

2025 - ANNUAL REPORT



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President's Message

2025 was a year of shared triumphs. Looking back, I feel immense gratitude for our collective impact. This Annual Report serves as a powerful testament to our momentum, proving that the dedication, professionalism, and passion of the EDTNA/ERCA community are actively transforming global kidney care across Europe and beyond.

The healthcare landscape changes rapidly, bringing new complexities to renal care. We respond to these shifts with modern education, cutting-edge research, and robust cross-border collaborations. By working together and embracing technological and clinical innovation, we turn fresh ideas into measurable results and a better quality of life for our patients.

Our 53rd International Conference in Porto, Portugal, acted as a phenomenal catalyst for this mission. It united top healthcare professionals from around the globe, creating a dynamic space where we exchanged knowledge, challenged traditional boundaries, and inspired new evidence-based practices. This landmark event reinforced the true strength of our international community.

Throughout 2025, we achieved major breakthroughs by launching next-generation educational resources, upgrading our Accreditation Programme framework, and forming vital international scientific partnerships. Every milestone highlighted in this report belongs to our dedicated volunteers, committees, Executive Committee members, and partners who generously donate their time and expertise.

Yesterday's successes are simply the foundation for tomorrow. The challenges ahead require continuous learning, fearless innovation, and deeper cooperation across professions and countries.

EDTNA/ERCA remains your strategic ally, dedicated to breaking down professional silos, supporting your professional development, and promoting the highest standards of renal care.

Your passion fuels our shared vision. As you review this Annual Report, I hope you feel inspired by what we have built together and energized for the future. Thank you for your unwavering commitment, and I look forward to reaching our next breakthrough together.



Dr Anastasia Liossatu

EDTNA/ERCA President

In Memory of Henning Søndergaard
Patient Editor, Journal of Renal Care (2018–2025)



The EDTNA/ERCA community mourns the loss of Henning Søndergaard, a valued colleague, patient advocate, and passionate supporter of person-centred kidney care.

As Patient Editor of the *Journal of Renal Care* from 2018 to 2025, Henning played an important role in ensuring that the patient perspective was recognised in renal care research and professional communication. With his background in health psychology and his personal experience living with kidney disease, he dedicated his work to promoting dignity, autonomy, and meaningful patient involvement.

Henning was also an active contributor to European kidney patient advocacy through his involvement with the European Kidney Patients' Federation (EKPF), KDIGO initiatives, and international collaborations. His knowledge, commitment, and compassion inspired colleagues and communities worldwide.

EDTNA/ERCA acknowledges Henning's outstanding contribution to the renal care community and his commitment to strengthening patient-centred approaches. His dedication and vision will remain an important part of the Association's ongoing commitment to meaningful patient involvement in kidney care.

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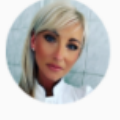
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New Volunteers/Changed Roles in 2025

EDTNA/ERCA is honoured to be supported by a team of over 50 committed volunteers. These individuals, who embody the multidisciplinary nature of our Association, bring together a diverse array of professional expertise that makes a substantial contribution to the improvement of patient care and support within the renal community.

The Association announced the appointment of current members to new positions and the addition of new volunteers during the Annual General Meeting, which was conducted virtually on **September 16, 2025**. Concurrently, the Association conveyed its

gratitude to the volunteers who completed their service. Their dedication and hard work have had an enduring impact on the EDTNA/ERCA, and they will be remembered with genuine appreciation.

The Association would like to express its gratitude to all volunteers for their ongoing commitment and enthusiasm. Their participation is essential for the EDTNA/ERCA mission to be fulfilled and for the Association to have a positive impact on the lives of individuals with renal conditions.

Moving forward, we are certain that the dedication and invaluable contributions of our volunteers will enable us to reach new milestones and expand our impact.

