Day two of a two-day session.



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**PRECONFERENCES**

**PC839**  
**Cardiac Medicine (CMC) Subspecialty Certification Review Course—Part II** • *Karen Marzlin, Cynthia Webner, Carol Jacobson*  
Day two of a two-day session.

**PC840**.....LD  
**CCNS Review Course** • *Patricia A. Moloney-Harmon, Martha Curley, Kimmith Jones, Robin Watson*  
This course will articulate the Synergy Model's eight nurse dimensions: clinical judgment, advocacy/moral agency, caring practices, facilitation of learning, collaboration, systems thinking, response to diversity, and clinical inquiry. Case scenarios of actual nurse/patient interactions will be presented allowing for discussion of each dimension in detail. The discussion will include how the clinical nurse specialist can actualize that dimension in everyday practice. Examples, based on the examination blueprint and the case scenarios, will be related to achieving patient-family/nurse/system outcomes. Sample test questions that relate to the particular dimension will be discussed.

**PC842**  
**Fundamentals of Hemodynamic Monitoring: Building the Foundation**  
*Jan M. Headley, Cynthia Goodrich, Kathryn Von Rueden, Barbara Leeper*  
This full-day session provides a comprehensive review of the fundamentals of hemodynamic monitoring including: the physiologic determinants of cardiac output, oxygen delivery and consumption; the associated assessment parameters; normal and abnormal hemodynamic waveform analysis; and utilization of waveforms and assessment parameters for differential diagnosis. The AACN Pulmonary Artery Pressure Monitoring Practice Alert and research supporting appropriate techniques to obtain accurate and reliable hemodynamic data will also be discussed.

**PC843**.....T  
**Putting Pizazz in Your PowerPoint Presentations** • *Laura Criddle*  
This course is designed for educators, clinical specialists, managers, and anyone else who uses PowerPoint to get their message across. Participants must be familiar with PowerPoint program basics. Topics include changing templates, adding photos, importing and manipulating clipart, using drawing tools, finding artwork on the Internet, using slide transitions, animating your objects, building hyperlinks, adding sound and video, transporting your PowerPoint files, sending files to Word, viewing your notes while the audience sees only your slides, and making posters. Each participant will need to bring a laptop computer for extensive in-class practice.

**PC844**.....LD  
**Virtual Simulation Lab Tool Kit: Funding and Facility Plan**  
*Maria Connolly, Terri Reyes, Jennifer Clements*  
This is a tool kit for schools of nursing and hospitals that want to provide their students and nurse employees with a state-of-the-art nursing skills lab. The tool kit will provide the "how-to" steps for writing a concept paper describing the scope of the project, the rationale and needs assessment, projected costs, and the long-range support systems. Essential information on how to court your state and federal legislators by networking with their legislative aides specific to the type of project will be presented. Other sources of funding will be discussed such as foundation grants and donor contributions. Demonstrations of the simulation adult and baby mannequins along with case scenarios and other debriefing software will be offered to participants during the interactive portion of this session.

**PC845**  
**Adult CCRN Review—Part II** • *Barbara Leeper, Mary Kay Bader, Christine Kessler, Diane Byrum*  
Day two of a two-day session.

**PC846**.....ET  
**Trauma Care: Beyond the ABC's** • *Suzanne Sherwood, Lynn Gerber Smith, Karen Doyle*  
The purpose of this session is to share the latest clinical management trends for treating trauma patients based on evidence-based practice. This presentation will include: how to avoid missed injuries during the primary and secondary survey, the principles and practice of end points of fluid resuscitation and the clinical management of trauma patients who present with multiple system injuries (polytrauma). In addition, trauma care of unique populations will be presented; populations discussed will comprise obstetrical, pediatric, bariatric and elderly trauma patients. Actual clinical case studies will be threaded throughout the content of this presentation.

**PC847**  
**Making the ECG Work for You: Mastering the 12-Lead**  
*Cynthia Webner, Karen Marzlin*  
This preconference will provide fundamental skills applying 12 lead ECG information to clinical situations that includes rapid identification of normal patterns; recognition of axis deviation, right and left bundle branch block, ventricular morphology patterns; and recognition of patterns and location of ischemia and injury. Teaching methods to improve long-term retention will be used. Class time will be spent in hands-on learning activities such as the handy method for axis interpretation, the camera exercise for lead views, and the creation of pocket cards for bundle branch block and ventricular ectopy identification. This workshop is designed for nurses new to or not yet proficient with fundamental ECG skills.

