

3rd CNS-C Conference ~ Winnipeg, MB

St. Boniface Hospital, I.H. Asper Institute

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Monday, September 21st, 2026

AM 9:00 – 11:15 (CT)	8:56 - 9:00	Welcome by CNS-C President, Lorraine Avery. Land acknowledgment
	9:00 – 10:00	1 st presentation – CNS by Pamela Moss. ▪ <i>CNS: Visibility, Influence and Collaboration: Potential for the Future.</i>
	10:00 - 10:10	• Short Health break
	10:15 – 11:15	2 nd presentation – CNS by Lynne Kokoczka, & Maya Shamailov & Kayla Little. ▪ <i>Measuring What Matters: CNS Documentation and Outcome Reporting.</i>
Free time	11:15 – 11:45	Site visit
11:45 – 13:45		Lunch time – on you own – (hospital cafeteria or a restaurant close by)
PM 13:45 – 16:15 (CT)	13:45 – 14:45	- Land acknowledgement: Cynthia / Lee. 3 rd presentation – CNS Panel: <i>Measuring What Matters: Demonstrating the Impact of Clinical Nurse Specialists.</i> - Evaluation of the CNS Practice / Role. - Impact of CNS practice on individuals' and system's outcome. Chair : Lorraine Avery. - Elsabeth to introduce the panel members. Guests: Robin Coatsworth-Puspoky, Paul-André Gauthier, Reid Love, & Tara Schmitz Forsyth.

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	14:45 – 14:55	• Short Health break
	15:00 – 16:00	4th presentation CNS by Jessica Kwanxwalaogwa Key (Muskamawk' Dzawada'enuxw), Nikki Rose Hunter-Porter (St'uxwstews te Secwépemc). <i>Advancing Indigenous Health Through Indigenous Clinical Nurse Specialist Leadership: Reimagining CNS Competencies Through Indigenous Nursing Practice.</i>
	16:00 – 16:15	Closing Remarks.
Registration fee:	Before September 1st : (on line registration only) • CNS-C Members \$ 25 • Master in Nursing student \$30 • Non- Members \$ 40 *	
	From September 1st – 17th : (on line registration only) • CNS-C Members \$ 35 • Master in Nursing student \$40 * • Non- Members \$ 50 *	
	On site registration: September 21st : • CNS-C Members \$ 45 • Master in Nursing student \$50 * • Non- Members \$ 60 *	
1 draw	* Non-members <i>or</i> Nursing Students who pay \$40 or more – have a (1) chance to win one (1) free (\$50 or \$65) membership for 2027.	

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Demonstrating Value: CNS Outcomes Driving Better Health!

Démontrer la valeur et comment les résultats les ICS favorisent une meilleure santé

The Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Canada is proud to invite all Clinical Nurse Specialists, Registered Psychiatric Nurses, Registered Nurses, and other healthcare providers to its third national conference.

This year, we are introducing a focused initiative aimed at supporting Clinical Nurse Specialists in examining approaches to measuring their practice and generating more robust evidence that demonstrates their meaningful impact on health care systems, patient / client outcomes, and quality of care.

Objective:

- Recognize the importance of outcome measurement in advancing the visibility and value of Clinical Nurse Specialist practice.

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CNS visibility, influence and collaboration: Potential for the Future.

Pamela S. Moss, MSN, MPH, APRN-CNS, ACCNS-AG, CCRN-CSC, FCNS, The Johns Hopkins Hospital.

**1st
presentation**

Short Description:

Explore the evolving role of the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) through a comparative lens of practice in Canada and the United States. This session highlights why visibility of the CNS role is critical to its growth, understanding, and standardization across healthcare systems.

Attendees will gain insight into key advocacy priorities, including education, title protection, improved access to CNS roles, and strategies to strengthen clinical presence and reporting structures.

The session will also emphasize the power of collaboration—building strategic partnerships across organizational, provincial, and national levels, engaging interprofessional stakeholders, and enhancing CNS influence.

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Measuring What Matters: CNS Documentation and Outcome Reporting.

Lynne Kokoczka, MSN, APRN-CNS, ACCNGS-AG, CCRN, Clinical Nurse Specialist
Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

Maya Shamailov, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC, PCCN, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Cleveland
Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

Kayla Little, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC, PCCN, FCNS, Clinical Nurse
Specialist Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

2nd
presentation

Short Description: Participants will gain knowledge of how to formulate measurable goals and document clinical work to demonstrate CNS impact.

Objectives:

1. Describe key components of advanced practice provider documentation in the medical record.
2. Formulate objectives and key results.
3. Identify methods for communicating CNS outcomes.

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Measuring What Matters: Demonstrating the Impact of Clinical Nurse Specialists

Objectives:

3rd
presentation

1. At the end of this learning activity, participants will be able to describe CNS led practice that has improved outcomes.
2. At the end of this learning activity, participants will be able to describe how CNS leadership contributes to the successful integration of CNS practice across the continuum of care and improve system responsiveness.
3. At the end of this learning activity, participants will be able to describe how to strengthen the ability to use knowledge and experience to support quality improvement initiatives.
4. At the end of this learning activity, participants will be able to describe how to demonstrate accountability and communicate the impact of Clinical Nurse Specialist practice to healthcare leaders and decision-makers.

Moderator:

- Lorraine Avery, PhD, RN, CNCC (C)
 - President CNS-C.

Introduce the panel: Elsabeth Jensen, PhD, RN.

- Past President CNS-C and Past-President of CNS-ON.

Panel:

Robin Coatsworth-Puspoky, PhD, RN.

- President Elect of CNS-C; Executive member of CNS-ON.

Paul-André Gauthier, Ph.D. (nursing), M.Sc.N., M.D.D., T.C.C., B.Sc.N.; RN, CNS.

- Treasurer & Director of Membership CNS-C; President of CNS- ON.

Reid Love, MN, RN.

- Director of Health Services Cardiac Sciences, St. Boniface Hospital, MB.

Tara Schmitz Forsyth, MN, RN, CVAA(c) IIWCC.

- Member CNS-C BoD representing MB, SK, NU; Member MB CNS Interest Group.

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Advancing Indigenous Health Through Indigenous Clinical Nurse Specialist Leadership: Reimagining CNS Competencies Through Indigenous Nursing Practice.

Jessica Kwanxwalaogwa Key (Muskamawk' Dzawada'enuxw), RN, MN, BScN, PhD Student.

- Clinical Nurse Specialist, Indigenous Cultural Safety, Providence Health Care, British Columbia.

Nikki Rose Hunter-Porter (St'uxwstews te Secwépemc), RN, MN, BScN.

- Clinical Nurse Specialist, Indigenous Health and Cultural Safety, BC Cancer – Provincial.

**4th
presentation**

Short Description

Indigenous Health and Cultural Safety Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) roles represent an emerging and largely unrecognized area of advanced nursing practice in Canada. Currently, only two formally designated Indigenous Health and Cultural Safety CNS roles exist nationally, both held by Indigenous nurses in British Columbia.

Drawing on Indigenous nurse-led work and a gathering of Indigenous Clinical Nurse Specialists, Knowledge Holders, and nursing leaders, this presentation explores how Indigenous CNS practice aligns with core CNS competencies across clinical expertise, systems leadership, advancement of nursing practice, and research. Presenters will also introduce a fifth domain of CNS practice grounded in upholding Indigenous Rights and Reconciliation.

Attendees will gain insights into the unique contributions of Indigenous CNS leadership, the structural conditions required to sustain these roles, and opportunities to strengthen CNS practice and health system accountability across Canada.