

2025 CACNS Annual Conference

Event Agenda

Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 8:30am PT - 3:30pm PT

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Saturday, September 20, 2025

8:30am - 9:00am

Registration, Breakfast, Exhibitors, and Poster Presentations

9:00am - 9:15am

Welcome from the CACNS President

Mary Lawanson-Nichols, MSN, RN, CNS, NP, CCRN, FCNS

9:15am - 10:15am

The CNS – Masters of Turning Ideas in Action – It's More than Collaboration

Elizabeth Bridges, PhD, RN, CCNS, FCCM, FAAN

10:15am - 10:45am

Break, Exhibitors, and Poster Presentations

10:45am - 11:15am

Addressing Challenges in Growing the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Workforce: The Nurse Leaders Approach

Leah Korkis, MSN, RN, AGCNS, NPD-BC; Lianna Ansryan, DNP, RN-GERO, PHN, AGCNS-BC, FCNS; Hanna Lakew; Linnea Tolbert, MSN, RN; Mary Lawanson-Nichols, MSN, RN, CNS, NP, CCRN, FCNS

11:15am - 11:45am

Safety in the OR: A CNS-Led Initiative to Automatic Formalin Dispensing

Jennice Singh, MSN, RN, CNS, CNOR

11:45am - 1:15pm

Lunch, Business Meeting, Exhibitors, and Poster Presentations

1:15pm - 1:45pm

CNS Driven Cardiac Arrhythmia Management: Integrating Pharmacology and Cutting-Edge Therapies

Olena Svetlov, DNP, RN, AGNP/CNS, CCRN, PHN, FCNS; Mary Lawanson-Nichols, MSN, RN, CNS, NP, CCRN, FCNS

1:45pm - 2:30pm

Break, Exhibitors, and Poster Presentations

2:30pm - 3:15pm

Enhancing the Impact of the CNS Role Through Innovation and Collaboration

Rick Bassett, MSN, RN, APRN, ACNS-BC, CCRN, FCNS

3:15pm - 3:30pm

Closing Remarks and Evaluations