Sunday, May 4 • 9A-12P

**PC824**.....AP  
**Airway Management: Skills for the Advanced Practice Nurse**  
*Steven Branham, Steven Manacci*

This session will concentrate on concepts of airway management from both a didactic and clinical simulation perspective. A thorough overview will be provided of airway anatomy, and airway risk stratification. Early intervention techniques such as airway positioning and bag valve mask use will be reviewed and demonstrated. The program will culminate in a review and return demonstration of rapid sequence intubation, oral tracheal tube placement using direct laryngoscopy, retrograde intubation as well as the clinical indications, use and placement of laryngeal mask airways. *Space is limited—register early.*

**PC825**.....ET  
**Updates in Trauma Resuscitation: New Evidence and Experiences**  
*Christine Schulman*

This presentation will review emerging changes in hemodynamic monitoring and blood transfusion practices in trauma patients. Historically considered cornerstones of trauma resuscitation, recent research and clinical experience have demonstrated that neither is as helpful as traditionally thought. Consequently, options for additional resuscitation endpoints and new guidelines for the transfusion of blood and blood products are being explored. Suggested mechanisms for complications will be discussed, followed by a review of the literature for prevention, including conservative transfusion targets, use of whole blood rather than component therapy, recombinant factor VIIa, hemostatic compounds and blood substitutes.

**PC827**  
**Families as Integral Members of the Team: Reclaiming Our Priority**  
*Sheri Carey, Jodi Mullen*

Key components of this session include the concepts of family-centered care and how to create and utilize evidence-based family presence policies. Additionally, a family member whose loved one was resuscitated in the emergency department, taken emergently to the cathlab and admitted to the cardiovascular ICU and neurosurgical ICU will share insights from that experience. Finally, small groups will examine scripted resuscitation/invasive procedure scenarios from the perspective of the nurse, the healthcare team, the family, and the patient. Participants will leave the session with diverse strategies to take back to their workplace.

Please note: Although AP sessions are focused toward advanced practice—all participants are welcome to register for/attend AP sessions.

### PC830

#### Black, White, and Needs to Be Read: Chest X-ray Interpretation

Helen Brown

This presentation will discuss radiographic terminology and techniques including radiopaque vs. radiolucency; tissue densities; and assessment of X-ray quality. A systematic approach to chest X-ray interpretation will be reviewed, with emphasis on the normal chest X-ray. Building on the recognition of a normal chest X-ray, disease processes such as air space disease, interstitial lung disease, COPD, pleural disease, and cardiovascular disease will be taught. Assessment of the chest X-ray for location and appropriate line placement including endotracheal tubes, central venous catheters, pulmonary artery catheters, pacemakers, and intraaortic balloon placement will be reviewed.

### PC831

#### Best Breath: Alveolar Recruitment Strategies and How to Use Them

Barbara McLean, Nancy Ames

The critical care patient often is profoundly dependent on ventilator support for oxygenation maintenance. Although there are many options for supporting the alveolar recruitment of the critical hypoxemia patient, the recent discussions surrounding the inadequacy of PEEP have driven other options of choice. Two primary alternatives of note are HFOV and APRV. This energetic, thought-provoking discussion will include the differences of these two types of support, when to choose them, how to use them and when they should be discontinued. The presenters will discuss the application, issues with use and the positive impact of their chosen strategies.

### PC833 ..... AP

#### How to Be a Smart Consumer of the Literature

Elizabeth Bridges

Effective evidence-based practice requires clinicians and administrators to be smart consumers of the literature to decide questions such as whether to purchase the latest technology, to exchange one assessment tool for another, or to change practice. The purpose of this interactive 3-hour seminar is to enhance critical care nurses' ability to interpret and integrate evidence to guide decisions related to clinical practice. *NOTE: This session has moved to Sunday, May 4, 1-4:30 P.*

### PC849 ..... AP RX

#### Antibiotics for the APN: From the Microlaboratory to

the Bedside • Henry Masur, Patrick Murray

As the increase in resistant microbes becomes a more serious problem in critical care, the advanced practice nurse requires more in-depth education about these infections and the appropriate use of antibiotics. This preconference will review the most current interventions for hospital and community

acquired pneumonias, sepsis, meningitis and other infections in critical care. The information will be presented by an infectious disease specialist along with a microbiologist who will discuss specific information about the more common microbes and microbiological procedures.