New Volunteers:

-  Despo Theodorou – EC Member, Cyprus
-  Alison McHugh Larkin – Psychological Care Consultant, Ireland

 Jessica Baillie – JoRC co-editor, UK

 Sanne Borremans – Brand Ambassador The Netherlands

 Nina Schjerner - Brand Ambassador, Denmark

 Carlos Goncalves – Brand Ambassador, Portugal

 Karen Pugh Clarke - Brand Ambassador, UK

 Judit Hegedus – Brand Ambassador Hungary

Volunteers with New Roles:

 Anastasia Liossatos – President, Greece

 Deepa Kariyawasam – Secretary, UK

 Vasiliki Zoi - Treasurer, Greece

 Maria Eulalia Novais, EC Member, Portugal

 Ilaria de Barbieri - Co-opted EC Member, Italy

 Maria Arminda Tavares – Co-opted EC Member, Portugal

Leaving Volunteers:

 Sonja Pečolar, Secretary, Brand Ambassador, Slovenia

 Mike Kelly, Psychological Care Consultant, Ireland

 Alirio Martinho Belchior, Brand Ambassador, UK

Lifetime member:

The Executive Committee awarded Lifetime Membership to **Prof. Maria Saraiva** (Lisbon, Portugal) in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nephrology nursing, education, and the advancement of research in Kidney care.



Maria Saraiva has been an active and dedicated member of EDTNA/ERCA since 1990. Over the years, she has served in numerous leadership roles within EDTNA/ERCA, including Key Member (now Brand Ambassador), Key Member Mentor, member of the Education Board, Executive Committee member, Executive Committee Secretary, and EDTNA/ERCA President (2012–2014). She has made significant contributions to nephrology nursing through research publications, journal articles, and educational books. In Portugal, Maria is widely recognised for her leadership in nephrology care, having played a pivotal role in promoting EDTNA/ERCA and advancing postgraduate and master's education in nephrology.

Publications

Since 2007, EDTNA/ERCA has built a comprehensive portfolio of educational guidebooks, providing healthcare professionals with current, evidence-based resources across a wide spectrum of kidney care topics.

All EDTNA/ERCA guidebooks are officially published with ISBNs, making them fully citable in academic and professional literature. As part of their membership benefits, members enjoy complimentary online access to the complete collection in PDF format.

Each publication is developed under the guidance of EDTNA/ERCA Consultants or other recognised experts, including experienced editors, authors, and reviewers with extensive knowledge in their fields. The Scientific oversight by the EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board (SB), together with a rigorous editorial review process, ensures the accuracy, quality, and originality of every publication.

To meet the needs of our international community, many of our guidebooks are available in multiple languages, including English, Bosnian, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovenian, Spanish, and Turkish.

We express our sincere gratitude to all authors, editors, reviewers, Mrs Susan Rogers, our English Linguistic Reviewer, the members of the Scientific Board, and the many volunteers whose dedication, expertise, and commitment continue to make EDTNA/ERCA's publishing programme a valued educational resource for the global kidney care community.

During 2025, we continued to strengthen our publication portfolio, successfully completing several important projects. A brief overview of these achievements follows.

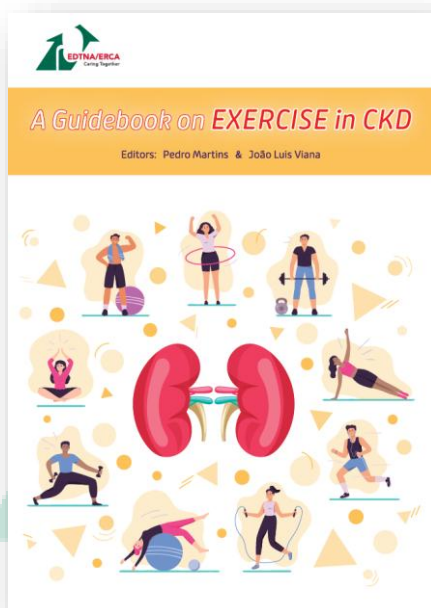
New Books

A Guidebook on Exercise in Chronic Kidney Disease

Editors: Pedro Martins & João Luís Viana

Authors: Francini Porcher Andrade, Stephanie Thompson, Heitor S. Ribeiro, Diogo V. Leal, Thomas J Wilkinson, Jamie H Macdonald, Kenneth R. Wilund, Giorgos K. Sakkas, Paul N Bennett, Brett Tarca, Roseanne E Billany, Nicolette Bishop, Courtney Lightfoot, Michelle Hadjiconstantinou, Matthew Graham-Brown, Sharlene Greenwood

