



ACNAP
Association of Cardiovascular
Nursing & Allied Professions

The Israeli Association of Cardiac and Critical Care Nurses

The Israeli Association of Cardiac and Critical Care Nurses is a nonprofit organization aiming to promote cardiac and intensive care nursing, develop professional expertise, promote continuing education, knowledge update and develop standards for quality assurance of treatment based on EBN



1. Presentation

800 +
MEMBERS

25 +
EBN MEMBERS

EDUCATIONAL
EVENTS

PUBLISHED PAPERS

WEB BIANNUAL
NEWSPAPER

Mission & objectives

- Our main objective is to promote cardiac and intensive care nursing in Israel, to deliver the best care possible to intensive care patients and their families. This is done by developing professional expertise, continue knowledge update (courses and conferences), policy and protocol development (scientific council) and develop standards for quality assurance of treatment.
- Our association has an EBN working group whose active participants are educators, head nurses, bedside nurses, researchers, all volunteers. We all share a common passion to improve nursing care and promote patient and family centered care.
- We encourage organization's representatives to participate in regular medical/nursing settings (MOH, etc.) and have representatives on national and international councils, societies and associations (EfCCNa, ACNAP, WFCCN etc.)
- Our evidence-based nursing (EBN) group publishes studies and encourage implementation of evidenced based guidelines into practice

*We Benchmark - develop the highest standards we can
for Israeli Cardiac & Intensive Care nurses*

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Palliative ICU Care Course
(non oncology) (started 2014)



Advanced Intensive Care Course
(started 2017)

Main activities

The EBN work group meet on a regular monthly basis creating many academic activities including:

- ¶ Organize national and international conferences
- ¶ Educational programmes - unique courses related to intensive care nursing ex-advanced critical care nursing; palliative critical care nursing
- ¶ Initiate nursing research in Israel and co-investigators in international research
- ¶ Build EBN guidelines for intensive care clinical practice and position papers
- ¶ Association's web biannual newspaper
- ¶ Recently, during the COVID-19 pandemic, given a platform on our website, to share stories and advance research

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Conferences & Events

- ❶ Organize national conferences (since 1987, biannual)
- ❶ Organize international conferences (since 2000, every 2 years)
- ❶ Participate in international conferences (EfCCNa, Bio-ethics, Multicultural Nursing Care, EuroHeartCare, more)
- ❶ Conferences for senior nursing staff (yearly)
- ❶ Responsible for unique courses related to intensive care nursing
- ❶ Since the beginning of COVID-19:
 - ❶ Organized three digital (zoom) conferences
 - ❶ Two joint medical–nursing conferences

2. Challenges & barriers amongst our nursing community

- In our EBN meetings, we discuss common problems, crises, and frustrations regarding our daily bedside work.
- *When searching for a systematic review on evidenced based protocol for a certain subject, we found an abundance of literature including contradictory data, so we decided to investigate what was being done in our country. This led to our first evidence-based research publication. But what about follow up of guidelines? We publish EBN evidence and then aim to close the gap between best published evidence and bedside practice.*
- We care for our patients, but what about us – nurses? We discussed the subject about bullying among peers. Does it exist? Do we suffer from bullying in our workplace? It is a very difficult subject to confront. Nurses from ICUs & CCUs participated in this study and this led to two publications.
- Many nurses are recruited to treat COVID-19 patients. During this pandemic, we have given a platform on our website, to enable ICCU & ICU nurses to express themselves, write their personal story & share experiences.

3. Involvement with ACNAP

Key areas to develop for the nursing community

- Collaborate between Israeli & European Cardiac Nursing (ACNAP):
 - Promote and develop professional expertise
 - Continue knowledge update
 - Research cooperation
- Participate in the ACNAP national societies committee quarterly meetings (since 2017)
- 2 Israeli representatives participated in the “Train the Trainers Workshop” - Heart House in Nice (12.2017) shared by Mary Kerins, Laura Courleux and Donna Fitzsimons
- Participate in EuroHeartCare (2017, 2018, 2020)
- Member of the ACNAP education committee

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