### PC852

#### Heart Sounds: Adult Basic to Advanced • Barbara Erickson

Sponsored by 3M Healthcare

The purpose of this interactive session is to provide knowledge on the collection of objective data relating to basic cardiac auscultation. This session provides an opportunity for discussion and interactive learning to the critical care practitioner in identifying and differentiating normal adult heart sounds from common abnormal sounds and murmurs. A heart sound simulator and individual stethophones are utilized. The target audience is the critical care practitioner who is expected to listen to and interpret basic heart sounds in his or her clinical practice. Participants are not expected to have prior knowledge or skill in cardiac auscultation. *Space is limited—register early.*

Sunday, May 4 • 1:30-4:30P

### PC826

#### Rapid Response Team Boot Camp • Doyle Coons, Michael Blomquist,

Dave Northrop

A Rapid Response Team (RRT) consists of a group of interdisciplinary healthcare practitioners who respond to acute patient deteriorations in hospitalized patients. This session provides the participant with the knowledge and skills necessary to become an integral member of a Rapid Response Team. Specific content includes a discussion of the roles of the RRT members, key principles of the rapid response assessment and quick intervention, and policies and procedures based on evidence-based practice. In a workshop format, the participant will immediately apply the information gained with use of case studies and other interactive exercises.

### PC828 ..... AP

#### What's in a Name? Complex Cases in Diagnostic Reasoning

Linda Prinkey-Briggs, Helen Brown

This session will give participants an opportunity to identify and utilize the critical elements of determining the most likely diagnosis for complex cases. Real life and simulated scenarios will be presented to highlight important decision points encountered in diagnosing patient problems encountered in acute and critical care environments. A prerequisite for this session includes knowledge of the signs and symptoms of common disorders encountered in acute and critical care.

### PC829

#### Manipulating the Body's Thermostat: Clinical Implications

Christine Schulman, Janice Powers • Sponsored by ALSIUS Corp.

This presentation provides an advanced explanation of temperature regulation during health and critical illness. Numerous metabolic activities depend on a narrow temperature range for optimal functioning, yet a variety of clinical scenarios frequently result in either hyperthermia or hypothermia in critically ill patients. An evidence-based review of helpful and harmful physiologic consequences of hyperthermia and hypothermia precedes a discussion of the clinical scenarios in which body temperature is manipulated to improve patient outcome.

### PC832 ..... AP

#### CT Radiology in Critical Care • Cameron Dezfulian

This session will cover the use of CT scans in the ICU/ED setting. The course will be divided into three sections. The initial portion will describe the image acquisition and contrasting used in CT scanning, CT anatomy, the current state-of-the-art technology and go over the risks and benefits of CT scans, including the use of contrast agents. Session will also briefly describe some developing CT uses (coronary angiography, 3D bronchoscopy and colonoscopy and CT-PET). The next portion will describe in-depth the use of CT scanning in the evaluation of the four most common critical care presentations.

### PC841 ..... AP

#### Places in the Heart: Central Venous Access • Sophia Rodgers,

Jansen Helm, Steve Branham

This session will prepare the APN to insert central venous catheters (CVC). The first half of the course is the didactic portion, which includes the anatomy of the internal jugular, subclavian and femoral veins, the indications and contraindications of each of the venous approaches, and the potential complications. The second half is the hands-on practice of inserting the catheters into mannequins. Moreover, the use of ultrasound guided insertion of CVC is becoming a standard of care in facilities. This course will teach the fundamentals as well as the technical aspects of using an ultrasound access locator device. *Space is limited—register early.*

### PC851

#### Heart Sounds: Pediatric Auscultation From Infancy to Adolescence

Barbara Erickson • Sponsored by 3M Healthcare

The purpose of this interactive session is to provide knowledge on the collection of objective data relating to cardiac auscultation. This session provides an opportunity for discussion and interactive learning for the critical care practitioner in identifying and differentiating clinical findings and heart sounds for common pediatric cardiac abnormalities from infancy through adolescence. A heart sound simulator and individual stethophones are used with slides of physical presentations. A basic recognition of normal heart sounds (S1, S2, S3, and S4 and Splits) is a prerequisite for this session.

