



# 2021 - ANNUAL REPORT



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## Introduction / President's Message

Last year 2021 was an eventful year for the EDTNA/ERCA. The global health crisis and the struggle against the Corona virus causing disease Covid-19 continued. We were unable to hold the international conference as an in-person event again. Just to remind you that the year before, due to the pandemic and the severe travel and meeting restrictions, we were forced to postpone the 49<sup>th</sup> International Conference that was planned to be held in Ljubljana in September 2020. This fact and the conditions of the pandemic prompted us to search for and discuss new solutions to international exchange of knowledge and experience, in order to support our colleagues who care for patients with acute and chronic kidney problems. One of the virtual solutions was the organisation of webinars with free access for all interested colleagues. We invited excellent speakers to this new education platform, which was truly appreciated by the participants. We planned and organised a virtual Spring Seminar, besides organising a virtual 49<sup>th</sup> Conference, so as to offer an extra opportunity for renal care colleagues to present their work. I admit that it has not been easy for us on the Executive Committee to make and fulfil plans, especially long-term ones. It has been hard work and a great challenge for everyone. My sincere thanks go to all colleagues and volunteers who have assumed the responsibility and determination to live up to the expectations of those to whom we promised to uphold our Associations' mission. Looking back to our key strategies, I am pleased to report progress on a number of points. First of all, the Sustainability Programme continues: several Webinars were organised, 10 Environmental Key Performance Indicators and a Checklist were created and presented and are available on the Website for self-evaluation of the status of the unit. The collaboration programme with industry partners, universities and sister associations was continued and improved. We continue to appreciate greatly the support and collaboration of our partners. We again increased our presence and took more responsibility for participation and leadership of International Organisations and Workgroups. The development of the Covid-19 pandemic, the lockdowns and the lack of travel and meeting in person pushed the implementation of digital processes and tools on all levels. What was seen as a goal in past years became a necessity.

And last but not least, our Electronic and Virtual Educational Programmes, communication, materials and publications have increased on Web-based technologies; we have continuously reviewed and updated our website with the latest information. My sincere thanks to all who have helped us to achieve our activities for 2021. I am very proud to be leading a team of volunteers who are enthusiastic, hardworking and who truly believe in the Association.



**Edita Noruišienė** EDTNA/ERCA President

### New Volunteers/ Changed Roles in 2021

EDTNA/ERCA is very proud of having a pool of more than 50 Volunteers who cover the wide multidisciplinary focus of our Association. New Volunteers and those in new positions were announced during the EDTNA/ERCA Virtual Annual General Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2021:

#### New Volunteers:

 **Zoya Grimberg, (Israel)** –

Brand Ambassador

 **Debbie Fortnum, (Australia/New Zealand)** – Int. Brand Ambassador

 **Rona Grieve (UK)** – DOPPS CRA

#### Volunteers with New Roles:

 **Ilaria de Barbieri (Italy)** - President

 **Edita Noruišienė (Lithuania)** - EC

Member Co-opted + Finance  
Coordinator

 **Maria Tavares, (Portugal)** –

Executive Committee Member

#### Leaving Volunteers:

 **Maria Cruz Casal (Spain)** –

EC Member Co-opted

 **Carlos Gonçalves (Portugal)** –

Brand Ambassador

**Hanadi Mezher (Lebanon)** –

Int. Brand Ambassador

 **Lynn Brown (Australia/New**

**Zealand Greece)** –

Int. Brand Ambassador

 **Jennie King (UK)** – DOPPS CRA

Welcome to all and many thanks to those who have resigned.

### Publications

Since 2007 EDTNA/ERCA has been producing guide books with up-to-date information on a number of topics within the renal field covering chronic kidney disease, haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, transplantation, acute care, nutrition and psychological care. EDTNA/ERCA books are official publications with ISBN numbers and can be cited as bibliographic references. EDTNA/ERCA members have free access to read and download these books. All book editors, authors and reviewers are subject matter experts. The books are developed following revision procedures including plagiarism screening and with the support from the EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board (SB) members. Our publications are available in English, Bosnian, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Latino, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovenian, Spanish and Turkish.

During 2021, we managed to consolidate 3 NEW guidebooks and several translated into other languages, despite the difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. This was achieved thanks to the dedication, commitment, and enthusiastic participation of our editors, authors, reviewers, SB members, volunteers as well as the support from our industry partners.

Additionally, it was during 2021 that **Guidelines for Editors and Authors were developed**. The aim was to secure standardization and harmonization of the criteria and logistics concerning the publication process. It is hoped that these guidelines will facilitate the editors and authors in their work.

Furthermore, as part of the strategic plan to promote and gain recognition and credits for our EDTNA/ERCA publications, we initiated the application process for the National Library of Medicine (NLM)PubMed – Book section listing of EDTNA/ERCA books. This was started with one of the recently published books “Current Strategies for Living Donor Kidney Transplantation”.

I would like to gratefully acknowledge everyone who has contributed to the success of our publications.

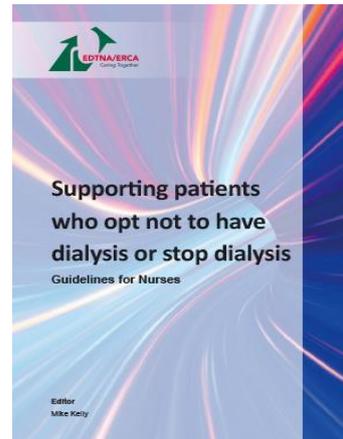
Below is a concise overview of our achievements:

### **New Books**

#### **Supporting patients who opt not to have dialysis or stop dialysis – Guidelines for Nurses**

*Editor:* Mike Kelly, EDTNA/ERCA  
Psychological Care Consultant

*Authors:* Kathy Burn, Jenny McGarry, Mike Kelly, Susan McKenna, Breda Callaghan Mulvanerty, Jeanette FINDERUP, Louise Engelbrecht Buur



#### **Overview**

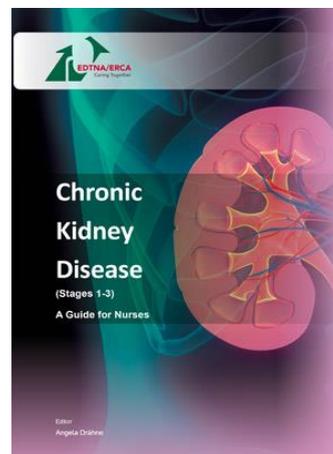
This booklet provides recommendations to nurses on how to cope with the emotional challenges when caring for patients who decline or stop dialysis treatment.

