

# Critical Concepts

Newsletter for Greater Portland Chapter,  
American Association of  
Critical Care Nurses



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Critical Concepts is a Newsletter published quarterly to inspire you, keep you informed on local and national events, highlight it's membership and offer opportunities for participation.

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## GPC President Address: Attitude—It's a Choice Karen Godbole, RN, MSN, CNRN

As we enter fall, my favorite season, it offers us the experience of the crisp, cool mornings, beautifully changing foliage and, of course, the return of very busy schedules. As we enter into our nursing lives, it offers us experiences in the lives of our patients and families for whom we care or students we guide and teach. As we enter into the workplace, it offers us challenges and situations unique to nursing. As we enter into any of these experiences, we enter with an attitude. The attitude we choose—positive or negative—affects every aspect of our day. We can choose to despise the fall because the leaves fall and we have to labor over the leaf cleanup or love it for the bountiful harvest and colors. We can choose to be annoyed by the difficult patient or family or find peace in that they just need to be heard and you are there to listen and offer comfort. Lastly, you can choose to go to work and be unhappy about your workload or be grateful you have patients who need your care and compassion. In every one of these situations you have to choose your attitude and continue to evaluate your choice of attitude throughout your day. As the

late Keith Harrell asks in his book, "Attitude is Everything," "Do you greet your day with Good Morning, God? or Good God, Morning!" Think about those 3 powerful words and how hearing that self-talk might start your day positively or negatively and how it affects the care and compassion you have to offer your patients, students, or co-workers. Nurses cannot work together, stronger, or bolder in an environment of negativity. Everyone is given the same challenges in their lives and it is the attitude they choose that will turn those challenges into successes or failures.

I chose to run for office, not once, but twice, because of the positive environment in which I work and professionals with whom I interact daily. As GPC Treasurer, I was challenged by the complexities of new software, reports, and budgets; as your president, I am challenged by the complexities of leading and networking! I was fortunate to be invited to host a table for the Oregon Center for Nursing's Annual Fundraising breakfast. Many of your GPC Board and Committee members attended to hear uplifting speakers talk about how "Every Nurse is a Lead-

er." How fortunate am I to be influenced by positive nurse leaders every day. Because every nurse is a leader and I choose to embrace those who have solutions to offer, who challenge themselves, and those who work with positive attitudes despite their work and life challenges.

We cannot accomplish this as nurses in an environment of negativity. We must focus on our attitudes to have a stronger, bolder, impact together. Patients count on us to work together.

Finally, as nurse leaders we owe it to ourselves, our patients, and our co-workers to lead our lives with the choice of a positive attitude. In order to work TOGETHER - STRONGER - BOLDER, choose to focus on:

- Solutions, not problems.
- Gratitude, not ungratefulness.
- Action, not complacency.

**Together - Stronger - Bolder:  
The Choice is Yours**

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2011-2012



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## GPC Board 2011-2012

<p><b>GPC Strategic Goals Focus on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Healthy Work Environments</i></li> <li>• <i>Beacon Award</i></li> <li>• <i>Value of Certification</i></li> <li>• <i>Professional Development</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>President:</b> Karen Godbole, RN, MSN, CNRN</p> <p><b>President-Elect:</b> Vivian Gowan, RN, MSN, CNS, CCNS</p> <p><b>Past-President:</b> Jenny Richardson, RN, MSN, CNRN, CNS</p> <p><b>Education Coordinator (and Elect):</b> Diana Gauthier-Reid, RN, BSN</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> Tracey Loudon, RN, MSN, CNS, CCRN</p>	<p><b>Treasurer-Elect:</b> Anna Mullessa, RN, ADN</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> Jenny Cloud, RN, BSN, MBA, CCRN</p> <p><b>Board Member At Large:</b> Barbara McKenna, RN, MSN, CNS</p> <p><b>Newsletter Editor:</b> Kim Drynan, RN, BSN, CCRN</p> <p><b>Public Relations Coordinator:</b> LuAnn Staul, MN, RN, CNS, CCRN</p>	<p><b>GPC-Office Assistant:</b> Donna Hunter</p> <p><b>2011 Symposium Coordinator:</b> Ashley Blatchley, RN, BSN, CCRN</p> <p><b>Past Board Member at Large:</b> Cyndi Perez, MSN, RN, CNS, CCRN</p>
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## [www.aacngpc.org/board/boardmeetingmin/](http://www.aacngpc.org/board/boardmeetingmin/) August 2011 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