English proofreading: Susan Rogers, Deepa Kariyawasam, Grace Murray



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A Nurses' Guide to CKD-associated Pruritus: Understanding, Communication and Support

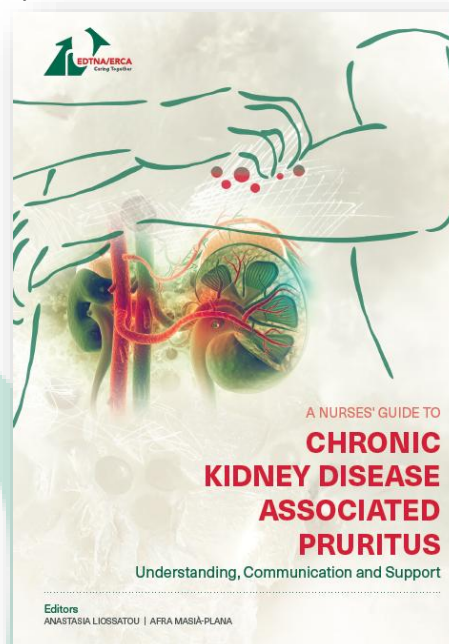
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Authors: Anastasia Liossatos, Vasiliki Zoi, Afra Masià-Plana, Eva Serrat Graboleda,

Mike Kelly, Nancy Helou, Jeanette Finderup, Daniel Gallego

Reviewers: Sofia Zyga & Paul Bennett

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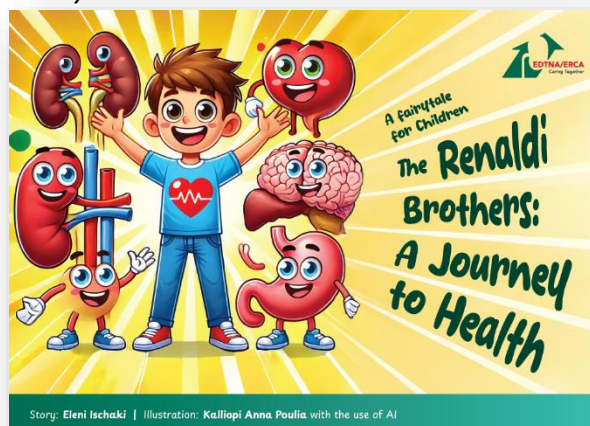
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The Renaldi Brothers: A fairytale for Children

Editor & author: Kalliopi Anna Pouli

Story: Eleni Ischaki

English proofreading: Susan Rogers & Deepa Kariyawasam



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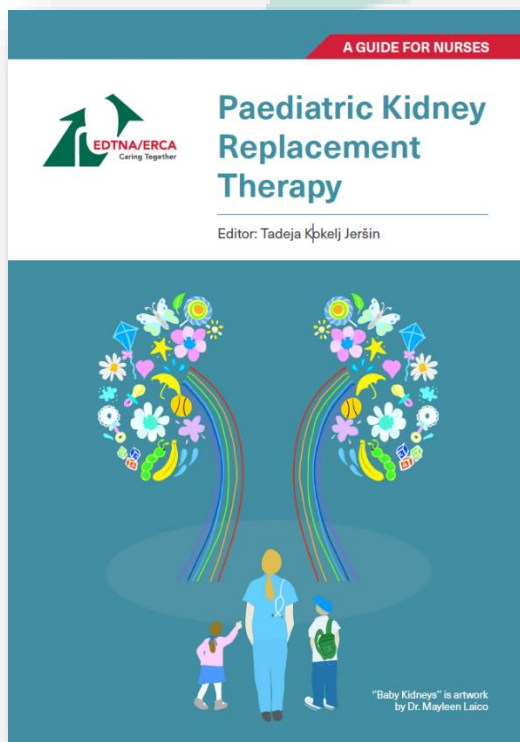
Paediatric Kidney Replacement Therapy