#### **CKD Stages 1-3 – A Guide for Nurses**

*Editor:* Angela Drähne, EDTNA/ERCA CKD Consultant

*Authors:* Angela Drähne, Silvia Cappelletti, Stavroula Vovlianou, Luigi Apuzzo, Fiona Murphy, Kalliopi-Anna Pouliou, Reem Alhameedi, Davide Fernandes

*Reviewers:* Helen Noble, Claire Carswell, Tai Mooi Ho, Karen Jenkins, Vassilios Liakopoulos



## Overview

A new edition of “Chronic Kidney Disease (stages 1-3) – A Guide to Clinical Practice”, published in 2007. The aim is to develop a new booklet with the latest information and recommended practices on this subject

## Current Strategies for Living Donor Kidney Transplantation

*Editors: Chrysanthi Avrami, Anastasia Liossatos, Tai Mooi Ho*

*Authors: Chrysanthi Avrami, Julio Pascual, Beatriz Domínguez-Gil, Daëne Scheutervan Oers, Janette Moran, Chloe Miller, Irene Salvador-Rosés, Sandra Torres-Sierra, Teresa Pont Castellana*

*Reviewers: Lisa Burnapp, Jen Lumsdaine, Helen Noble, Claire Carswell, Juby Susan Thomas*

*Foreword*

*Professor Raymond Vanholder*

- Provide up-to-date clinical guidelines on living donor kidney transplantation.
- Address the psychological and emotional aspects of living donor kidney transplantation.
- Give an insight into the legal and ethical aspects of living kidney donation.

## Translations

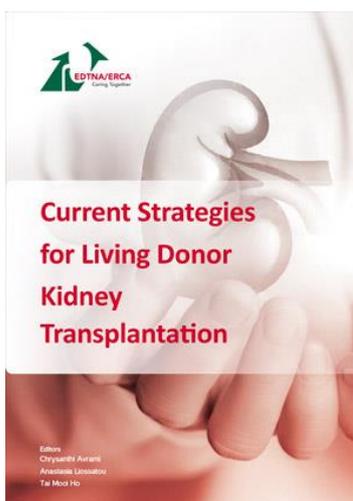
### Management of Diabetic Foot Care – A Guide to Clinical Practice

*Editors: Chrysanthi Avrami & Sofia Savvidou*

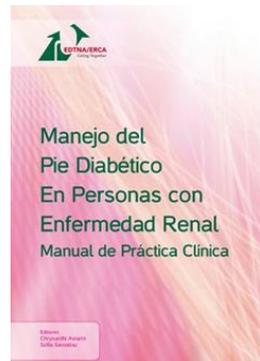
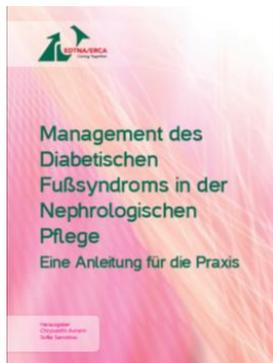
The key principle of this diabetic foot guideline is to ensure that diabetic foot health assessment forms an integral part of the care plan for each patient with chronic kidney disease (CKD) and end stage kidney disease (ESKD).

#### Translated into:

- Lithuanian by Nereta Stanisloviėnė, Irmina Vaičekauskytė & Edita Noruišienė
- Spanish by David Hernan Gascueña & Marta San Juan Miguelsanz
- French by Michel Roden
- German by Sabine Nipshagen & Angela Drähne
- Greek by Chrysanthi Avrami
- Greek edition is also available in printed format



The objectives of this book are:



## Overview

Vascular Access is essential in HD as renal replacement therapy. A well-functioning vascular access is essential in HD; if not, this modality of renal replacement therapy would not be possible. Follow-up of vascular access is a very important issue throughout the therapy. Various tools are available to perform this follow-up.

Doppler ultrasound is a non-invasive method, permits the morphological and functional study of the access and with the latest generation of portable devices can be done in the HD unit, at the patients' bedside.

## Ultrasound for Vascular Access Examination – From the specialist to the nurse

*Editors: Ruben Iglesias, Joaquin Vallespin, Jose Ibeas*

 Translated into Italian by Silvia Corti & Giuseppe Fenoglio

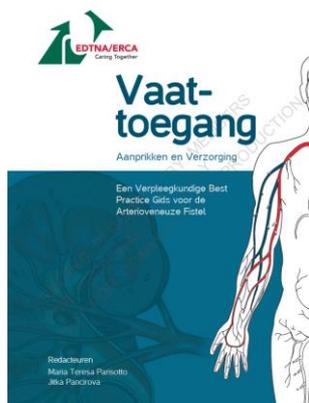
## Vascular Access Cannulation and Care – A Nursing Best Practice Guide for Arteriovenous Fistula

This book is part of the **Vascular Access Trilogy** that includes the AVF, AVG, CVC booklets. Vascular access is considered to be the 'lifeline' of the patient with end-

stage kidney disease. Therefore, vascular access management must always be in focus, and the nursing team should be well trained on this topic. With the trilogy of vascular access booklets, the authors have effectively and comprehensively summarised all dialysis care operators need to know in order to care for and manage efficiently the different types of vascular access.

 The **AVF booklet** was translated into Dutch by Christa Nigel

*Editors: Maria Teresa Parisotto & Jitka Pancířová*



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### 500 Questions and Answers about Peritoneal Dialysis – A Guide to Clinical Practice

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*Editors: Aase Riemann & Debbie Fortnum*



This book brought together 500 questions & Answers thanks to the cooperation of more than forty enthusiastic experts in peritoneal dialysis: Nurses, physicians, nutritionists and psychological care professionals from 12 countries.