### August

- **Board:** *DCN fundraiser breakfast, Sept 28—GPC attendees and motion to donate 1000.00 from GPC*
- **Consortium:** *plan to award 29 symposium scholarships to preceptors*
- **Membership:** *New members, renewals, active member totals*
- **Education:** *2010-11 event budget review, 2011-12 budget request, CCRN/PCCN review courses, CNML course cancelled, certification recognition dinner plan for week of March 19th, 2012*
- **Symposium:** *Goals, brochure, sunset dinner, sunrise breakfast, speakers, USB drive for syllabus, GPC members table with vendors*
- **Public Relations/Website:** *2011-12 board members updated, revised Strategic Goals, Symposium registration up, volunteer opportunities*
- **Merit Scholarship:** *One request and award*
- **Newsletter:** *Publish plan October 1*
- **Treasurer:** *Report dispersed, 2010-11 audit completed, to AACN by Aug. 15, 2011-12 budget discussed, revised*

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## September 2011 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



### September

- **Board:** *DCN Breakfast Sept. 28, Lifetime membership to GPC, Region 18 Meeting, GPC donation to Bend Chapter*
- **Education:** *CCRN/PCCN, Leadership Course Offering—dinner Jan 17, 2012, Certification Recognition Dinner*
- **Symposium:** *On schedule, preceptor scholarships*
- **Consortium:** *Updates*
- **Public Relations/Website:** *Updates, board election, Nurse of the Year, Member Breakfast, CCRN/PCCN links, Beacon winners*
- **Merit Scholarships:** *Dates/deadlines*
- **Newsletter:** *Article deadline Sept. 15th, publish plan October 1*
- **Treasurer:** *2011-12 budget approval, KeyBank representative, signatures*

## Leadership In Action

By Denise Fall BSN, RN, CNML

Nurse Manager Kern CCU

Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center

Presented at Oregon Center for Nursing Breakfast 9/28/2011



### EVERY NURSE is a LEADER

Good morning and thank you all for joining us today. I am honored to have the opportunity to talk to you about two topics that I am very passionate about. First, I have been privileged to work on the Oregon Center for Nursing's planning committee for their "Leadership at the Point of Care" conferences for the past four years. Participating in these conferences has allowed me to network with other nursing leaders in our state. Many nurses, who take on formal leadership positions, do so without the benefit of education, orientation, or mentorship. I was lucky enough that only a few short months into my management journey, my nurse executive asked me if I would be interested in sharing my experiences as a new nurse manager with the Oregon Center for Nursing.

Working with the OCN has given me a voice and an opportunity to identify topics pertinent to nurses in leadership roles. Our "Leadership at the Point of Care Conferences" attempt to provide information and support to nurses currently in formal leadership roles or for nurses considering formal leadership roles. The Oregon Center for Nursing truly believes that the health of our state is dependent upon a continuous source of highly educated and skilled nurses. Their work is fundamental in establishing and

maintaining clinical settings for nursing students to develop their skills and broaden their knowledge base. Through conferences and networking opportunities, the Oregon Center for Nursing continues to support Oregon's Nurses to practice to the highest level of their education.

My work with the OCN and my role as a nurse manager has led me to my passionate belief that "Every Nurse is a Leader". When you think about traditional leadership roles, you tend to think about titles: charge nurse, nurse manager, director, nurse executive, or chief nursing officer. In many professions, leadership is tied to titles or to having others follow...but in the profession of nursing, "Every Nurse is a Leader". When you explore the defining attributes of leadership, you see that leadership is about **direction, guidance, coordination, role modeling, and influencing.**

The nurse, who politely asks the physician to wash her hands, as she enters a patient room... that nurse, is a **Leader**. The nurse, who confidently reminds the medical resident that **he is the doctor** when he asks "Where is the doctor?" during a cardiac resuscitation...that nurse is a **Leader**. The nurse who effortlessly coordinates the family care conference for patient **A**, while ensuring that patient **B** receives his CT scan, prior to transferring patient **C** to another unit ...that nurse is a **Leader**.

