

## Northwest Chicago Area Chapter of AACN

In 1972, seventeen local nurses gathered together to form the NWCAC. The chapter has been **UNSTOPPABLE** for over 45 years in providing educational programs that inspire excellence and professional development in critical-care nursing. In 2019, NWCAC received 4 Circle of Excellence Awards. For information about chapter membership and chapter meetings, please visit [www.nwchicagoaacn.org](http://www.nwchicagoaacn.org).

### Conference Activities

#### Hospitality

Plan on participating in our Annual Silent Auction that will support the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Handmade baskets will be displayed for participants to bid on. The Silent Auction will take place each day. Payment via cash or checks only.

#### Exhibitors

Health care vendors will be exhibiting the latest technologically advanced equipment that will enhance patient care and outcomes. Take the opportunity to talk to the vendors and conference participants. A complimentary day to the 2021 Midwest Conference will be raffled each day.

#### Registration Information

Cost: \$150.00 for one day  
\$275.00 for two days

Fee Includes: Continental Breakfast, Breaks, Lunch  
***Free WiFi will be available at Conference***

Registration Deadline: **March 5, 2020**

**NWCAC will only accept credit card payment.**  
Register at [www.nwchicagoaacn.org](http://www.nwchicagoaacn.org)

***No mail-in registrations will be accepted***

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# 2020 Midwest Conference



**Thursday, March 19, 2020**  
**Friday, March 20, 2020**

***2019 Circle of Excellence  
Award for Excellence in  
Chapter Educational  
Programming***

**The Stonegate Conference Centre**  
**2401 W. Higgins Road**  
**Hoffmann Estates, IL**

Thursday, March 19, 2020				
7:00 – 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast				
8:00 – 9:00	Keynote: <b>Unstoppable</b> Megan Brunson, AACN President			
9:15 – 10:30	Nightshift: How Nurses and Patients Can Adjust to the Dark  Megan Brunson	Symptoms and Seizures, Surgery and Survival: The Anatomy of TBI  Eugene Mondor	Advanced Heart Failure Treatment: LVAD  Cheryl Herrmann	ETOH Withdrawal Syndrome: What Every Nurse Needs to Know Heather Roppel Sandy Cebrij
11:00 – 12:15	Human Trafficking  Shaina Fuller	So What's Eating You? Necrotizing Fasciitis  Eugene Mondor	12 Lead EKG: Pearls From a Cardiac Expert  Cheryl Herrmann	Intro to Burn Care: Priorities and Pitfalls Bridget Enright Kelly Metcalf
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch Buffet			
1:15 – 2:30	Developing a Critical Care Outreach Practice  Heather Cook Holly Losurdo	Facilitating Best Practice Hemodynamic Monitoring In Critical Care: Part 1  Eugene Mondor	Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills with Challenging Case Studies Cheryl Herrmann	Neuro for the Not -So Neuro Minded  Barb Bancroft
2:45 – 4:00	Ethical Case Studies in the ICU  Clint Moore	Facilitating Best Practice Hemodynamic Monitoring In Critical Care: Part 2  Eugene Mondor	Pulmonary Patient Care Issues  Cheryl Herrmann	Neuro for the ER Nurse  Barb Bancroft
Friday, March 20, 2020				
6:45 – 8:15 Registration and Continental Breakfast				
7:00 – 8:00	Targeted Temperature Management: Science and Clinical Application <i>Sponsored by Zoll Medical Corp.</i>			Rick Rettke
8:15 – 9:15	Keynote: <b>Every Interaction is a Presentation: Make Them Count</b> Kevin O'Conner			
9:45 – 11:00	Prone Positioning: What's New?  Tyler Weiss	Living and Working With (Sometimes) Difficult People  Kevin O'Conner	Post Traumatic Immunosuppression: What Happens When the Bleeding Stops? Rose Milano	Sepsis 2020 Update: Part 1  Michael Ackerman Tom Ahrens
11:15 – 12:30	Pushing the Boundaries on Minimally Invasive Treatment for Neurovascular Disease Brian Walcott	Real Life in the ICU: Current Challenges and Concerns  Kevin O'Conner	Abdominal Trauma: What Would Sherlock Holmes Do?  Rose Milano	Sepsis 2020 Update: Part 2  Michael Ackerman Tom Ahrens
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch Buffet			
1:30 – 2:45	Coronary Angiography and Interventions: Behind Closed Doors  Anna Mall	CXR Interpretation: From Basics to Abnormal Utilizing Case Studies  Susan Collazo	Even Miracles Take a Little Time: Why the Donation Process Takes So Long Lisa Hinsdale	Burnout and Resiliency  Michael Ackerman
3:00 – 4:15	Where There is Smoke, There's Fire: The Vaping Crisis  Julie Aistars	Hemodynamics  Tom Ahrens	Preparing for the Silver Tsunami: Geriatric Trauma  Rovi Origenes	Stop the Silence in Healthcare  Michael Ackerman

The NWCAC reserves the right to substitute faculty or make program changes as necessary

### Program Description

The 2020 Midwest Conference offers adult critical care and progressive care nurses 2 days of incredible educational offerings and invaluable networking opportunities. The program features a wide range of topics related to clinical practice, education, research, professional issues and trends in healthcare. Speakers include National AACN President Megan Brunson and nationally recognized speakers Michael Ackerman, Tom Ahrens, Barb Bancroft, Cheryl Herrmann and Eugene Mondor.

### Educational Hours

Application for contact hours is pending. Please see chapter website for updates prior to conference

The session handouts will be available at [www.nwchicagoaacn.org](http://www.nwchicagoaacn.org) and must be printed or downloaded to your mobile device prior to the conference.

<b>Program Location</b> The Stonegate Conference Centre 2401 W. Higgins Rd Hoffman Estates, IL	<b>Cancellation Policy</b> Refunds excluding a \$25.00/day <u>non-refundable</u> processing fee will only be made for cancellation requests received in writing. <u>Deadline for requesting refund is March 27, 2020</u>
<b>Hotel Information</b> Hampton Inn & Suites 2825 Greenspoint Parkway Hoffman Estates, IL <b>Room Rates:</b> Double: \$90 plus taxes King: \$90 plus taxes	Please email request to:  <b>Kathleen.Voss@advocatehealth.com</b>
Shuttle bus to Stonegate Conference Centre is available 7AM to 9PM	

For hotel reservations contact Hampton Inn & Suites at 847-882-4301. Group Code: NWC-AACN. Group block reserved until March 4, 2020.

For questions regarding the **2020 Midwest Conference**, please contact Cindy Ruiz at [cindyruiz@yahoo.com](mailto:cindyruiz@yahoo.com).