 Translated into:

- Russian by Nato Shanidze, Alexey Denisov, Olga Lavrova, Natalia Ziburdaeva, Konstantin Gurevich, Igor Dyachenko
- Croatian by Danijel Pipeljaš, Silvija Vladislavić, Antonija Tomas, Nadica Doboš, Ljiljana Peter

 Russian & Croatian both in printed format

## Electronic library

The E-Library is an online educational resource for healthcare professionals to have access to electronic articles available for download, on a variety of topics written by the EDTNA/ERCA Consultants. Each paper provides learning outcomes at the beginning and has questions at the end so that readers can check that these outcomes have been achieved.



**The E-Library New articles for 2021 are:**

 **Disaster preparedness and evacuation plan (DPEP) in haemodialysis unit: patients' emergency self-disconnection through "Clamp & Cut" procedure**  
*Authors: Anastasia Liossistou & Evgenia Golland*

### Learning Objectives:

1. To provide basic guidelines for possible disasters in a haemodialysis unit.
2. To learn how to be ready for different types of disasters and reduce Injury and damage
3. To understand why and how patients can proceed to self-disconnection from haemodialysis machine in an emergency situation



**Advanced Level**

### Disaster preparedness and evacuation plan (DPEP) in haemodialysis units: patients' emergency self-disconnection through "Clamp and Cut" procedure.

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**Learning Objectives:**

1. To provide basic guidelines for possible disasters in haemodialysis units.
2. To learn how to be ready for different types of disasters and reduce injury and damage.
3. To gain knowledge on haemodialysis patients' emergency self-disconnection through the "Clamp and Cut" technique.
4. To understand why and how patients can proceed to self-disconnection from haemodialysis machine in an emergency situation.

**Key Words:** Disaster preparedness, haemodialysis unit, evacuation plan, patient training, emergency self-disconnection, clamp and cut procedure.

**Introduction:** Disaster preparedness and evacuation plans for both staff and patients are a major and important part of disaster management strategy within healthcare settings. In the last decade the impact of disasters on the provision of health services has become increasingly obvious and has highlighted the importance of identifying and preparing structured protocols for disaster relief. Disasters can be defined as "any natural or human-made event that is sudden, of great scale and having a significant impact on the community, such as natural and, chemical, nuclear, and biological hazards".

Disasters are a global phenomenon and disasters will continue to occur. These are major medical emergencies, which require immediate attention and coordination of resources. Additionally, patients on haemodialysis (HD) are at high risk of disaster. Therefore, the need to be relevant, maintaining preparedness of haemodialysis units, and making them self-sufficient is essential.

Appropriate preparation of HD units is an important part of disaster management within the dialysis healthcare setting. Without suitable emergency planning, staff and staff can become overwhelmed in attempting to provide care during a critical event.<sup>1</sup>

In this article, recommendations for the HD unit, including staff and patient preparation for different types of disasters are provided.

**Disaster preparedness program strategy for HD facilities:** The main strategies for disaster preparedness and emergency response in the HD unit, geographical area, possibility to evacuate the facility, possible changes that can occur according to the regional environmental area and the political and social situation in each region.

Pre-planning for disaster-related events helps to mitigate their impact and significantly improves patient outcomes. It is essential for the management of comprehensive emergency preparedness programs in facilities.<sup>2</sup> A general and essential preparation includes the following items:

- A. Emergency communication arrangements with nearby disaster facilities, including possible transportation routes in addition to ambulances for other emergency services.
- B. Conducting local emergency medical exercises.

1. EDTNA/ERCA International patient emergency self-disconnection Program "Clamp & Cut" procedure. May 2017. Available at: <https://www.edtna.com/erica>



### An Innovative and Time-Efficient Dialysis Catheter and Exit-site Electronic Surveillance (DCES) Tool in the Paediatric Dialysis Unit

*Authors: Ana Luisa Grilo & Ibrahim Shatat*

The purpose of this paper is to share with the healthcare professionals an overview of the development and implementation of a user-friendly, time-efficient, electronic catheter screening tool to be utilized by the dialysis nurses at each dialysis session to assess for catheter function, patency and signs of infection.



**Advanced Level**

**An Innovative and Time-Efficient Dialysis Catheter and Exit-site Electronic Surveillance (DCES) Tool in the Paediatric Dialysis Unit**

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**Key Words:** Catheter, Paediatric, Catheter, Exit-Site, Dressing, Nursing, Hemodialysis, Patients

**Abstract:**  
The purpose of this paper is to share with the health care professionals (HCPs) an overview of the development and implementation of a new family, time-efficient, electronic catheter surveillance tool to be utilized by the nurses across a multi-patient research to assess for catheter function, catheter and signs of infection.

**Objectives of the study are:**

- To analyse the variables of assessment of the Catheter and Exit-Site Surveillance Tool (DCES)
- To state acceptance and efficiency of the tool among nursing staff

**Conclusion:** The aim is to help the HCPs to monitor chronic catheter infection for signs of function and infection, provide a research tool to study the effect of different practice interventions, and provide training and quality improvement data for the research.

**Introduction and background:**

The United States Renal Care System (USRCS) reported a prevalence in the number of catheter and electronic dressing (ED) usage in 2019 of 1.8 per patient population in 2019, representing a decrease of 1.1% from 2018 (1.9 per patient population).

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**Learning objectives:**

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- To state acceptance and efficiency of the tool among nursing staff



**Anastasia Liossatu**  
Publications Coordinator

**Regular Publications**

**Newsletter**



Translated versions distributed through our Brand Ambassadors

**Journal of Renal Care**

The Journal of Renal Care (JORC) is the official publication of the European Dialysis and Transplant Nursing Association/European Renal Care Association (EDTNA/ERCA). It publishes a broad range of peer-reviewed clinical, research and educational papers for health care professionals working in kidney care.