The nurse who mistakenly hangs a bag of insulin instead of

an antibiotic; recognizes his error, tends to the patient, notifies the patient's physician, the patient, the patient's family, and then shares his or error with his colleagues...that nurse is a **Leader**. The home-health nurse, who creates a simple system for one of her patients to be able to take their medications on time...that nurse, is a **Leader**. The nurse who tells her dying patient's husband that "Yes, we will do **everything**" but that he must stay in the room and bear witness to what "**everything**" means...that nurse is a **Leader**. The nurse who is active in professional organizations and is willing to share their views on healthcare with others in the community, ensuring that issues pertinent to our patients and our colleagues are addressed...that nurse is a **Leader**.

It is a pretty lofty responsibility to be a nurse. **Everything** that you do is about being a leader. Our physicians, our patients, our patient's families, our neighbors, and our nation trust that you will be there to **direct, guide, coordinate, role model and influence others.**

So, the next time you refer to a nurse who wears manager pants or has a fancy title as a **nursing leader**; remember each and every **one of you is Leader**.

On behalf of the OCN, I applaud **you** for your **Leadership**.



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## Scholarship recipient writes in...

By Barbara McKenna, RN, MSN, CNS

### Heart Failure Society of America 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting

I attended the Heart Failure Society of America 15th annual scientific meeting in Boston 9/18-9/21. This was my first visit to Boston and the history of the city only enhanced the overall experience for me.

The Heart Failure Society of America is dedicated to promoting research to all aspects of heart failure and to provide a forum for presentation of basic, clinical, and population based research. [www.abouthf.org](http://www.abouthf.org).

The program this year brought together a wide spectrum of attendees and provided up to date information and learning sessions about heart failure for all experts covering the entire field.

Heart failure affects from 4.6 to 4.8 million individuals in the US. Clinical evidence suggests that the prevalence of heart failure will increase throughout the next decade. Recent advances in treatment have shown that early diagnosis and proper care in early stages of the condition are key to slowing, stopping or in some cases reversing progression, improving quality of life, and extending life expectancy.

This conference offered many opportunities for hands on and practice sessions with the industry sponsors and vendors. In addition many of our nursing colleagues were recognized for their research in the subject of heart failure and the advancements of therapy.

Since my focus is on VAD (ventricular assist device) therapy, I was especially interested in the numerous sessions offered related to that topic. There were many opportunities available to hear from other centers, both large established implant centers and new programs to learn their lessons for success. The growth of patients requiring VAD therapy is projected to grow to approximately 9000 patients nationwide by 2015. This is a staggering growth and will place additional demands on the current centers especially the long term management. How do we keep these patients healthy and out of the hospital?

A powerful moment was the opening plenary session with Deepak Chopra who lectured on the heart/brain connection. Dr. Chopra's discussion focused on preventive cardiology using healing, transformation and higher consciousness to positively affect a heart failure patient's physical, emotional, spiritual, social, community and financial wellbeing. In addition he

discussed the importance of the mind heart connection and how we can change or impact our own health and in a sense our futures. He spoke to our relationship with time and how awareness is the key to change.

He led the entire audience through a special "heart" meditation, during this meditation there was silence followed by a collective "wow" when Dr. Chopra completed the session. According to Dr. Chopra, his goal was to "help attendees gain a stronger understanding of consciousness to enhance their ability to make great choices, be creative and heal and awaken their dormant potentials. This strong neurobiological connection can not only enhance a heart failure patient's total wellbeing, but can also keep their heart healthy" [www.hfsa.com](http://www.hfsa.com).

I came home with new information and a greater understanding of the complexities of heart failure and the growing focus on evidence based management of this very complex patient population.

I am grateful to the GPC board for the scholarship funds to attend this worthwhile conference.

October 2011

## ~Renewals & Volunteer Opportunities~

Greater Portland Chapter  
American Association of Critical Care Nurses



We need you and your skills...several opportunities are available to participate in your local professional chapter of the AACN. We invite you to join one of our board meetings and see what we are about! There are board member opportunities for spring 2012, and many committees need help such as the Fall Symposium Committee and Education Committee. Your participation comes with many benefits and involves you in the critical care and nursing network on a deeper, rewarding level.

Also—if your membership is up for renewal, please see the renewal form attached for discounts on CCRN/PCCN reviews, Symposium and many educational opportunities throughout the year.