A guide for nurses

Editor: Tadeja Kokelj Jeršin

Authors: Konstantinos Petsios, Mattia Parolin, Serife Cetin, Inmaculada Moreno González, Tadeja Kokelj Jeršin, Sanja Kostić Smuk, Ksenija Valentak, Senka Besedić, Suzana Belajević, Drago Baković, Despoina Koumpagioti, Eirini Tzepapadaki, Eirini Patta, Pagona Anastasiou, Panagiota Vouzi, Maria Stravakou, Aggelos Karalis, Lynsey Stronach, Kathryn Waters, Germana Longo, Jose Maria Igeno San Miguel, Julia Thumfart, Kalliopi Anna Pouli, Alison Mc Hugh-Larkin, Hanne Agerskov, Christina Egmosen Frandsen

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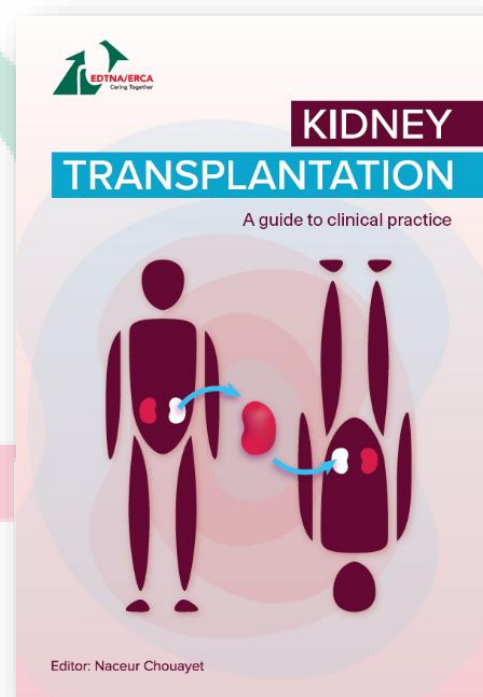
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Kidney Transplantation - A guide to clinical practice

Editor: Naceur Chouayet

Authors: Mourad Bouarour, Fokko Wieringa, David Cucchiari, Rosa Recio García, Damaskos Christos, Economou Christina-Ioanna, Nguyen Thu Ha, Hind Alamri, Naceur Chouayet, Sabera Iqbal Baqi

English proofreading: Susan Rogers, Claire Carswell, Deepa Kariyawasam, Grace Murray



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Chronic Kidney Disease- stages 4-5

A guide to Clinical Practice

Editor: Chrysanthi Avrami

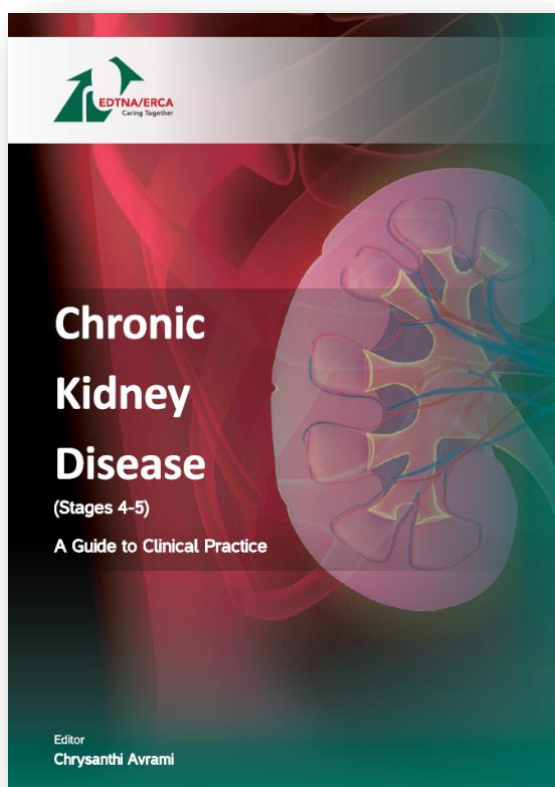
Authors: Maria Skoulatou, Vasiliki Zoi, Sotiroula Constantinou Glik, Sokratis Stoumpos, James Povey, Naceur Chouayet, Eylem TOPBAŞ, Alison Mc Hugh-Larkin,

