Celebrating 40 Years of Advocating for Critical Care Nursing

History of the BACCN Chairs - can you fill the gaps?

1985 - 1987: Neal Mellon, Founding President
19xx - 19xx: Patsy Barrie-Shevlin
19xx - 19xx: Belinda Atkinson
19xx - 19xx: Helen Ellis
1995 - 1999: Maureen Coombs
1999 - 2002: Mandy Odell
2002 - 2006: Chris Smith
2006 - 2010: Tracy Pilcher
2010 - 2013: Juliet Anderson
2013 - 2017: Annette Richardson
2017 - 2023: Nicki Credland
2023 - 20xx: Ian Naldrett

1985

BACCN Established

Founding President - Neal Mellon

English National Board (ENB) 100 General Intensive Care Course

1986

First BACCN National Conference, held in Manchester

Irish Association of Critical Care Nurses established in 1986

1995

Nursing in Critical Care (NICC), first published Volume 1, Edition 1, September 1995

1999

BACCN Position Statement On Nurse-Patient Ratios In Critical Care

The European Federation of Critical Care Nursing Associations (EfCCNa) was officially founded on 2 October 1999. BACCN was a founding member.

Department of Health Making a Difference: Strengthening the Nursing, Midwifery, and Health Visiting Contribution to Health and Healthcare
- set the scene for nurse consultants, and around 2,000 critical care nurse consultants started to establish themselves in posts in the UK.

2000

Department of Health Publication of "Comprehensive Critical Care: a Review of Adult Critical Care Services"

Woodrow P, Roe J. 2000. "Intensive Care Nursing: A Framework for Practice. Routledge. Now on edition 5, published in 2025

2001

The World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) was established, BACCN involved

BACCN become an incorporated company

Department of Health (2001) The Nursing Contribution to the Provision of Comprehensive Critical Care for Adults - contributions by Mandy Odell & Maureen Coombs

2003

Critical Care National Network Nurse Leads Forum (CC3N) was established in 2003

BACCN Position Statement on the Role of Healthcare Assistants Involved in Direct Patient Care Activities within Critical Care Areas.

BACCN Annual Conferences - can you help fill the gaps?

1986: Manchester
1987: Manchester
1988: Manchester
1989: ??
1990: Cardiff
1991: ??
1992: Manchester
1993: Manchester
1994: Bournemouth
1995: Glasgow
1996: Cardiff
1997: Warwick
1998: Manchester
1999: Nottingham
2000: Edinburgh
2001: Bournemouth
2002: Coventry
2003: Glasgow
2004: Cambridge
2005: Weston-super-Mare
2006: Newcastle
2007: Brighton
2008: York
2009: Belfast
2010: Southport
2011: Newcastle
2012: Brighton
2013: Southport
2014: Cardiff
2015: London
2016: Glasgow
2017: London
2018: Bournemouth
2019: Edinburgh
2020: Virtual
2021: Virtual
2022: Belfast
2023: Nottingham
2024: Aberdeen
2025: Blackpool
2026: Belfast - see you there!

2004

The National Outreach Forum (NOrF) was formed

BACCN Position Statement on the use of restraint in adult critical care units. Nursing in Critical Care 9(5):199-212

2007

BACCN Updated its Logo

2009

BACCN, CC3N, RCN Critical Care Forum jointly published Standards for Nurse Staffing, Sept 2009

BACCN position statement on prescribing in critical care. Nursing in Critical Care.14(5):224-234

2012

National Standards for Critical Care Nurse Education Version 1

National Outreach Forum Operational Standards and Competencies for Critical Care Outreach Services

CC3N developed a National Competency Framework for Registered Nurses in Adult Critical Care, version 1 published in 2012

BACCN Position Statement on visiting in adult critical care units in the UK.

2013

Annette Richardson (BACCN Chair at this time) advised the Department of Health on national critical care developments, including the development of education and competency frameworks for Advanced Critical Care Practitioners and Assistant Critical Care Practitioners.

2015

The Guidelines for the Provision of Intensive Care Services (GPICS) V1, published in 2015

Establishment of the UK Critical Care Nursing Alliance (2013), BACCN is one of six critical care nursing organisation members.

The Critical Care Leadership Forum (CCLF) was established in 2013, with BACCN one of the member organisations.

Critical Care Manual of Clinical Procedures and Competencies (Edition 1). Wiley
Numerous BACCN Members and Board Members involved in writing chapters

2020

BACCN trailblazing in Sept 2020 with an entirely virtual conference, the first of its kind & repeated in Sept 2021

The BACCN was instrumental in supporting critical care nurses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BACCN Evidence-based consensus paper for oral care within adult critical care units

BACCN: A statement and advice on staff wellbeing

2022

BACCN Honorary Fellows introduced

First joint BACCN & IACCN Conference held in Belfast

BACCN position statement on non-medical prescribing in critical care

Current Honorary Fellows

Nicki Credland
Vanessa Gibson
Colette Laws-Chapman
Jennifer McGaughey
Sandra Miles
Catherine Plowright

2023

BACCN Statement on Environmental Sustainability

BACCN Statement on Social Justice

2024

Critical Care Nursing Workforce Optimisation Plan and Staffing Standards 2024-2027

Critical Care Manual of Clinical Procedures and Competencies (Edition 2) Wiley and Sons Ltd
Numerous BACCN Members and Board Members involved in writing chapters

2025

1737 BACCN Members

Includes 260 CCU Memberships from 12 institutions

6 Corporate Members