Please visit our website soon to review these opportunities at

[www.aacngpc.org](http://www.aacngpc.org)



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### SAVE THE DATES:

- ⇒ Critical Care Consortium starts October 25, 2011
- ⇒ 2011 Critical Care Fall Symposium November 14-15
- ⇒ Leadership Dinner course offering January 17, 2012
- ⇒ CCRN/PCCN Review Course January 26-27, 2012
- ⇒ Critical Care Consortium starts February 14, 2012
- ⇒ GPC Certification Dinner week of March 19th (TBA)
- ⇒ CCRN/PCCN Review Course June 11-12, 2012



# 38th Annual Critical Care Symposium

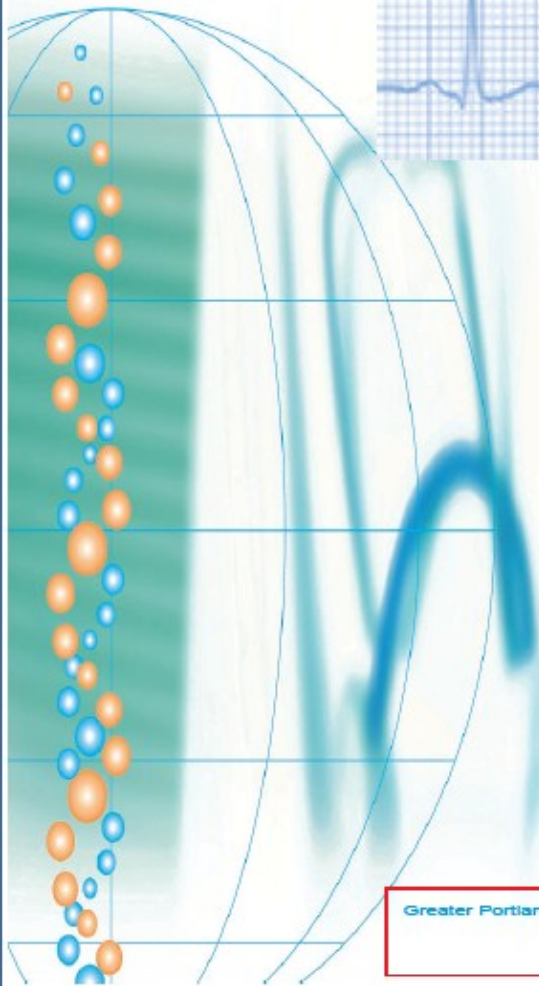
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## Faculty 2011 Critical Care Fall Symposium

Jacob Abraham, MD  
Providence St. Vincent Heart Clinic  
Portland, Oregon

Anand Kumar, MD  
Health Sciences Centre and St. Boniface Hospital  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Ann Alway, MS, RN, CNRN, CNS  
Salem Hospital  
Salem, Oregon

Nicole Kupchik, MN, RN, CCNS, CCRN  
Harborview Medical Center  
Seattle, Washington

Polly Bailey, MSN, RN, ACNP  
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Chesterfield, Missouri

Susan Greb, RNC, MS, CNS  
Salem Hospital  
Salem, Oregon

LuAnn Staul, MN, RN, CNS, CCRN  
Legacy Health  
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Robert G. Hendrickson, MD  
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Lindsay Steele, CFRN  
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Rebecca L. Hutfilz, MD, FAAP  
The Children's Hospital, Legacy Emanuel  
Portland, Oregon

Helen N. Turner, DNP, RN-BC, PCNS-BC  
Oregon Health & Science University  
Portland, Oregon

Topics and speakers have been selected based on the recommendations, critiques and comments from previous symposium participants.  
The Critical Care Symposium reserves the right to make program changes.