Tuesday, May 6 • 7-8:30A



**SRT901**  
**Prevention of Healthcare  
Associated Bloodstream  
Infections • Mark Rupp**

*Sponsored by Baxter Healthcare Corporation*

This session will explore several methods and technologies that can be utilized to prevent Healthcare Associated Bloodstream Infections (HAI). The presentation will explore these methods and technologies and speak to preventative measures that can reduce HAI, thus improving patient outcomes.



**SRT902**  
**State of the Science: Securement  
of Oral Endotracheal Tubes**  
*Michael Hewitt,  
Shirley Ambutas*

*Sponsored by Hollister, Incorporated*

This session will focus on clinical aspects of Endotracheal Tube (ET) securement. An overview of the literature will be presented. Issues surrounding care of a patient who has an ET, including legal ramifications of tube securement in the critical care setting, will be addressed. New strategies for addressing ET securement will be discussed, including the importance of the multidisciplinary team approach to patient care.



**SRT903**  
**Current Trends and Recent Advances In  
Cardiac Resuscitation • Linda Del Monte**

*Sponsored by Physio-Control*

This session will present state-of-the-art approaches to management of cardiac arrest. The 2005 AHA Guidelines emphasize quality CPR and minimal CPR interruptions during cardiac arrest. Learn how novel and creative approaches to cardiac arrest management, including CPR quality tools, CPR assist devices, effective biphasic shocks, and post resuscitation care, can help meet the guidelines and may improve survival from cardiac arrest both in and out of the hospital. Recent advances, current controversies, and a review of current evidence supporting these concepts will be presented.



**SRT904**  
**A Focus on HIT in the ICU: Practical  
Insight for Enhanced Screening,  
Diagnosis and Clinical Management**

*Sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline*

Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT) is a serious, potentially deadly complication that can arise as a result of heparin-based antithrombotic therapy. HIT is characterized by low platelet counts with a paradoxical high risk of thrombosis. Guidelines for HIT emphasize careful screening of platelet counts in at-risk patients, immediate cessation of heparin if a drop in platelet count is detected and timely substitution with an alternative antithrombotic therapy. Research has shown that, although multiple new therapies are available, HIT is not always detected or managed optimally in hospital settings.

Wednesday, May 7 • 7-8:30A

**SRW921**  
**Keeping the Lines Open:  
Keys to Maintaining Patency  
in CVADs • Margaret Ragni,  
Lynn Schallom**



*Sponsored by Genentech*

This session will focus on maintaining Central Venous Access Device (CVAD) line patency and reducing the rate of occlusion and infection. CVADs are increasingly being used for the administration of antibiotics, chemotherapeutic agents, total parenteral nutrition, and for providing high-flow access for hemodialysis and plasmapheresis. Patients requiring multiple, simultaneous infusions, measurement of central venous pressure and infusion of hyperosmolar solutions are candidates for CVADs. However, an infected or occluded CVAD can impede treatment and hinder medical management of a patient. Early recognition and treatment of a malfunctioning line are paramount for catheter preservation.

**SRW922**  
**Clostridium difficile Update:  
Epidemiology and Control**  
*Susan Steele, Paul Walaszek*



*Sponsored by Hollister, Incorporated*

This session will explore the epidemiology, diagnosis, treatment, and infection control strategies for Clostridium difficile in acute care settings. The presentation will focus on historical knowledge development regarding Cd infection, the impact of Cd infections on critical care units, the global disease burden, emerging new strains of Cd, and risk factors for Cd infection. Evidence-based care for the critically ill person with Cd infection will be presented, as well as nursing research issues for the future. This session provides an update to the information shared during last year's Sunrise Session presentation.

**SRW923**  
**New Opportunities to Improve Care  
During Cardiac Arrest**  
*Benjamin Abella, Dana Edelson,  
Marion Leary*



*Sponsored by Philips*

This session will focus on sudden cardiac arrest, a major clinical problem facing critical care nurses. Recent studies have shown that survival from cardiac arrest is dependent on CPR quality and time to defibrillation, yet the quality of resuscitation care is variable. This session will address questions related to cardiac arrest and care in a dynamic interactive fashion, discussing the newest research on CPR quality, team training, and debriefing after resuscitation care. The session will be led by a multidisciplinary RN/MD team that has been involved in resuscitation research.

