



*European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/
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NEWSLETTER

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Dear All,

It was a year of important achievements in terms of Publications, successful 46th International Conference and several Seminars around Europe. EDTNA/ERCA Volunteers, Marketing Director, Secretariat, Conference Department, Industry Partners and Patients, deserve also our recognition. In this last Newsletter in 2017, EDTNA/ERCA Executive Committee wants to publicly acknowledge the Brand Ambassadors and their teams support by translating our Newsletter during the year. Objectives for the incoming year are already in good progress. You will find updated information about them in a very innovative Newsletter we aim to implement in 2018.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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ATTENTION!!

CKD Patient Education Documents in 14 languages are now available to help you provide education to renal patients from diverse cultural backgrounds. You may download these documents for free at:

www.edtna-erca.com/patient-information/patient-education-material

The 14 topics are available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Hindi, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Slovak and Spanish.



ONLINE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS (HCP) – ELECTRONIC LIBRARY

Educational papers at two distinct levels: **Advanced** and **Expert**. Every level will be identified by a color. Each paper provides learning outcomes at the beginning and has questions at the end so that members can check that these outcomes have been achieved. Many of them have been translated. Check and see if the paper you are interested in is available in your language.

Please [access these papers](#) and feel free to give feedback to any of the EDTNA/ERCA Consultants as we value your opinion.

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APPLICATIONS

Go to our website at www.edtna-erca.com/education-and-research/projects to explore our two Applications about:

- Home Haemodialysis - A Nurses Guide to Implementing Best Practice in Home Haemodialysis



- Safety going Digital Increasing the Awareness of Venous Needle Dislodgement



THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN EDTNA/ERCA & MEDTRONIC



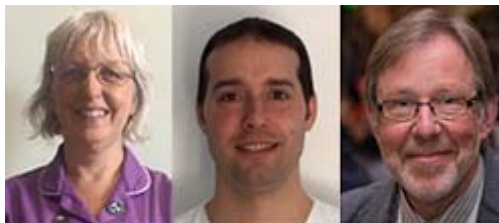
Thank you to each of you that participated in the 1st EDTNA/ERCA and Medtronic Collaboration Workshop: *Novel Technologies for Fistula Cannulation* at the 46th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference. Our goal is to reduce complications with renal access and improve dialysis quality for patients.

During the workshop together we:

- Introduced the concepts of how flexible cannula and ultrasound site assessment can reduce complications related to cannulation
- Used novel simulation and tissue models to learn safe and effective hands on use
- Discussed current cannulation techniques, training and challenges in different countries in Europe
- Agreed with participants to share further information on how flexible cannula may be beneficial for new & torturous fistula or patients unable to immobilize their arm, nocturnal patients or metal allergy patients



We would like to thank especially the guest speakers Julia McCarthy from Bradford, UK, Ruben Iglesias Sanjuan from Parc Tauli, Spain and Alois Gorke from Germany.



Julia McCarthy Ruben Iglesias Alois Gorke

Next step will be taken at the coming 47th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Genoa, September 15th - 18th, 2018.

47TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, GENOA, ITALY, SEPTEMBER 15TH - 18TH, 2018

The Conference has an important role of educating, exchanging information and experience, utilizing the expertise of healthcare professionals, researchers, services leaders and industry partners. The Theme for this Conference is: *Global Approach to Renal Care Innovation - Balancing Compassion and Health Technologies*

The Abstract submission deadline is February 28th, 2018



EDTNA/ERCA VOLUNTEERS VACANCIES

Are you committed and enthusiastic? Are you looking for a new challenge? Join our team of Volunteers to play an active role in our worldwide Association. The following Vacancies are open for EDTNA/ERCA Members:

Executive Committee

Brand Ambassadors for:

[Hungary / Ireland / Russia](#)

Consultant for:

[Transplant](#)

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the Secretariat at edtna_erca@adexcellentsbranding.com



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**Happy Holidays
wishes
The EDTNA/ERCA Executive Committee**



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