

BACCN Conference 2024 Grant Report
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With help from the BACCN grant I was able to attend the 2024 BACCN conference. This was the first time I had attended a BACCN conference, and I was not disappointed. A colleague and I had submitted an abstract of a service evaluation looking at the impact of the role of Professional Nurse Advocates (PNA) in critical care. We were delighted that it was accepted and even more excitedly, given the opportunity for an oral presentation on day 2 of the conference.

On arrival at the venue, we checked out the room which had been allocated for us to present and immediately worried about whether anyone would want to come to listen to us! But we needn't have worried as our audience listened intently as we shared what we had learned and achieved as critical care PNA's and followed up with many interesting questions and points of discussion. Discussions which reflected the conferences' overall theme of building 'environments to thrive', which is certainly something the role of PNA's can play a big part.

Overall, the experience of attending the conference was excellent. The morning keynote speaker provided such an interesting insight into paediatric critical care, which both shocked and amazed me. Followed by the important message gleaned from Matha's rule shared by the captivating afternoon keynote speaker. Elements of both will have impact on my own practice.

I left the conference feeling inspired and proud to be part of such a special nursing community, a big thank you to the BACCN.