We held the seminar at the Ashford International Hotel, Ashford in Kent, UK. The title of the seminar was ‘Patient Centred Kidney Care’ and around 70 nephrology nurses attended for both days.

We had a very full scientific programme, on the first day we had talks from British Kidney Patients Association and also a session from dialysis patients, which was well received. At lunch time on the Sunday and the Monday we held a cannulation workshop. In the afternoon those who had sent in abstracts for
presentation presented them orally. At the end of the day we had a moderated poster session with 10 posters and a talk on ethical issues which generated a good discussion on ethical issues and dialysis.

We had a halloween based dinner in the evening with a quiz which was enjoyed by all.

The next day there were various talks including what’s new in kidney care, diabetes in kidney disease and caring for the older person on dialysis. The afternoon concluded in an enjoyable interactive session on leadership in kidney care. During the break times there was an exhibition from 11 industry representatives who also sponsored the event.

The seminar was a great success but if it wasn’t for Nicola Thomas, Lesley Bennett and Karen Jenkins it would never have taken place. For their assistance I am enormously grateful.

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