**38th ANNUAL CRITICAL CARE SYMPOSIUM  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

<p><b>COLLABORATION</b> The Greater Portland Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (GPC-AACN) and the Oregon Chapter of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (OSCCM) celebrate 20 years of successful collaboration in providing a multidisciplinary regional educational symposium. The conference is co-chaired by a GPC- AACN member and the OSCCM President. The planning process has fostered shared responsibility and mutual respect of its nurse and physician members. OSCCM has been instrumental in establishing the medical content of the symposium, assisting in identifying potential symposium faculty and offering speakers from within our ranks. The GPC-AACN provides the organizational structure and logistical support required to provide the conference. The symposium reflects true collaboration of our two organizations.</p> <p><b>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</b> This two day symposium focuses on a wide variety of topics from the perspective of critical care. Concurrent sessions are offered, allowing participants to individualize their schedules.</p> <p><b>EXHIBITS</b> The latest in critical care products and services are displayed by numerous companies, hospitals and organizations. The exhibits provide an opportunity to closely examine the products and discuss their use with trained representatives on an individual basis.</p> <p><b>OBJECTIVES</b> At the conclusion of this conference the participant will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Present evidence-based practice guidelines for critical care interdisciplinary teams.</li> <li>2. Describe common practice performance measures to improve the important culture of safety in critical care areas.</li> <li>3. Implement practice guidelines that will affect critical care patient outcomes.</li> </ol>	7:00-8:00	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>
	8:00-8:10	Ashley Blatchley, BSN, RN, CCRN ( <i>Symposium Co-Chair</i> ) 2011 Symposium Co-Chair Welcome
	8:10-8:20	Karen Godbole, MSN, RN, CNS, CNRN ( <i>GPC President</i> ) GPC Board Introductions and Awards
	8:20-8:30	Brian Young, MD ( <i>OSCCM President and Symposium Co-Chair</i> ) OSCCM Board Introductions
	8:30-9:30	Martin Schreiber, MD, FACS The Joint Theater Trauma System, The Greatest Trauma System Ever Created
	9:30-10:00	<b>EXHIBIT HALL AND POSTER VIEWING</b>
	10:00-11:00	Jacob Abraham, MD Advances in Heart Failure, Left Ventricular Heart Devices
		Ann Alway, MS, RN, CNRN, CNS and Susan Greb, MS, RNC, CNS Critically Ill Obstetric Patient Case Studies
		Debra Metter, MN, RN, CCRN, CCNS Delirium: The Silent Killer
		Pamela Brown, PhD, RN, CCRN Pediatric Viral Disease Management
	11:10-12:10	Polly Bailey, MSN, RN, ACNP Why Early Mobility?
	12:10-1:30	<b>LUNCH PROVIDED- EXHIBIT HALL/ POSTER VIEWING</b>
	1:30-2:30	Hugh Foy, MD A Comprehensive Approach to the Open Abdomen
		MD Poster Winner Presentations
		Debra Metter, MN, RN, CCRN, CCNS Multi-Organ Dysfunction with Lab Analysis
		Polly Bailey, MSN, RN, ACNP Reducing Sedation to Improve Functional and Cognitive Outcomes
	Helen Turner, DNP, RN-BC, PCNS-BC Differentiating Pediatric Pain and Agitation and How to Treat	
2:30-2:50	<b>EXHIBIT HALL AND POSTER VIEWING</b>	
2:50-3:50	Hugh Foy, MD Necrotizing Fasciitis	
4:00-5:30	<b>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED – SUNSET PRESENTATION WITH WINE &amp; CHEESE</b> Induced Hypothermia: Evolving Clinical Indications Speaker start time 4:30 Event Sponsored by 	
<p><b>Call for Physician Abstracts for Critical Care Medicine Posters</b> Cash prizes available from OSCCM Abstract submission deadline September 9, 2011 Contact Brian Young at <a href="mailto:byoung@lhs.org">byoung@lhs.org</a> or 503-413-6941</p>		