**According to the 2020 Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate Analytics), Current Impact Factor for Journal of Renal Care is 1.294 (higher than last year), ranking within the following categories:**

- 'Nursing'
- 'Nursing (Social Science)'
- 'Urology & Nephrology'

Chosen by the **JORC Advisory Board**, the **best article of 2021** was: Schjerlund, M., Agnholt, H., Gregersen, L.R., Heilesen, T., Pedersen, M.K. **Cognitive impairment in patients with chronic kidney disease—Next of kin's experiences** (2021). Journal of Renal Care, 47 (2), pp. 87-95. DOI: 10.1111/jorc.12352

During the year, 4 issues of JORC were published and each time the Patient Editor's summary on a particular paper of interest to patients was sent to 22 renal patient associations.



## The Editorial Team of JORC



**Magnus Lindberg**  
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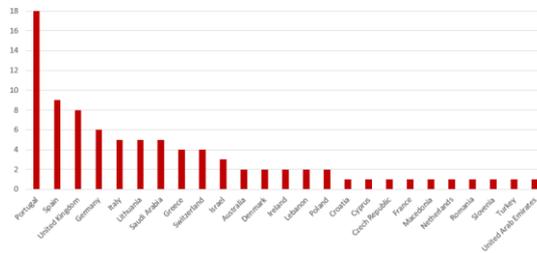
## Scientific Board

In 2021 the EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board continued to work to improve the scientific level of the Association in all its activities. A new activity developed in 2021 was the collaboration with Anastasia Liossatos, Publications Coordinator, for reviewing some books and the plagiarism check for the majority of the publications.

Considering that in 2020 the Executive Committee (EC) decided to postpone the annual conference due to the Covid19 pandemic, the need to be in touch with our members was strong, therefore EDTNA/ERCA decided to organise the EDTNA/ERCA Spring Seminar on the 23rd and 24th April 2021, a two-days virtual conference. The Scientific Programme had seven sessions, the Opening Ceremony with two Guest speakers from Spain, Barbara Romano and Marta Arias who spoke about the “Consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on dietary habits in dialysis”. A round table on peritoneal dialysis catheter was scheduled the second day with Professor Ana Elisabeth Figueiredo (Brasil), Sanne Borremans (Netherlands) and Cristiana Sarmento (Portugal). There were over 100 registered delegates.



25 countries were represented in the Scientific Programme: the top 3 were Portugal, then Spain and UK.



2021 was very fruitful year for the publications of articles in some scientific papers. In March, 2021 the article on facilitators and barriers to palliative care was published in the Journal Renal care and it's the first Delphi survey on this topic.

Received: 14 July 2020 | Revised: 22 February 2021 | Accepted: 8 March 2021  
DOI: 10.1111/jorc.12271

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Journal of Renal Care WILEY

Nurse-perceived facilitators and barriers to palliative care in patients with kidney disease: A European Delphi survey

Ilaria de Barbieri<sup>1</sup> | Veronica Strini<sup>2</sup> | Helen Noble<sup>3</sup> | Stefano Amatori<sup>4</sup> | Davide Sisti<sup>5</sup>

In September an article on the experience of Covid19 among the renal healthcare practitioners was published in the BMC Nephrology Journal, a study in collaboration with the Queen University, Belfast (UK).

Mc Keaveney et al. BMC Nephrology (2021) 22:201  
https://doi.org/10.1186/s12882-021-02500-6

BMC Nephrology

RESEARCH

Open Access

Experiences of renal healthcare practitioners during the COVID-19 pandemic: a multi-methods approach

Clare Mc Keaveney<sup>1</sup>, Joanne Reid<sup>1</sup>, Claire Carswell<sup>2</sup>, Ann Bonner<sup>3</sup>, Iliaria de Barbieri<sup>4</sup>, William Johnston<sup>5,6</sup>, Alexander P. Maxwell<sup>7,8</sup>, Julien O'Riordan<sup>9,10</sup>, Veronica Strini<sup>4</sup>, Ian Walsh<sup>11</sup> and Helen Noble<sup>11</sup>

In November the Journal of Vascular Access published our article, comparing the use of plastic cannula and the metal needle for the puncture of the fistula. This topic continues to be of high interest and we would like to hear the opinion of the nurses across the globe.

Original research article

JVA The Journal of Vascular Access

Plastic cannulae versus metal needle cannulation in haemodialysis: Results of an international survey from the nurse perspective

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## The 49th EDTNA/ERCA Virtual International Conference

In 2021 the general worldwide situation of Covid19 pandemic was still uncertain, therefore EDTNA/ERCA decided to held the annual Conference fully virtual from the 4th to 7th September.

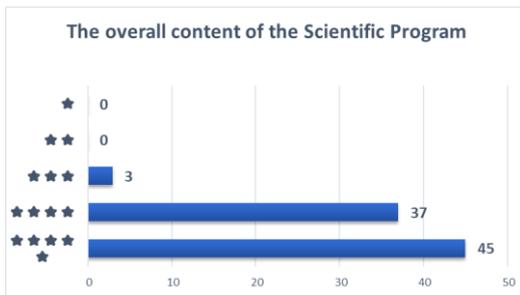
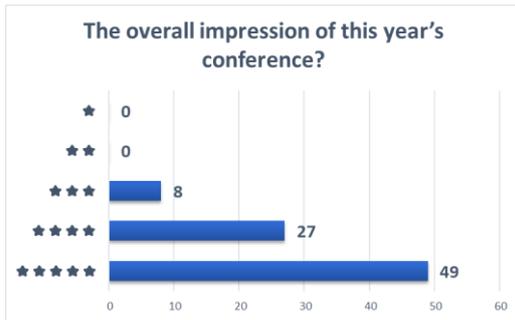


Dr Brigita Skela Savic (Slovenia) opened the Conference with a passionate presentation with the title "It is time for safe staffing and career development of nurses in all European countries", where the problems of the shortage of nurses and the understaffing were in-depth analysed.

The Scientific programme provided 16 parallel sessions, 3 industry symposia, 2 workshops on Ultrasound in haemodialysis (Fundamental and Advanced).

257 delegates attended the conference live, but we gave the opportunity to see all the recorded presentations on-demand also after the conference.