Theodora Kafka, Antonios Schoinas, Kalliopi Anna Poulia, † Anastasios Galinas, , Chrysanthi Avrami

Reviewers: Claire Carswell, Jeanete Finderup

English Proofreading

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New Language editions

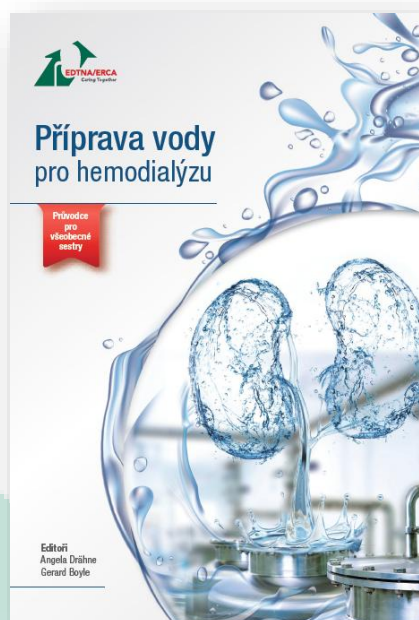
Water Treatment in Haemodialysis -A Guide for Nurses

Editors: Angela Drähne & Gerard Boyle

Authors: Angela Drähne, Jitka Pancířová, Gerard Boyle, Chrysanthi Avrami

Reviewer: Falk Sommer

Translation in Czech language facilitated by Jitka Pancířová



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Translation in Arabic language facilitated by Hanadi Mezher



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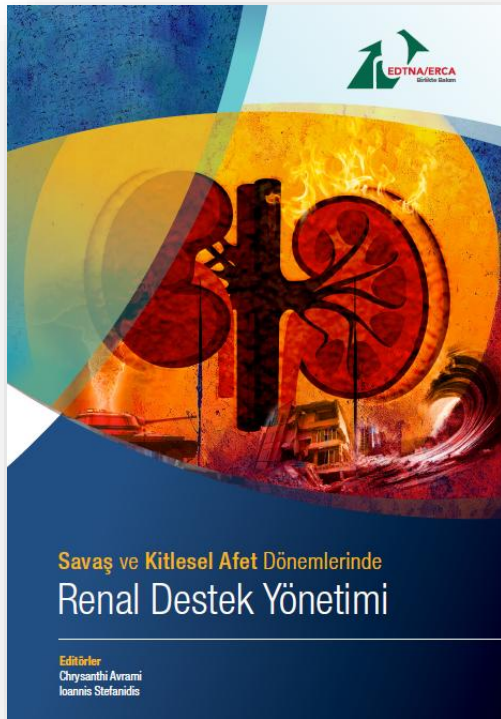
Managing Renal Support in Times of War and Mass Disasters

Editors & authors: Chrysanthi Avrami & Ioannis Stefanides

Reviewers: Jane Golland & Chava Kurtz

Foreword: Anastasia Liossattou

*Translation in the Turkish language
facilitated by Eylem TOPBAŞ*



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Handbook on Ultrasound for Vascular Access Examination From the Specialist to the Nurse

Editors: Rubén Iglesias, Joaquín Vallespín, José Ibeas

Authors: Jose Ibeas, Rubén Iglesias, Jana Merino, Carolina Rubiella, Joaquín Vallespín, Xavier Vinuesa

