

## 50<sup>th</sup> EDTNA/ERCA International Conference



Dear Members, Volunteers, Colleagues,

The 50th EDTNA/ERCA International conference in Rotterdam, held from the 10th to the 13th September, just finished and it went beyond expectation, considering the two difficult years of pandemic. More than 450 members registered and attended the Conference. The Top 5 countries represented at the conference were **Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Portugal and The Netherlands.**

The Scientific Programme was highly appreciated by the delegates, with 11 Guest Speakers lectures, 32 scientific sessions, 4 workshops and 8 Special sessions. Four Corporate Education Sessions were organized in collaboration with our Industry Partners Fresenius Medical Care, Baxter, Diaverum and Hansa Biopharm.

The concept behind the Opening Ceremony was to **celebrate the 50th anniversary** of the Association, looking at the past but also looking to the future. Four Guest Speakers presented the Future of Kidney care from different perspectives; as a nurse (Prof. Ann Bonner), as a nephrologist (Prof. Wim Van Biesen), as a person with kidney failure (Mrs. Fiona Loud) and as an engineer (Prof. Frantisek Lopot).

The Conference has been accredited with 19 credits by the International Council of Nurses. During the Closing Ceremony we had the opportunity to listen to Dr Majken Schjerlund who presented her study on “Cognitive impairment in patients with chronic kidney disease—Next of kin's experiences” which was selected as the Best Article published in 2021 in the Journal of Renal Care.

I would like to thank all speakers who contributed to make this event special and innovative and all EDTNA/ERCA volunteers who worked so much in the backstage and in the frontline. Last, but not least, I would like to thank all the Industry partners who continue to support the Association.

Looking forward to see all of you at the 51st EDTN/ERCA International Conference in 2023 as there is still so much to learn and share.

With my best regards.



Ilaria de Barbieri, RN, PhD  
EDTNA/ERCA President  
EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board Chair



EDTNA/ERCA Executive committee and volunteers

## *Together We Can create a long-term Sustainable Association!*

For decades, EDTNA/ERCA have been working in close collaboration with Industry Partners, Universities & Schools and National Associations.

The Mission has been and still is to put different worlds together for the benefit of the patients. The Collaboration Programme is about combining knowledge and experience and collaborate together.

How does the Collaboration Programme work? Either EDTNA/ERCA identify a gap of knowledge within a certain area and topic and realize that Education is needed to achieve the Mission of the Association or our Partners identify a need of support from the Multidisciplinary experts and reach out to EDTNA/ERCA.

We work both ways and, in the end, we together identify the needs & requirements and make it happen. Educational Programs vary from country to country and in each country varies from unit to unit.

It is important to reduce variability of different educational programs, instead focus on what is important to increase the knowledge and awareness. It is important that Healthcare Professionals acquire during educational programs the skills and the knowledge to perform the treatment safely, recognize potential complications and manage risks.

The Multidisciplinary theories and qualitative research methodologies are advantageous to build knowledge in Renal Care. Working together and sharing the Core Values, Vision and Mission of EDTNA/ERCA means that our Partners are a very important part of the EDTNA/ERCA Renal Care Community. Together we create a long-term Sustainable Association!

The Projects consolidated this year and presented during 50th EDTNA/ERCA Conference in Rotterdam:

- EDTNA/ERCA initiative - Violence and Aggression in renal care - A guide for nurses.
- A joint project between EDTNA/ERCA & Medtronic - Plastic cannulae versus metal needle cannulation in haemodialysis: Results of an international survey from the nurse perspective.
- A joint project between EDTNA/ERCA & CSL Vifor - Nurses' knowledge on the management of patients with CKD associated Pruritus receiving haemodialysis- Preliminary survey results.
- A joint project between EDTNA/ERCA & B. Braun Avitum - Green Excellence in Dialysis.

A big thank you to our Partners & Exhibitors who contributed to the success of the Conference.



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Co-opted EC member

## New EDTNA/ERCA EC Members

New EC EDTNA/ERCA members were announced during AGM. We welcome Vasiliki Zoi and Deepa Kariyawasam.

**Vasiliki Zoi:** Firstly, I would like to take this moment to appreciate the wonderful opportunity given to

me, joining such a reputed association like EDTNA/ERCA. I understand that I am a fresher, but I have always wanted to be a part of our associations' workforce as it promises to be a team wherein the learning curve is great and hard work is appreciated.

The work culture, passion and commitment to innovation, education and evolution, which drive our association has always had a long-lasting impression on my professional journey. I am sure that with this given chance, along with the fellow members and the resources which EDTNA/ERCA holds, I can bring positive growth. Furthermore, I intend to be a multi-tasker and a team player, as always, and I will surely explore my capabilities under this grand banner in renal care. I am sure that I will also learn and improve my skills through communicating and working with all you members of the association.

Thank you!

Vasiliki Zoi, RN, MSc, DipEd, Ph©

**Deepa Kariyawasam:** I am a senior renal dietitian at King's College Hospital, London, UK and also a multi-professional clinical lead for the London Kidney Network. I'm currently working with the London Kidney Network to reduce health inequalities in renal care in London.