The conference received an overall positive evaluation, taking into consideration that the virtual events have some limitations compared to the live events, and the same for the Scientific Programme.



(5 = excellent, 1 = poor)

**The EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board**

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Member



**Dr Afra Masià Plana**  
Member



**Dr Claire Carswell**  
Member



## Highlights of Webinars

In 2021 EDTNA/ERCA continued to offer to the active members a series of webinars:

- January - **Health Literacy and Adherence in people with kidney disease: What is the Connection?** - Professor Ann Bonner.
- February - **Using Art to Promote Psychosocial Wellbeing in Haemodialysis Patients** - Dr Claire Carswell.
- March - **Green Excellence: How to achieve Green Excellence in dialysis? Shaping the future of green excellence in dialysis. Project preliminary results.** Dr Ilaria de Barbieri, Jane Golland, Edita Noruišienė, Jitka Pancířová, Vanessa Hoehle.
- July - **Webinar Green Excellence: Benefits of Green Dialysis** - Edita Noruišienė, Jitka Pancířová, Martin Meier, Jane Golland
- July - **Humoral response to COVID 19 vaccine in haemodialysis patients** - Dr Khaled Khazim
- December - **Disaster preparedness in haemodialysis units** - Professor Raymond Vanholder



**Dr Ilaria de Barbieri**  
Scientific Board Chair

## The European Specialist Nurses Organization (ESNO)

The European Specialist Nurses Organisation (ESNO) is a non-profit organization. The goal is to facilitate and provide an effective framework for communication and co-operation between ESNO and its constituent members. ESNO promotes and contributes to the health and wellbeing of Europeans citizens by facilitating and enabling the political voice of specialist nurses. Through collaboration with key stakeholders, the professional status and evidence-based practice of nursing specialties are strengthened. ESNO aims to secure the recognition of specialist nursing in the EU and support and develop academically accredited training programmes for qualified specialist nurses.



EDTNA/ERCA is a member of ESNO and works closely with ESNO to promote the role of Specialist Nurses in Europe, particularly the Nephrology Nursing Specialty.



The significant contribution of nephrology nurses to healthcare through improvements in patient wellbeing, clinical

outcomes, improved services and reduced costs is now well documented.

A publication, Principles of Nursing In Kidney Care,

under the umbrella of Springer in collaboration with EDTNA/ERCA and ESNO is underway. This is planned to be published at the end of 2023.



**Anastasia Liossatu**

EC Link – ESNO

Business Practices when organizing educational medical events.

Since the discontinuation of direct sponsorship of healthcare professionals in January 2018, independent medical education can be supported exclusively by means of Educational Grants. These Educational Grants can be provided to Healthcare Organisations or to Professional Congress Organisers. MedTech Europe, therefore, set up the Ethical Charter, which is a voluntary certification initiative to allow these organizations to demonstrate their commitment to the ethical standards in the Code to industry partners.

The Ethical Charter certificate provides EDTNA/ERCA a Trusted Partner logo which is valid for two years. More details are available on the Ethical MedTech website: <https://www.ethicalmedtech.eu/ethicalcharter/general-overview/>

## The Ethical Charter



**Anna Kliš**



**Sonja Pečolar**

EC members

We are proud to announce that two of our EC members, Anna Kliš and Sonja Pečolar, on behalf of EDTNA/ERCA, successfully went through the Ethical MedTech Europe training and certification process. Thus, our Association confirms its commitment to the MedTech Europe Code of Ethical

## Financial Report 2021

In the Finance Year 2021 the Association continued to process accurate and safe finance operations. As during previous year many EDTNA/ERCA activities were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Two virtual events took place during 2021: EDTNA/ERCA Spring Virtual Seminar and the 49th EDTNA/ERCA International Virtual Conference.

One physical meetings of the Executive Committee were held in autumn, and the rest EC meetings and other business meetings were organised virtually.

The Executive Committee worked with or contracted GUARANT International, Prague CZ as Professional Conference Organizer (PCO) to organise the Virtual Seminar and Virtual International Conference and the

GUARANT Association House for Secretariat and Membership services.

Membership services and educational offerings were maintained at the best possible level. The Association worked on new projects, continued to publish Scientific and Educational publications such as the Journal of Renal Care and other highly valued publications and educational material. In order to compensate for the missing physical events and to support members and other health care workers EDTNA/ERCA made investments and organised six free access On-online Webinars during the year 2021.

The 49th EDTNA/ERCA International Virtual Conference was successful not only from the scientific point of view, but also in a financial aspect and brought an income to the Association budget.

The Bookkeeping 2021 was conducted in the currency EURO as in past years.

The examination of all current assets was conducted on the basis of original bank statements from respective banks. All statements were correctly filed. The balances stated are equal to values stated in the Balance Sheet.

Amounts remaining in transfer or settlement accounts, accruals and adjustments found in the bookkeeping are at a required minimum and in line with those seen during past years. All transactions are correctly and transparently booked.

During 2021 the Association operated an annual budget of 168'767EUR. The result of the year 2021 shows a surplus of 22'152 EUR.

The official Audit and internal review of EDTNA/ERCA accounts of the years 2021 and 2022, finance processes and bookkeeping were successfully conducted on 21.03.2022. A formal statement of the Auditor will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting 2022 in Rotterdam, the Netherland.

EDTNA/ERCA is fully registered in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Nidwalden, Switzerland. The Non-for-Profit Status is annually assessed according to the regulation of Switzerland.

The COVID-19 Pandemic is a great burden and challenge for EDTNA/ERCA; a year with no physical educational events and meetings was hard to foresee and difficult to manage. The process to safeguard the financial viability and independent legal and fiscal status of the Association remain an unchanged challenge for the future. Proper finance management under the influence of the Pandemic and organization of the 50<sup>th</sup> EDTNA/ERCA International Conference will be the main goal for the Finance Team 2022.

As a Treasurer I would like to thank all my colleagues in the Executive Committee, Edita Noruišienė the President of Association, Alois Gorke, the Finance Coordinator, and other professional providers for their work and support during the year 2021.



