

Aims and Scope of the Journal of Renal Care

The *Journal of Renal Care* (formally *EDTNA/ERCA Journal*) is the official publication of the European Dialysis and Transplant Nursing Association/European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA).

The *Journal of Renal Care* is an international peer-reviewed journal for the multi-professional health care team caring for people with kidney disease and those who research this specialised area of health care. Kidney disease is a chronic illness with three basic treatments: haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and transplantation.

The *Journal of Renal Care* is an important journal for all professionals working in the renal field and associated conditions, such as diabetes and cardio-vascular disease amongst others. It covers the trajectory of the disease from the first diagnosis to palliative care and includes acute renal injury. The *Journal of Renal Care* accepts that chronic kidney disease (CKD) affects not only the patients but also their families and significant others and provides a forum for the psycho-social and physiological aspects of care.

The focus of the *Journal of Renal Care* is the integration of theory and practice in the care of people with CKD and their families and will:

- Provide a forum for discussion and information exchange of issues relevant to kidney disease and its care
- To promote knowledge about CKD and its relationship to other illnesses through increased communications across the whole spectrum of health care.
- Support research initiatives and publish results.
- Support the integration of theory and practice in CKD across the multi-professional health spectrum.
- Promote quality improvement and best practice
- Inform critical discussion about CKD, its care and treatment.
- Promote chronic illness with CKD as an area of inquiry.