I'm been in healthcare for 22 years of which 20 have been in kidney care covering a range of modalities from pre-dialysis to transplant and both in and outpatients.

I have previous multi-disciplinary committee experience, having been on the committee for the British Renal Society (2008-2012), National Institute of Clinical Excellence (2019-2021) developing guidelines as well as the Nutrition committee of EDTNA/ERCA from 2006-2008.

I truly hope to bring the multi-disciplinary voice to EDTNA/ERCA by drawing in a wide range of professions as well as the patient voice.

Deepa can be found on Twitter @DeepaRD or email [deepa.kariyawasam@edtnerca.org](mailto:deepa.kariyawasam@edtnerca.org)



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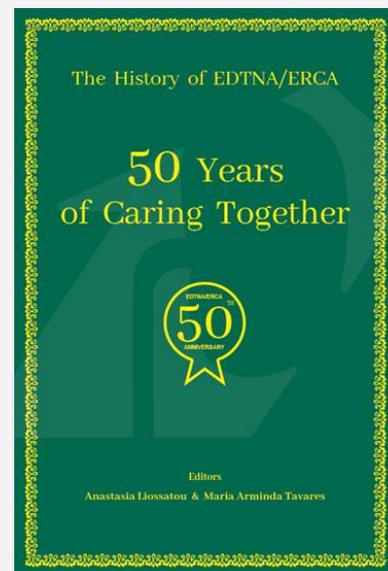
Ilaria de Barbieri; Deepa Kariyawasam; Maria Tavares; Vasiliki Zoi; Anastasia Lioussatou; Sonja Pečolar; Edita Noruišienė; Evgenia Golland

## EDTNA/ERCA Publications

### *New books*

I am pleased to present you the NEW EDTNA/ERCA publications launched during the 50th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Rotterdam, The Netherlands 10-13 September 2022:

#### **The History of EDTNA/ERCA -50 Years of Caring Together**



#### **Editors & authors**

Anastasia Lioussatou  
& Maria Arminda  
Tavares

#### **Reviewers**

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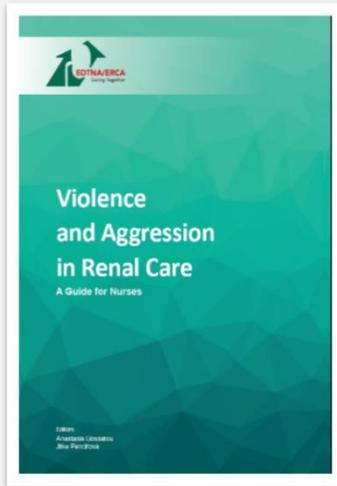
#### **Foreword**

Professor Nicola  
Thomas

The History of EDTNA/ERCA - 50 Years of Caring Together book is an initiative of EDTNA/ERCA and is a piece of work based on the data collected from the Annual Reports retrieved from the EDTNA/ERCA archive as well as the previously published book on the first 25 years of our Association. It has been a long and inspiring journey to go through all the **historical milestones** and the important achievements of the Association, mapping the progress and the footprint left by EDTNA/ERCA during the past 50 years of its route.

This book pdf is available at the achievements' section at <https://www.edtnerca.org/about-us/achievements>

## Violence and Aggression in renal care - A Guide for Nurses



### Editors

Anastasia Liossatu &  
Jitka Pancířová

### Authors

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### Reviewer

Victoria Alikari

### Why EDTNA/ERCA decided to address this topic?

This book is a new edition of the previously published Violence and Aggression (V&A) Brochure, with the aim of producing a guide for nurses and other healthcare professionals on violence and aggression in renal care.

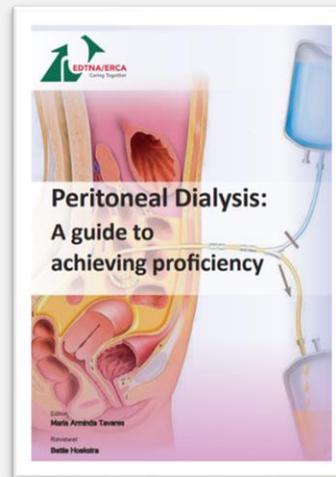
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Our members may have access to this publication PDF in English language at our website Members Only Section

<https://www.edtnerca.org/education/publications>

This publication is now available for translation.

## Peritoneal Dialysis -A guide to achieving proficiency



### Editor

Maria Arminda Tavares

### Authors

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Coulthard, Suzanne  
Pearce, Anabela  
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Pečolar, Vesna Bricman, Patrícia Matias, Sotiroulla C. Glikli

### Reviewer

Bettie Hoekstra

### Foreword

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This book is the **3rd publication in an EDTNA/ERCA series about Peritoneal Dialysis (PD)**. After two different publications in 2009 and 2016 respectively, "PD, A guide to Clinical Practice" (2009) and "500 Questions and Answers about Peritoneal Dialysis", it is time for a new book that will enable nephrology professionals to be proficient in their care for patients on peritoneal dialysis. The aim of the book is to provide a document which a multidisciplinary PD-team can use to improve their practice: to provide up-to-date clinical guidelines of best practice in PD evidence-based clinical practice in caring for the people on PD, and to provide a quality reference text for professionals who care for patients receiving PD. Chapters are written by PD-experts working and living in different countries.