**Jane Golland**

EDTNA/ERCA Treasurer

## Website, Association's applications and social media activities

The website of the EDTNA/ERCA represents the vision and mission of the Association and various activities and projects running in the EDTNA/ERCA.

We continued to update and improve the layout of the EDTNA/ERCA website during 2021 to a more modern and user-friendly style. The educational section was updated with new publications, e-library articles, webinars and RenalPro discussions.

Throughout the year we updated the homepage of the website on a regular basis by providing news from the world of kidney care and information about volunteer activities and educational events organised by EDTNA/ERCA and our partners. During the year 2021 no physical conference took place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All educational activities were organised and carried out virtually. The webinars were recorded and are available under the Education/Webinars sections.

Several new and translated EDTNA/ERCA publications were uploaded to the Education section and are available to EDTNA/ERCA members only. On the Publications section there is a summary of all new publications available and open for all users. To have access to the full text of the EDTNA/ERCA publications, the users must have a current EDTNA/ERCA membership.

The number of visitors to the site averages 1,000 to 1,300 per month. The most visited sections are the Education and Conference sections.

You are welcome to visit our website:  
<https://www.edtnaerca.org>

Social Media is the most popular resource to disseminate information and news. EDTNA/ERCA pages are active in all available Social Media channels - Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn. Weekly updates are available for followers and various information about educational activities organised by Associations and EDTNA/ERCA volunteers in various countries, promotional materials and collaboration projects can be found there. Social Media is linked with the website and helps to increase traffic to the website and improves its visibility. The most popular and used social media is Facebook. Our posts reach more than 6,000 people. Our Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn pages are also very active and the number of followers continues to increase.

The Associations application is available for download on both the App and Google store. Quick and easy access to all EDTNA/ERCA activities are also now possible via mobile phone. Users may register to webinars, get access to the recorded materials and other educational materials.



**Jane Golland**

EC Website & Social Media Link

## Collaboration & Networking

Consistency and continuity are the keys to success. Collaboration and Networking with industry partners, universities and sister associations continue and improved; increased presence and responsibility in participation and leadership with International Organizations and Workgroups were apparent.



### Partners and Projects

-  Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA)
-  European Renal Association (ERA)  
European Best Practice Guidelines Committee  
Green Nephrology Committee
-  European Specialist Nurse Organisation (ESNO)
-  American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA)
-  Canadian Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technologists (CANNT/ACITN)
-  Arbor Research for Health (DOPPS)
-  Vascular Access Society (VAS)
-  European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA)
-  Green Excellence in dialysis – a joint project with B.Braun Avitum AG
-  Nurse-perceived facilitators and barriers to palliative care in

patients with kidney disease: A European Delphi survey

 Experiences of renal healthcare practitioners globally during the COVID-19 pandemic: a multi-methods approach

 Plastic cannulae versus metal needle cannulation in haemodialysis: Results of an international survey from the nurse perspective

 Violence and aggression prevention and management strategies in European renal units: a survey after ten years

## Brand Ambassadors Programme

The Brand Ambassadors (BA) programme has been running very successfully since 2013. We are proud to cover not only European countries, including Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, the Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom but also have representatives on the global level from Saudi Arabia, Australia and New Zealand.

The year 2021 was challenging to the BA team. The COVID-19 pandemic that started in 2020 continued to challenge plans, the daily work in units and everyday life. Through this difficult and unpredictable reality, the BA team stayed united and supported each other.

The BA team maintained close contact throughout the year. Communication via e-

mails and a WhatsApp group provided the opportunity to share experiences on how to care for nephrology patients infected with COVID-19, precaution methods, strategies and vaccination programmes in various countries. A campaign for vaccination against COVID-19 was organised by EDTNA/ERCA and a number of BAs had an active part in this project and prepared videos of interviews with nephrology patients and kidney care providers in their countries. The “movie” can be found on the EDTNA/ERCA webpage: <https://www.edtnerca.org/>

During 2021 as no physical meetings were possible, the BA team had ongoing communications with members and promoted the Association through various virtual channels: Zoom meetings, webinars, virtual seminars and Conference. Three BA online meetings took place and BA team members were updated with the Association’s activities and projects. Two virtual events were organised by EDTNA/ERCA: The EDTNA/ERCA Spring Virtual Seminar and the virtual 49th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference. BAs supported colleagues from their countries to submit their work to the virtual events, and took an active part in the evaluation of submitted abstracts and chairing sessions. Without the BAs involvement, these two events would not have been so successful.

In spite of the very difficult year, we are proud to highlight various activities of the BA team on the national level, such as promotion of the Association through virtual channels, translation of educational materials, books, Newsletters, and translation and participation in surveys on behalf of EDTNA/ERCA.

Our objective for next year is to further expand and develop the BA programme through encouragement and support in organizing virtual and physical national educational events. In addition, to increase awareness among professionals within the nephrology community on the benefits of EDTNA/ERCA membership. We will support participation in research and surveys within EDTNA/ERCA in order to enhance and strengthen the position of the nephrology nurse within the nephrology community in Europe and worldwide.

We would like to thank our BAs for their hard work in the field of promoting activities, raising awareness of EDTNA/ERCA and promoting knowledge and education on the international level during a very challenging year.

To be inspired by BA activities from the respective countries please visit our BA webpage on the EDTNA/ERCA website: <https://www.edtnerca.org/about-us/brand-ambassadors>

 **Australia and New Zealand–**

Debbie Fortnum

 **Belgium** - Michel Roden

 **Croatia** –Danijel Pripeljas

 **Cyprus**- Despo Theodorou

 **Czech Republic** – Jitka Pancířová

 **Denmark** – Ditte Plum Olsen

 **Germany** – Sabine Nipshagen

 **Greece** - Stavroula Vovlianou

 **Ireland** – Juby Susan Thomas

-  **Italy**- Silvia Corti
-  **Israel** – Grinberg Zoia
-  **Lebanon** -Hanadi Mezher
-  **Lithuania** – Irimina Vaicekauskyte
-  **Poland** –Aneta Trzcińska
-  **Portugal** – Carlos Goncalves
-  **Romania**- Paul Vasile
-  **Saudi Arabia** -Reem Saeed  
Mohammed Alhameedi
-  **Serbia** – Bozica Stupar
-  **Slovenia** – Sonja Pecolar
-  **Netherlands** – Aase Riemann
-  **Turkey** – Mukkadder - Mollaoğlu
-  **United Kingdom** – Alírio Belchior



Jane Golland  
EC Member & BA Link

## Consultants Activities-Projects

CKD Consultant

During the period 2020 -2021 I worked as an editor of the booklet “CKD-Stages 1-3 – A Guide for Nurses”. Work started in 2020 and involved authors from 6 countries, as well as the support provided by reviewers. The booklet was finalised on time to be launched in September 2021 at the virtual 49th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference.

