The Acutely Ill Medical-Surgical Patient

Improving Patient Outcomes through Evidence-Based Practice

📅 **Friday, May 15, 2026**

🕐 **9:00am - 4:30pm**

📍 **Conway Medical Center
300 Singleton Ridge Road
Education Classroom, 2nd Floor
Conway, SC 29526**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This seminar will assist nurses and other healthcare providers with providing quality care to patients with complex diseases and/or state of health. Topics that will be discussed include:

- Trends in hospitalizations
- Recognition of impending doom
- Shock
- Sepsis
- Multiple Organ Dysfunction Syndrome
- Lab disturbances
- Renal insults
- Respiratory insults
- Pain interpretation/management strategies

Case studies will be utilized for selected topics. The program will conclude with tips on documenting high-acuity care.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this program, 80% of participants will be able to:

1. Explore strategies that facilitate early recognition of impending doom.
2. Identify patient populations who are at risk for bedside emergencies.
3. Differentiate SIRS, Shock and MODS.
4. Discuss clinical presentation of sepsis.
5. Discuss management strategies for selected complex diseases/illnesses.
6. Discuss documentation strategies for high-acuity patients.

CREDIT

AHEC: This program is approved for 0.6 CEU's (6.0 clock hours) by Pee Dee AHEC and meets SC AHEC Best Practice standards. Participants must attend 90% of the program and complete an evaluation in order to receive a certificate of attendance. No partial credit will be given.

Nursing: Pee Dee AHEC (Area Health Education Center) is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by South Carolina Nurses Association an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Upon successful completion of this program, attendees will receive 6.0 contact hours.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Nurses, Nursing students

FEE

Consortium Member: $65
Non-Consortium Member: $130
Health Profession Student: $15
Non-Refundable Material Fee: $5
Registration Deadline: May 5, 2026

INSTRUCTOR

Pam Collins, RN, MSN, CMSRN, MEDSURG-BC, RN-BC

Pam has 40 years of varied nursing experiences which includes nursing administration and leadership, Educator, and Consultant. She received her master's degree in nursing administration with a clinical concentration in Adult Health. Although Pam works as an independent consultant, she continues to work in a healthcare system as a corporate educator. Pam is dually certified in medical-surgical nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses and is also certified in Nursing Professional Development.

Pam's accomplishments include published author for journal articles, chapter author for medical-surgical textbooks, and recent author of a medical-surgical certification review textbook. She has been the recipient of various awards and recognitions throughout her career. She has also served on the advisory panel for the American Nurses Credentialing Center and currently serves as a mentor in the American Nurses Association mentor program. Pam speaks nationally on clinical, leadership and legal topics for healthcare professionals. She has served in the United States Air Force Reserve as a flight nurse.

Pam's pleasures include spending time with her family and friends, cooking, church and community activities, and she especially has a heart for helping homeless individuals.

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