LATEST UPDATE DURING 2014

In 2014, there were a little more than 100 Belgian EDTNA/ERCA members. Membership declined the last years, mostly due to economic circumstances, but is stabilized now. However more than 60% of the Belgian Members attended the 43rd EDTNA/ERCA Conference in Riga.

2014 activities included:

- Organization of national awards for the accepted Belgian abstracts with the support from the national nephrology industry.
- The two national associations and the French speaking Nephrologists Association offered each 3 or 4 seminars during the academic year 2013 - 2014. The Belgian EDTNA/ERCA brand Ambassador was at most of the events and general information about the association and abstract submission were offered
- Writing articles for the ORPADT-VL Publication "Forum" offering information about the EDTNA/ERCA activities

In 2014 the Belgian members produced six abstracts for the International Conference.

A measurement tool for nursing workload in hemodialysis units
Onsia, E. University Hospital Antwerp

Effect of a quality management system on key performance indicators in a dialysis unit.

Preparing patients to choose a renal replacement therapy: experiences and practical suggestions
Goovaerts, T; University Hospital St. Luc Brussels /Isnard Bagnis, C./Crepaldi, C./Dean, J./Melander, S./Mooney, A./Prieto-Velasco, M./Trujillo, C./Zambon, R./Nilsson, E.L.
A nurse-led multifactorial intervention to improve phosphate binder adherence: a one-year clinical trial
Van Camp, Y/Van Rompaey, B/Vrijens, B/Arnouts, P/Elseviers, MUniversity of Antwerp

Which dialyzer performs best? A retrospective membrane comparison.

CARPEDIEM as promising machine to treat neonatal and pediatric patients with acute renal failure
Dick, M./Claus, S./Dhondt, A./Raes, A./Vande Walle, J./Eloot, S.Ghent University Hospital - Hemodialysis 1P8

Two of these abstracts won a National Award offered by the Belgian Nephrology Industry

Belgian National Bellco - Nipro-Europe Award

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Belgian National MCMedicol Award 2014

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Future projects include:
- Further contacts with ORPADT French – ORPADT Flemish and DTV
- Writing articles in the National Association Publications
- Providing National Scholarships for the 44th EDTNA/ERCA Dresden Conference 2015
Latest Update from the Brand Ambassador

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- Attending seminars of the National Organizations
- Looking out to increase the Members ratio

Michel is available to answer EDTNA/ERCA related questions.

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