The booklet was produced in close cooperation with Anastasia Liossatu, EC Member and Publications Coordinator. I take the opportunity to thank all colleagues involved in the production of this booklet.



Angela Drähne  
CKD Consultant

## Education Consultant

### The European Core Curriculum for a Post Basic Course in Nephrology Nursing 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

During 2021, I have spent a considerable amount of time working with a global team on editing and updating the EDTNA/ERCA Post Basic Core Curriculum. This work has involved working with 2 other co-editors Professor Margaret McCann and Professor Nicola Thomas. As the lead for the project, I have led the development work with the team and coordinated all video conference and editorial meetings which totalled 10 across 2021. Additionally, I have worked

closely with the Publications Coordinator on preparing the final publication for editing with the publishers.

### Accreditation Committee

Throughout 2021, 3 meetings were held with Accreditation Committee members to review the associated development work with the accreditation project. These video conferences also have provided the opportunity to continue to work on the 2021/22 Accreditation project related to applicants gaining EDTNA/ERCA learning hours for their programs. This has involved reviewing international models of CMRE provision as well as the associated logistics related to the project.

Additionally, I have held meetings with Alois Gorke (Finance Administrator and Advisor) to discuss a number of financial models to support the project. Meetings were held with the EC link for the Accreditation project as well as Jane Golland (Treasurer) to discuss strengthening the marketing around the accreditation project and various strategies which could be utilised. This has also involved exploring the use of an online virtual platform which could be integrated with the EDTNA/ERCA Association homepage. Work has been undertaken on planning the support for applicants and re-accreditations for 2022.

### FMC & EDTNA/ERCA Renal Nurse Education Program 2022

During 2021, I have held 3 meetings with the EDTNA/ERCA Faculty to support future delivery of the program. Meetings have also been held with Mr Ahmed Mahmaeed, FMC Training manager Dubai office. This has resulted in planning and beginning preparations for the 2022 program which will be held in Istanbul, Turkey November

2022. I have also been involved with preparing the two faculty planning meetings to support the program. These will be held in Dubai (March 2022) and London (August 2022).



**Dr John Sedgewick**

EDTNA/ERCA Education Consultant (Middle East & Africa) Chair

EDTNA/ERCA Accreditation Committee

### Haemodialysis Consultant

I planned to organise a workshop on *Ultrasound Guided Cannulation of Vascular Access for Haemodialysis* during the 49<sup>th</sup> EDTNA/ERCA International Conference but due to the pandemic I was eventually not able to run it.



**Ruben Iglesias**

EDTNA/ERCA Haemodialysis Consultant

## Nutrition Consultant

The year 2021 was still a difficult one with many changes. I am now in the academic field, as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Dietetics. My activities for EDTNA/ERCA included the following:

- The booklet of CKD 1-3 – A Guide for Nurses was ready as planned and published with the new chapter on nutrition.
- The ERA-EDTA Nephrology Cookbook is on the web.



Dr Kalliopi Anna (Liana) Poulia  
EDTNA/ERCA Nutrition Consultant

## Paediatric Nephrology Consultant

Resilience is probably the word to describe another pandemic year. We have all struggled with new coronavirus variants and new waves despite the miraculously effective vaccines that showed up.

Unfortunately, it was another year that did not allow huge gathering so a face-to-face conference was not possible. This again altered project plans.

For the Paediatric Nephrology projects – we finally initiated the work on the paediatric dialysis booklet. The group

responsible for this project is from specialised areas within paediatric kidney care with varied and rich experiences that will contribute to a useful publication supported by EDTNA/ERCA.

The title of the booklet is Paediatric Kidney Replacement modalities – A Guide for Renal Nurses.

This booklet will be a reference guide for nurses, nursing students, and nurse practitioners who manage and care for children undergoing kidney replacement therapy.



Ana Luisa Grilo  
Paediatric Nephrology Consultant

## Peritoneal Dialysis Consultant

Since 2017 I have been holding the position of Peritoneal Dialysis Consultant. It has been a fantastic experience that allowed me to meet nurses from all over the world, which contributed to the sharing of knowledge and experiences in peritoneal dialysis nursing care. The opportunity of conducting workshops, round tables and involving nurses in the discussion was undoubtedly a huge contribution to my development as a nephrology nurse.

I have always had a remarkable team behind me: Thank you Aase Riemann and

Susan Rogers! During 2021 the following activities were developed:

- Planned and chaired the Medtronic Round Table at the EDTNA/ERCA Spring Virtual Seminar  
  
Peritoneal dialysis catheter - Implementation, maintenance and nursing best practices
- Collaboration in the Post-basic Core Curriculum Project with PD clinical scenarios  
  
Participating in this group was an extraordinary challenge because it allowed me to contribute to the development of an important document in the training of nephrology nurses
- Chaired PD session at the virtual 49<sup>th</sup> EDTNA/ERCA Conference

In August 2021, I was elected for the EC Member position, so I resigned from the role of PD Consultant. It has been an enriching and stimulating journey. Thanks so much to EDTNA/ERCA for the opportunity to be part of the volunteer team. I wish all the best to the new PD Consultant.



**Maria Arminda Silva Tavares**

EDTNA/ERCA Peritoneal Dialysis Consultant

### Psychological Care Consultant

The first half of 2021 was dedicated to finishing the book - Supporting patients who opt not to have dialysis or stop dialysis – Guidelines for Nurses. While all the chapters were completed early in the year, a lot of time and effort was dedicated to reviewing and editing the final text. I am indebted to the authors, reviewers and EDTNA/ERCA Publications Coordinator for their support and help leading to the publication of this book.



