

1ST ANNUAL MEDICAL-  
SURGICAL NURSING  
CONFERENCE: BRIDGING  
KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE

Thursday  
October 09, 2025

8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

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Location:  
Center for Learning and  
Development  
South Piedmont AHEC  
5039 Airport Center Pkwy  
Building K, Classroom 17/18  
Charlotte, NC 28208



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## Target Audience

RNs, APRNs, LPNS, and all other interested healthcare professionals.

## Program Description

Join us for a comprehensive and engaging day of learning and networking at the 1st Annual Medical-Surgical Nursing Conference. This event is designed to bridge the gap between knowledge and practice, providing attendees with the latest advancements and practical skills in the field of medical-surgical nursing.

*\*\* This event is jointly provided by South Piedmont AHEC and Southern Regional AHEC. \*\**

## Learning Outcome

At the conclusion of this educational activity, participants will be able to apply evidence-based practices in medical-surgical nursing to improve patient outcomes across diverse populations, with a focus on physical assessment in Gerontology, medication management for aging populations, diabetic emergencies, post-surgical complications, and legal considerations.

## Agenda

- 8 a.m. Registration / Continental Breakfast / Welcome
- 8:30 a.m. **Medical-Surgical Nurses**  
**A Call to Action!**  
*Pam Collins, RN, MSN, CMSRN, RN-MEDSURG BC, NPD-BC, Corporate Service Line Educator  
Patient Experience Atrium Health, now part of Advocate Health*
- 9:15 a.m. **Physical Assessment in Gerontology**  
• Assessment strategies  
• Interpreting assessment findings  
*Chadwick B. Smith, MSN, RN, AGACNP-BC, Atrium Health Senior Care, Acute Care Division*
- 10:15 a.m. Break / Exhibitors
- 10:45 a.m. **Medication Management for Aging Populations**  
• Polypharmacy  
• Pharmacological approaches to pain management  
*Virginia Nelson, FNP-BC, Elizabeth Family Medicine, Atrium Health*
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided) / Exhibitors
- 12:45 p.m. **Diabetic Emergencies**  
• Hyperglycemia, Hypoglycemia, DKA & HHNS  
• Treatment and Management  
*Jamie Heffron BSN, RN, CDCES, Diabetes Care and Education Specialist, Atrium Health Pineville*
- 1:45 p.m. Break / Exhibitors
- 2 p.m. **Post Surgical Complications and Anesthetic Considerations**  
• Risk Factors and high-risk populations  
• Shock, hemorrhage, DVT/PE  
• Anesthetic considerations  
*Janelle Wilkerson, MSN, RN, CPAN, Patient Care Manager- Post Anesthesia Care Unit  
Cape Fear Valley Medical Center*
- 3 p.m. **Legal Considerations for Medical-Surgical Nurses**  
• Legal hot spots for practice and documentation  
*Pam Collins, RN, MSN, CMSRN, RN-MEDSURG BC, NPD-BC, Corporate Service Line Educator  
Patient Experience, Atrium Health, now part of Advocate Health*
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn

## Planning Committee

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## Credit

**Contact Hours:** 6.0

**Nursing Contact Hours:** 6.0 Nursing Contact Hours will be awarded to participants who attend 90% of this educational activity.

*South Piedmont Area Health Education Center is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the North Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.*

## Registration Fee

\$125	Per person
\$115	Group rate of 3 or more registering together

*Breakfast and lunch will be provided.*

For the group rate contact May Cheung, DNP, RN, NPD-BC at [May.Cheung@atriumhealth.org](mailto:May.Cheung@atriumhealth.org)

## Substitutes/Refunds/Transfers

- Cancellations must be in writing (email or mail).
- Registrants cancelling between two weeks and five full business days prior to the first day of the event are refunded at 70% of the registration fee subject to a minimum \$25 cancellation fee.
- No refunds or credits will be given for cancellations received less than five full business days prior to the event.
- No refunds or credit will be given for no-shows.
- No vouchers will be issued in lieu of a refund.
- Transfers/substitute(s) welcome (notify in advance of the program).

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or scan the QR code.

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## Registration Questions

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