



Renalpro, an excellent problem solving and experience dissemination tool.

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Background

- RenalPro is a neutral forum, free of any Industrial interest, making the bridge between renal care workers, worldwide. In 1994, Rob Huizinga RN(Canada), launched an email-based discussion forum, hosted and sponsored by University of Alberta Canada. Chairs have been: Bobbie Knotek(USA), Andre Stragier(Belgium) and Elizabeth Lindley(UK).
- In 2003 was agreed to switch to a full moderation of this forum to avoid: auto responders messages, product advertisements, computer virus spread, unsuitable postings...



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What is RenalPro?

EDTNA/ERCA offers you the opportunity to join and participate in the RenalPro Discussion Forum

Would you like to receive feedback and assistance with your work? Not only does this forum allow you to ask other professionals questions, but it also gives you the chance to give your opinion regarding other peers' comments and doubts.

RenalPro is a moderated forum that is unique as it allows you to directly communicate from your own PC with your colleagues; asking questions, sharing experiences and techniques, or providing comments.

RenalPro subscribers:

- Interact with an ever-growing worldwide group of professionals from all disciplines related to renal care consisting nowadays of over 750 subscribers
- Share and help resolve practice-based problems
- Learn from the experience of others

Enter in your browser "**renalpro**" and you will be guided to the **RenalPro** information page: www.mailman.srv.ualberta.ca/mailman/listinfo/renalpro

On this page you can subscribe online to this forum and benefit for **FREE** of this unique service we are offering you! Also, spread the word about this opportunity to your colleagues!

If you have any question, do not hesitate to contact with the **RenalPro** Moderator, **Elizabeth Lindley**.



Aims:

- To describe how RenalPro can easily contribute to problem solving and experience dissemination.
- To stimulate use of RenalPro, to improve renal patient care and professional development.



Our own (last experience)

- Our Nephrology Department decided to re-open our Home Haemodialysis (HHD) program.
- The first action was to make a literature research in order to identify "state of the art" of different aspects of HHD.
- We also decided to send a request for information on:
 - checklist prior to sending patients home for HHD.
 - strategies to identify potential HHD patients.
- The request was accepted by the RenalPro chair.



Our own (last experience) Results

- We received valid information from countries around the world, describing their experience, concerns, practical protocols on HHD and links to different webs, from Nurses, Technicians, Managers, Educational professionals... the information has been a valid resource of information when setting up our own program.



Conclusion/Application to practice

- Using RenalPro is one of the easiest ways, maybe the best one, to receive up to date information in different aspects of renal care, subscribers can share or alert their colleagues for any practice problem and/or ask for advice.



Examples of topics discussed lately

- Sabine (Germany) would also like to find out how other units flush new PD catheters if, for some reason, the start of training is delayed and if so what solution is used, how much and how often?.
- Claire from Wales has asked about how long it is, on average, between insertion of a PD catheter and start of training and if units still routinely flush PD catheters weekly to check patency. If so, what volume is used?.



Examples of topics discussed lately

- Angela from Australia would like to find out how other peritoneal dialysis units prepare the connection between the PD catheter and extension line (transfer set) when changing the line or when the connection has become loosened.
- Input from: Israel, Canada, Hong Kong, Spain, Austria



How to select a topic

- Following a question sent to chair.
- After reading about the differences in our ways of adjusting the UF volume Debbie Australia said it would be interesting to audit the discrepancy between expected and actual post-HD weight in units with different policies. Collaborative audit: to look at how the way we adjust the UF-rate for washback etc affects the discrepancy between the expected and achieved post-dialysis weight.
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QLNM7WG>



HD topics among the most populars

- UF “issue”
 - Inut from:
 - Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, England, Hong Kong, Iceland, U.S.A., Israel, Portugal, Poland, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain.



KEY aspects

- Participation.
- CHAIR!!!!