*Sunrise Sessions provide content that is suitable for all attendees. Each session includes a plated breakfast while you acquire new knowledge. The educational content is 60 minutes in length and provides 1.0 contact hour of continuing education credit. Although Sunrise Sessions may be funded by educational grant/s from NTI exhibitors, foundations or other organizations, AACN maintains control of educational programming and speakers. Sunrise Sessions are ticketed and fill quickly, so please register early. If you are registered for NTI, there is **no additional cost** to attend.*

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 Acute Coronary Syndromes • Diane Carroll  
 Advanced Practice Update • Carol Hartigan  
 Advances in Sepsis Recognition and Treatment • Tom Ahrens, Michael Ackerman  
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 Behind the Ether Screen: An Overview of General Anesthesia • Penelope Villars..... **RX**  
 Billing for the Non-Physician Provider: Keep Current • Nancy Munro, George Sample  
 Brain Teasers: Complex Neuro Case Studies  
 Sandra Mahanes  
 Community Acquired Pneumonia: Moving Toward Perfect Care • Melody Davidson

Comprehensive Care Coordination for Children on a Berlin Heart • Sandra Staveski..... **PN**  
 Comprehensive Diabetes Management in 2008  
 Melissa Pollard, Susan Dailey..... **RX**  
 Conquering MRSA: Current Advances in Antimicrobials • Kelly Thompson-Brazill..... **RX**  
 Defining Success in the APN Role: An Administrative Perspective • Gladys Campbell  
 Do You See What I See? Review of Literature Tables/Graphs/Figures • Nancy Albert  
 Drop by Drop: Pharmacology of Vasoactive Infusions • Laura Kierol-Andrews..... **RX**  
 Drug Metabolizing Enzymes: Biochemistry for Every APN • Chris Winkelman..... **RX**  
 Drug Therapies, Patient Risk and Hazards of ICU Care!! • Richard Arbour..... **RX**  
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 Evidence Based Habits: AKA Killing the Sacred Cows 2008 • Carol Rauen

Five Important Nursing Research Studies  
 Elizabeth Bridges  
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 Heart-Kidney Connection: Complexities of Cardiorenal Syndrome • Peggy Kirkwood  
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 Managing Intracranial Dynamics in Children..... **PN**  
 Patricia Moloney-Harmon  
 Measuring the Outcomes of APN Practice: Strategies for Success • Ruth Kleinpell  
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 Power, P Values, and Effect Size: Evaluating Clinical Research • Kenneth Rempfer

Pulmonary Hypertension: Beyond the Swan Ganz Catheter • Patricia Clark  
 Resuscitating the Basics • Kathleen Vollman, Maryanne McGuckin  
 Severe Acute Pancreatitis (SAP): Managing a Sticky Situation! • Linda DeStefano  
 Swift Killer: Meningococcal Disease  
 Andrea Kline..... **PN RX**  
 From Symptom to Diagnosis: Daily Diagnostic Challenges in Hospitalized Patients  
 Therese Richmond  
 Tackling Challenging Oncologic Complications in the ICU • Brenda Shelton  
 Top 5 Cardiac Studies • Nancy Albert  
 Top Ten New Drugs to Know for 2008  
 Melissa Pollard..... **RX**  
 Toxic Toll: Adverse Drug Reactions Requiring Critical Care • Angela Collins  
 Triple Threat of Hepatic Failure: Renal, Pulmonary, Adrenal • Diane Byrum

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 Patricia Moloney-Harmon..... **PN**  
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 ABCs of VADs: The Heart of Ventricular Devices  
 Gerion Williams, Lori Anderson  
 ABGs: There's No Place Like Homeostasis!  
 Rhonda Lawes  
 Achieving a Good Death in the ICU Through Palliative Consultation • Amanda Hudson-Lucas, Laura Mullis

ACID, Anions, Pressure and Patient • Barbara McLean  
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 Acute Coronary Syndrome, Assessment, Management and Gender Issues • Andrea Efre  
 Adopting the AHA Valve Guidelines for Improved Patient Outcomes • Karen O'Connell  
 Advanced Tachyarrhythmia Interpretation: Get the Beat • Karen Marzlin, Cynthia Webner  
 Advances in Management of Children With Complex CHD • Elizabeth Preze, Julie Creaden..... **PN**  
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 Alphabet Soup: DI, SIADH, and Cerebral Salt Wasting • Lynelle Scullard  
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 Dave Hanson  
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 Authentic Leadership: This Will Be Nursing's Finest Hour • Sharon Rossi, Patricia Moloney-Harmon..... **H**  
 Beam Me Home Scottie! Virtual Visiting: The Next Best Thing to Being There • Linda Nusdorfer, Sherrill Tody-Collings  
 Begin With the End in Mind: ICU Design and Renovation • Jodi Mullen, Tami Wiggins..... **T**  
 Beyond Endurance: The Death of a Child..... **E**  
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 Beyond Review Courses: Chapters Committed to Certification • Tonya Skeen..... **C**  
 Bitter Sweet Implementation of Tight Glucose Control • Lisa Riggs  
 Breaking Down the Barriers of Caring for the Bariatric Patient • Lorie Blythe

