



Vascular Access and Ultrasound Study Day

March 2019

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March 2019, Wansey Dialysis Unit, Charlestown, NSW

26 attended.

I run this study day twice a year within my workplace. It is popular and I limit numbers so that all participants get hands on practice with ultrasound equipment.

This study day explored the role of ultrasound for patients on dialysis, both as screening or surveillance tool and for direct use in dialysis units to map fistulas and graft and promote ultrasound guided cannulation.

Best practice in vascular access management was discussed with attendees sharing their experience and challenges.

Three patients kindly agreed to attend for the group to practice ultrasound use for mapping fistulas, before their dialysis sessions commenced.

Vascular sonographer presented case studies of dialysis patients with particular vascular challenges.

The Clinical Nurse Consultant from Beckett Dickinson (who kindly sponsored the day) provided an overview of theory and practical applications of ultrasound for the renal nurses.

I presented the benefits of EDTNA/ERCA membership to the group and received a positive response with several stating their intent to join.

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