**38th ANNUAL CRITICAL CARE SYMPOSIUM  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

<b>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED – SUNRISE PRESENTATION</b>		Committee Members
6:30-7:30	TBA	
<b>REGISTRATION &amp; CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>		Ashley Blatchley, BSN, RN, CCRN Legacy Health GPC-AACN Symposium Co-chair
7:50-8:00	Ashley Blatchley, BSN, RN, CCRN Symposium Committee Introductions	Lindsey Buxton, BSN, RN, CCRN Providence St. Vincent Medical Center
8:00-9:00	Mary Stahl, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CCNS-CMC, CCRN (AACN President ) Working Together, Stronger, Bolder!	Makayla Cordoza, BSN, RN, CCRN Legacy Health GPC-AACN Symposium Co-chair Elect
9:00-10:00	Anand Kumar, MD Optimizing Antimicrobial Therapy of Septic Shock: Speed is Life	
10:00-10:20	<b>EXHIBIT HALL AND POSTER VIEWING (Please Vote!)</b>	
10:20-11:20	Debbie Buchwach, MSN, RN-BC From Toxic to Therapeutic: Leading the Way to a Healthy Workplace Environment	Amy Doepken, BSN, RN, CCRN Legacy Health
	Nicole Kupchik, MN, RN, CCNS, CCRN A Case-Based Approach to Hemodynamics	Diana Gauthier-Reid, BSN, RN Legacy Health
	Mary Stahl, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CCNS-CMC, CCRN (AACN President ) Pericarditis and Myocarditis - Not All Chest Pain is MI!	Tracey Loudon, MN, RN, CNS, CCNS, CCRN PVAMC
	Rebecca Hutfilz, MD, FAAP Missed Opportunities: Learn From Others' Pediatric Emergencies	
11:30-12:30	Anand Kumar, MD Optimizing Antimicrobial Therapy of Septic Shock: A Hammer Helps Too	Linda Meyer, MSN, RN, CCRN Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing
<b>LUNCH PROVIDED-EXHIBIT HALL AND POSTER VIEWING</b>		
1:30-2:30	Mary Frances Pate, DSN, RN, CNS Care of the Pediatric Patient in an Adult ICU	Marsha Rice, RN Providence St. Vincent Medical Center
	Lindsay Steele, CFRN Preparation for Transport at Altitude	Tonya Roth, BSN, RN, CCRN Legacy Health
	Jeff Gold, MD Sedate the Patient or Sedate the Ventilator...Decisions...Decisions...	Chris Schulman, MS, RN, CNS, CCRN Legacy Health Christine S. Schulman LLC
	Pediatric Topic TBA	
2:40-3:40	Nicole Kupchik, MN, RN, CCNS, CCRN Incorporating the 2010 ACLS Guidelines into Practice	LuAnn Staul, MN, RN, CNS, CCRN Legacy Health
	Shawn Schmelzer, BSN, RN, CCRN Review of the New AANN ICPIEVD Clinical Practice Guideline	
	LuAnn Staul, MN, RN, CNS, CCRN Cirrhosis and End Stage Liver Failure: The Road to Hepato-Renal Syndrome	Brian Young, MD Medical Director, Legacy Health Critical Care Medicine Oregon SCCM Chapter President
	Mary Frances Pate, DSN, RN, CNS Current Issues and Trends in the PICU	
<b>BREAK- SNACK AND DRINKS</b>		Donna Hunter GPC Clerical Assistant
4:00-5:00	Robert Hendrickson, MD Top Toxicology Killers in the Pacific Northwest	
<p><b>Call for Nursing and Pharmacy Abstracts for Critical and Acute Care Posters</b> Accepted posters receive \$75 tuition reduction Abstract submission deadline September 9, 2011 Contact Donna Hunter at <a href="mailto:ggcsupport@comcast.net">ggcsupport@comcast.net</a> or 503-590-5788</p>		

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## The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Care Fall Symposium



**November 14th & 15th 2011**



**Adult and Pediatric Tracks**

**Registration available after July 18, 2011. Print your registration form online at [www.aacngpc.org](http://www.aacngpc.org).**

**Early bird registration deadline is October 10th**

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Discounted Room Rate: \$112.00 until  
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# GPC-AACN

Greater Portland Chapter-American Association of Critical Care Nurses PO Box 2063 Beaverton, OR 97075-2063

Dear GPC-AACN Member,

Please take a moment to read and return this important information. Your continued support is needed.

**Memberships are renewed from July 1 to June 30.**

Your membership dues provide you with reduced fees at local chapter education offerings:

- \* Critical Care Symposium November 14 & 15, 2011
- \* Annual CCRN/PCCN Reviews Summer and Winter, 2012
- \* Advanced Preceptor Conference Fall, 2012
- \* Bi-Annual Member Events 2012
- \* Nurse of the Year Award 2012
- \* Newsletter, **CRITICAL CONCEPTS** - Available on-line and by e-mail!
- \* Awards, Scholarships and Research Grants
- \* Opportunities for personal and professional growth
- \* Networking

We sincerely hope that you will renew your GPC-AACN Membership and become involved at the local level. Your input is critical to the chapter's success.

Most Sincerely,  
Karen Godbole, GPC-AACN President

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ALL MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE June 30<sup>th</sup>

**NEW!! MEMBERSHIP FEE: 2 yr. ~ \$25.00 4 yr. ~ \$40.00 (Please circle choice)**

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Check all that apply: CCRN  CSC  PCCN  CCNS  CMC  Other  \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Education Level: ADN  BSN  MSN  MS  PhD/DNS  Other  \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Interests: Audit  Critical Care Symposium  Preceptor Conference  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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