Bring Research to Life in Your Critical Care Unit  
 Janet Boyce, Larissa Hutchins  
 Broken Brain: Case Studies in Traumatic Brain Injury and Intracranial Pressure Monitoring  
 Debra Ryan  
 Bugs Be Gone: Effective Source Control in the ICU  
 Kathleen Vollman • *Spoons by Sage Products Inc.*  
 Building Skilled Communication • Cecil King, Candace Rouse..... **H**  
 But I'm Not a Pediatric Nurse: Children Admitted to Adult ICU • Betsy McDowell..... **PN**  
 But This Is Progressive Care! Managing Lines & Vents Outside ICU • Deborah Tuggle..... **PR**  
 Cardiomyopathies: Sorting Through the Differences • Cynthia Webner  
 Cardiovascular Drugs: Why We Use What We Use • Carol Jacobson  
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Caring for the Patient Undergoing a Carotid Endarterectomy • Kathleen Stacy ..... **PR**

Case Studies in Flight Nursing • Kathleen Schatz

Cellular Stabilization: Case Studies in Shock  
Leanna Miller

Central Venous Oxygen Saturation Monitoring in the Critically Ill • Cynthia Goodrich

Challenges for the Infant Following Cardio-pulmonary Bypass • S. Margot Thomas ..... **PN**

Challenges of the Bariatric Patient: Priorities for Exceptional Care • Margaret Ecklund

Changing Lanes in Pediatric Pain • Dederica Jacobs, Ruth McCarty

Chapter Collaboratives: Translating AACN Initiatives Into Action • Karen Kesten, Cynthia Steinbach ..... **C LC**

Chapter Leader Feedback: Growing Yourself Forward? Kimberly Hodge, Kathleen Peavy ..... **C**

Chapter Strategic Planning: A "How-to" Workshop Kimberly Hodge, Kathleen Peavy ..... **C**

Chapter Treasury: A "How to" Session  
Denise Bonura-Henry ..... **C**

Chasing a Dream: Integrating Evidence-Based Practice on Your Unit • Renee Twibell, Brandy Renz

Clear & Present Danger: Managing Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage • Mary Kay Bader, Kris Machingo

Clinical Insights From Unusual Cardiovascular Case Studies • Karen Marzlin, Cynthia Webner

Clips, Coils and Other Intracerebral Interventions  
Tina Cronin

Coagulation Crises • Diane Dressler

Code Blue: Breathing LIFE Back Into Your Dying Chapter • Robert Beck, Jo Parker ..... **C**

Code Cool: Chilling Discoveries in Post Resuscitation Efforts • Andrea Stewart, Clarissa Welbaum

Collaborating With Families: Transforming a Culture  
Jocelyn Farrar ..... **LD**

Connecting the Dots: The Map Between Lung Mechanics and Tissue Oxygenation • Barbara McLean

Computerized Reminder System to Promote Head-of-Bed Elevation • Frank Lyerla ..... **T**  
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Continuous ST-Segment Monitoring Saves Lives  
Barbara Leeper

Controversies in Trauma Resuscitation: Do We Need All That Fluid? • Daria Ruffolo ..... **ET**

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Richard Arbour

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Creative Critical Thinking & Educational Strategies  
Cheryl Herrmann ..... **LD**

Critical Care Road Runner: Dedicated Rapid Response Role • Bonnie Schleder, Linda Lau ..... **LD**

Critical Care With Your Seatbelt Fastened!  
Ann Lystrup

Critical Decisions: Protecting Yourself From Legal Liability • Joan Spitrey, Susan Wilson ..... **L**

CRRT Case Studies: Highlighting Patient Safety to Minimize Risk • Hildy Schell-Chaple

CRRT: Tackling Competency Challenges for This HIGH Risk Therapy • Hildy Schell-Chaple

Crucial Conversations: Case Approach • Emily Moss  
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Crucial Conversations: Keys to Communication at End-of-Life • Barbara Eaton, Linda Delaporta ..... **E**

