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- **Up to 22.0** continuing nursing education (CNE) contact hours including a networking event, live sessions and online resources focused on the needs of progressive care nurses.
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- Staff Nurse
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This conference will enable the experienced clinician to:

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- Poison Control in Progressive Care: Safe Use of Rhythm Control Drugs
- Pain Assessment and Management of the Nonverbal Patient
- Dementia vs. Delirium: How Do We Know If Either Exists
- Social Media and Its Impact on Nursing Care
- Update on Sepsis and How It Applies to Progressive Care Patients
- Heart Failure

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<td>Networking Session and Reception</td>
<td>Mary Bylone</td>
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<td>Step Forward into the Power of Networking</td>
<td>Vicki Good</td>
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<td>Heart Failure: Update on Care in Progressive Care Units</td>
<td>Nancy Albert</td>
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<td>Delirium: Stop, Look and Lastly Medicate</td>
<td>Brenda Pun</td>
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<td>Cardiac Surgery 2014: What’s Hot, What’s Not</td>
<td>Jill Ley</td>
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<td>When a Rhythm Strip is Not Enough: You Need a 12 Lead ECG</td>
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<td>Interventional Procedures and Common Complications</td>
<td>Brian Widmar</td>
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<td>10:15 a.m.</td>
<td>Just Because We Can...</td>
<td>Jeannie Meyer</td>
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<td>Resuscitation after Cardiac Surgery; A New Standard of Care</td>
<td>Jill Ley</td>
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<td>Post-Intensive Care Syndrome</td>
<td>Brenda Pun</td>
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<td>Reinventing Progressive Care Nursing to Meet Today’s Healthcare Needs</td>
<td>Nancy Albert</td>
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<td>Cardiac Catheterization Considerations - Patients, Procedures, and Potential Problems</td>
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<td>Leading from Where You Stand: Tales from the Bedside</td>
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<td>Sepsis Updates for Progressive Care Nursing</td>
<td>Nicole Falgout</td>
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<td>Updates on Cardiac Device Therapy</td>
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<td>Breakthrough Strategies for Creating &amp; Sustaining Healthy Work Environments</td>
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<td>Poison Control in Progressive Care: Safe Use of Rhythm Control Drugs</td>
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<td>Quality and Healthcare Patient Safety: “U” Can Make a Difference</td>
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