**Mike Kelly**

EDTNA/ERCA Psychological Care Consultant

### Quality and Environment Consultant

In 2021, my main activities concerned the Green Excellence in Dialysis Project management which runs as a joint initiative of B. Braun Avitum AG and EDTNA/ERCA. The main Project goals are to:

- Create environmental awareness in kidney care and promote sustainable kidney care.

- Conduct Green survey and learn more about current clinical practice.
- Introduce web-based App allowing renal units to evaluate their environmental performance.
- Define international Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- Support education in the area of the environmental management.
- Publish Green Recommendations for multidisciplinary renal community.

During the year, the Project team organised two Green Dialysis webinars as well as presentations during the virtual 49<sup>th</sup> Conference, when we presented the Green survey results, Environmental check list helping renal units to evaluate their environmental performance and Environmental KPIs. The issuance of Green Recommendations is scheduled for 2022.



**Jitka Pancířová**

Quality and Environment Consultant

**Project Leader**

In 2021 I was one of the three editors of the EDTNA/ERCA booklet on "Current strategies for living donor kidney

transplantation". I also wrote two chapters for the booklet. Chapter 1: Definition of living donor kidney transplantation and Chapter 2: Why is living donation important? I am grateful to the team of authors and reviewers for their dedication and hard work. The booklet was completed as scheduled and launched at the virtual 49<sup>th</sup> EDTNA/ERCA International Conference, 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Furthermore, I created a questionnaire for the survey on "Management of Diabetic Foot Care among Renal Nurses". This questionnaire will be distributed during the workshop on diabetic foot care management which I will conduct at the 50<sup>th</sup> EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in 2022.

In addition, I translated into Greek the booklet "Management of Diabetic Foot in Renal Care – A Guide to Clinical Practice".



**Chrysanthi Avrami**

Project Leader 2021

## The Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns (DOPPS) Programme

The DOPPS Programme's mission is to improve the experience of patients with kidney disease by identifying links between

international variations in clinical practises and outcomes, and the studies within the DOPPS Programme are designed to identify best practises for treating patients.

Since its inception as a haemodialysis study in 1996, the DOPPS has tracked over 120,000 patients on haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, and with chronic kidney disease in over 20 countries. The DOPPS assists researchers in identifying practises and other modifiable characteristics that improve patient lives by observing patients over time and correlating practises and outcomes in different medical settings around the world.

As in most, if not all, health-related institutions, 2021 has been a particularly busy year for DOPPS, despite all the inconveniences and additional workload caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, several papers have been published in the main Journals, I would like to point out the following examples:

- Worldwide Early Impact of COVID-19 on Dialysis Patients and Staff and Lessons Learned: A DOPPS Roundtable Discussion.

#### Kidney Medicine

- Variation in Peritoneal Dialysis-Related Peritonitis Outcomes in the Peritoneal Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (PDOPPS)

#### American Journal of Kidney Diseases

- Burden of Kidney Disease, Health-Related Quality of Life, and Employment Among Patients Receiving Peritoneal Dialysis and In-Centre Haemodialysis: Findings from the DOPPS Program

- International comparisons of native arteriovenous fistula patency and time to becoming catheter-free: Findings from the Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (DOPPS)
- Self-reported Pruritus and Clinical, Dialysis-Related, and Patient-Reported Outcomes in Haemodialysis Patients Kidney International.

DOPPS keeps on developing and addressing topics of interest for patients with kidney disease, and this is the main reason to incorporate patients' perception of pruritus to the data collection with an electronic questionnaire to be filled online by the patients. The results are already published in one of the above-mentioned papers.

As in previous year, a Symposium was organised during the 2021 EDTNA/ERCA Annual Conference with the following programme:

**DOPPS: Past, present, and future – Bruce Robinson (USA)**

**COVID-19: Impact on dialysis worldwide – Karen Chalmers and Rona Grieve (UK)**

**PDOPPS: Limiting peritonitis, lengthening time on PD – Mark Lambie (UK)**

**Arteriovenous fistula use, maturation, and longevity: Recent DOPPS findings – Marisa Pegoraro (Italy).**

The Symposium focused on new findings provided by the DOPPS regarding modifiable haemodialysis practices. The programme highlighted evidence-based opportunities for improving clinical management of haemodialysis patients. The speakers presented several clinically relevant practice areas, with emphasis

given to the international perspectives of DOPPS.

The EDTNA/ERCA DOPPS team has worked hard and cohesively as usual, coordinating and providing support with data collection across Europe, in UK, Belgium, Italy, France, Germany, Sweden and Spain.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my most sincere admiration and gratitude to all DOPPS participating staff for having maintained great standards during the COVID-19 pandemic and for having supported DOPPS during this challenging period.



**Anna Marti I Monros.**

EDTNA/ERCA DOPPS Project Manager



## RenalPro Discussion Forum

The **RenalPro discussion group** has been providing a forum where members can share knowledge and experience since 1994. RenalPro offers until today the opportunity to communicate other renal professionals and exchange information on specific topics around the world. This moderated group is supported by the

National Kidney Foundation and the University of Alberta. RenalPro has always been connected to EDTNA/ERCA but since November 2020 it is officially regulated by the Association with the moderators being now added to the volunteer “family”. Of course, the forum is still supported by the National Kidney foundation and the University of Alberta University still provides the technical support. COVID-19 put a strain on all renal colleagues but they still took the time to write emails to share their knowledge, experience and questions. Another challenging year has passed by coping with COVID-19. The forum had some quiet spells but it is a great place to toss out questions when needed.

Some of the topics covered this year:

- new dialyzers
- vaccination against COVID-19
- anaesthetic agent use while cannulating
- use of sterile gloves while cannulating
- green dialysis
- reusing water from RO and water protocols

We are looking forward to another year with more interesting discussions on RenalPro with our international colleagues. It is always informative and inspiring.



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