Current Concepts in Managing Atrial Fibrillation  
Lora Weeks, Amy Schueler ..... **LC**

Current Management of Severe Traumatic Brain Injury • Karen McQuillan

Deadly Games Pediatric Patients Are Playing  
Cynthia Blank-Reid ..... **ET**

Demystifying the Deposition • Joan Spitrey ..... **L**

Developing a Transition Program for New Nurses in Critical Care • Nancy Bittner, Sally Cadman

Developing Guidelines for Family Support During Resuscitation • Debra Kramlich ..... **E**

Diabetic Emergencies: Sugar, Sugar • Michael Day

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Driving Interdisciplinary Performance Improvement Initiatives • Kathryn Von Rueden

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Evidence-Based Practice: Choose It Then Diffuse It  
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Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation in the PICU • Emily Lewellen ..... **PN**

Families In ICU, We Let Them In; Now What Do We Do With Them? • Kay Lawrence ..... **H**

Family Presence During Resuscitating: Evidence-Based Update • Renee Twibell, Tamera Brown, Debra Siela

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Free Radicals: Implications for Nursing Care  
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Rhonda Fishel ..... **E**

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Grants and Grub: Chapters and Vendors Working Together • Tonya Skeen, Jan Teal ..... **C**

Healthy Work Environment Return on Investment  
Nancy Blake, Mary Bylone ..... **H**

Healthy Work Environments: No Place for Bullies  
Karen Stutzer-Treimel ..... **H**

Healthy, Safe Work Environments: Creating Effective Teams • Beth LaVelle ..... **H**

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Hemodynamic Case Studies • Leanna Miller

Hepatic Failure, Comorbidity and Neurologic  
Complications Richard Arbour

Herbals and Medications: Common Interactions  
Julia Baldwin

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Suzanne Sherwood..... **ET**

Hold 'em or Fold 'em? Creating an NP Position  
in Acute Care • Kathy Austin ..... **H**

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Prevention Bundle • Perrilynn Baldelli, Mary Paciella

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Simulation • Sherri Harkless, Paula Garvey

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Cardiac Surgery • Elizabeth Mattox

Immunity to Change • John Forman ..... **LD**

Implementation of Remotely Monitored ICUs  
Patricia Hines

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Positive Pressure Ventilation • Mark Bauman

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Elderly • Diane Mick

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Mary Kay Bader, Beverly Neal, Connie Stalcup

Intensive Power Units: Healthy Work Environments  
That Promote Certification • Milisa Manojlovich,  
Greta Krapohl • *Sponsored by AACN  
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Timothy Wolfe

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Heart Disease • Cheryl Rader, Nancy Richards..... **LC**

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Ventilator Modes • Nancy Ames

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Neuro Exam • Elizabeth Anness, Dan Carraturro,  
Kelly Tirone

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Club Development • Wendy Cook

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Wesley Pierce

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Right Foot • Mary Bylone ..... **C**

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Lynn Rodgers

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Abstract • Diane Mick..... **LD**

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Illnesses in the Pediatric Patient • Judith Ascenzi,  
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Boundaries • Scott Ziehm, Lori Fineman,  
Hildy Schell-Chaple ..... **E**

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Perfect Storm: Hypothermia, Acidosis and  
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Publishing in Critical Care Journals..... **LD**

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Blood Pressure • Laura Savage

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Deborah Lazzara

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Broad learning objectives for NTI include the following—

- 1) Validate and expand knowledge on current practice standards
- 2) Examine issues and trends that impact care delivery and practice
- 3) Refine clinical judgment and critical thinking skills through case analysis of patient care and healthcare delivery issues
- 4) Develop a professional network of colleagues and associates in practice and industry
- 5) Explore ways to assure healthcare systems driven by patients' needs where nurses make optimal contributions
- 6) Stimulate inquiry into the fields of clinical practice, education, research and leadership

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<b>Saturday, May 3</b>	7:30A-5P	7:30A-5P	12-5P	12-5P		12-5P	9A-4:30P					
<b>Sunday, May 4</b>	7:30A-6P	7:30A-6P	7:30A-6P	7:30A-6P	10A-6P	7:30A-6P	9A-4:30P	4-4:45P	5-6:30P			
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<b>Thursday, May 8</b>	7A-1P	7A-1P	7A-3P	7A-1P	7A-1P	7A-1P					7:30A-2P	

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