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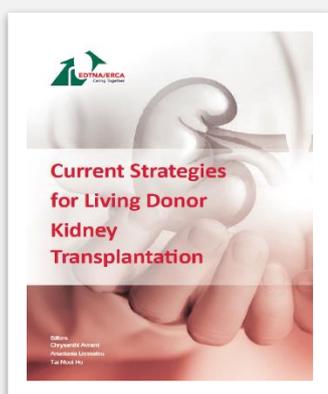
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## New language edition



The 3rd book from the EDTNA/ERCA Vascular Access Trilogy 'Vascular Access, Cannulation and Care: A Nursing Best Practice Guide for Arteriovenous Graft' is now available for our members in Dutch at <https://www.edtnerca.org/education/publications-du>

## Book Listed on Pubmed



We are pleased to announce that recently the EDTNA/ERCA publication "Current Strategies for Living Donor Kidney Transplantation" got listed on the National Library of Medicine Bookshelf and on Pubmed.

Bookshelf: [https://lnkd.in/ew\\_UjQGb](https://lnkd.in/ew_UjQGb)

Pubmed: <https://lnkd.in/ebYfAfZe>

## E-Library

We are happy to announce that **3 New EDTNA/ERCA E-Library articles** dedicated to raising awareness of various medical and nursing aspects on **CKD - associated Pruritus (CKD-aP)** are now available at the EDTNA/ERCA website under the **Academy/E-Library** section at <https://www.edtnerca.org/education/electronic-library>



I would like to welcome any of our members or any colleague who wishes and have the expertise on a specific topic to submit a proposal for either an e-library article or a book publication at [anastasia.liosstou@edtnerca.org](mailto:anastasia.liosstou@edtnerca.org).

Please visit our website under the **Education Section** <https://www.edtnerca.org/education/publications>

and check out all our publications as well as all our **educational materials**.



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EDTNA/ERCA Executive  
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Publications Coordinator  
RenalPro & ESNO EC Link

## EDTNA/ERCA Webinar

European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/  
European Renal Care Association



**October 13 2022**  
14:00–15:15  
CEST

### Sexual health in chronic kidney disease and transplantation



**Speaker:**  
Dr Clare McKeaveney



**Moderator:**  
Dr Claire Carswell

**Registration fee:**

- Free for EDTNA/ERCA members
- 50 € for non-members

We would like to invite you to the following online webinar, which will take place on October 13. The webinar is free for active members.

**Title:** Sexual health in chronic kidney disease and transplantation

**Date:** October 13, 2022

**Time:** 14:00 - 15:15 CEST

**Speaker:** Dr Clare McKeaveney

**Moderator:** Dr Claire Carswell

**Registration:** <https://www.edtnaerca.org/education/webinars-2022>

Dr Clare McKeaveney is a lecturer at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Queen's University Belfast. She is an experienced quantitative and qualitative researcher with a focus on the psychological impact of renal disease. She has investigated topics such as cachexia, conservative management, transplantation, and more recently the global impact of COVID-19 on the renal healthcare community.



Speaker: Dr Clare McKeaveney  
BSc, PhD, MBPsS, CPsychol, AFHEA

Dr Claire Carswell is a registered mental health nurse post-doctoral research associate. Currently she works across two institutions, the Department of Health Sciences at the University of York in the Mental Health and Addictions Research Group and at Queen's University Belfast in the School of Nursing and Midwifery.



Moderator: Dr Claire Carswell

## EDTNA/ERCA at ESNO and EESC meeting Brussels, September 14, 2022

EDTNA/ERCA was represented at the meeting in Brussels on the 14th September 2022, organized by Ber Oomen as ESNO Executive Director, with the members of the EU commission EESC (Economy and Social Committee).

The main points we all raised were the shortage of nurses as emergent problem and some strategies to recruit and retain nurses, as to improve the recognition through the nurse specializations, to improve the salaries.

I highlighted the pivotal role of the renal nurses in many areas (prevention, RRTs of any type, both adult & pediatrics, pre- and post-transplants, ICU) and that we are ready as European renal nurses to be recognised in all EU countries.



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## New article – Nurse Science

This month we promote this important article regarding the “Reliability of monitoring acid-base and electrolyte parameters through circuit lines during regional citrate anticoagulation-continuous renal replacement therapy”. This link is a free access

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/nicc.12696>



As a EDTNA/ERCA member who can benefit:

-  Apply for a **volunteer position** and to stand for election
-  Be a part of the decision making in EDTNA/ERCA: file motions and to vote
-  Have **access to the Journal of Renal Care in E-Version** and printed version per request
-  Have access to all **available publications** in E-Version and printed version
-  Get all information available for Members
-  Register at reduced member fee for all available events

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