Reviewer: Angela Drähne Translation in

Turkish language facilitated by Eylem TOPBAŞ



Available in PDF

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

Editor: Mike Kelly

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

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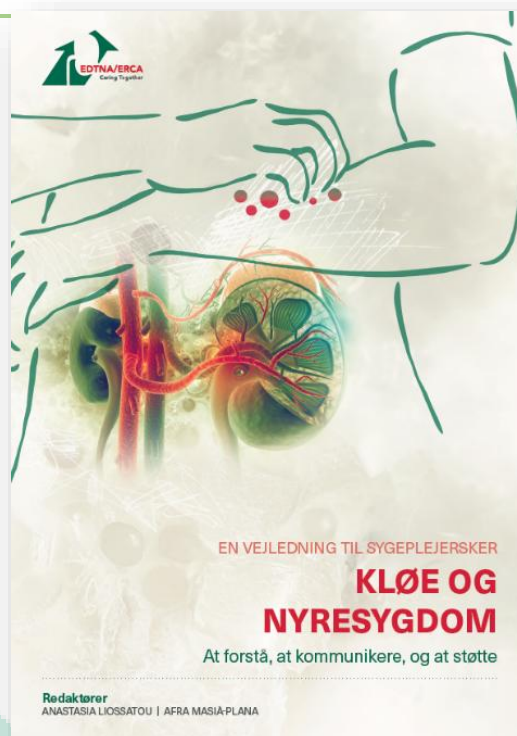
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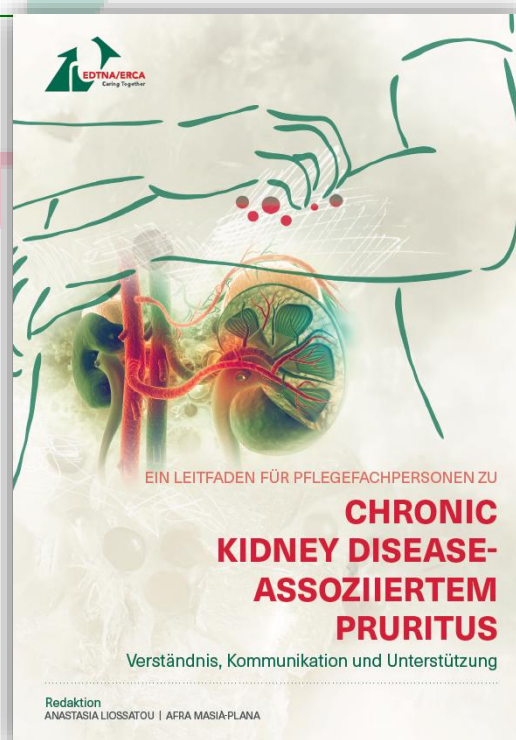
Reviewers: Sofia Zyga & Paul Bennett

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Translation in the Italian language
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Dr Anastasia Liossatou

EDTNA/ERCA Publications Coordinator

Scientific article publications

ARTICLE PUBLISHED – Journal of Renal Care

Nurses' Perceptions and Roles in the Management of Chronic Kidney Disease Associated Pruritus: A Multicentre Survey Across Europe by Anastasia Liossatou, Afra Masià-Plana, Veronica Strini, Davide Sisti, Ilaria de Barbieri, and Sofia Zyga has been published.

This important publication highlights the critical role of nurses in the assessment and management of **CKD-associated pruritus**, providing insights into current practices and perceptions across several European countries.

Scientific article publication

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Nurse's Perceptions and Roles in the Management of Chronic Kidney Disease-Associated Pruritus: A Multicentre Survey Across Europe

Anastasia Liossatou, Afra Masià-Plana, Veronica Strini, Davide Sisti, Ilaria de Barbieri, Sofia Zyga

First published: 13 May 2025 | <https://doi.org/10.1111/jorc.70018>

ARTICLE PUBLISHED – Kidney International Reports

Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) Workshop on the Nurse's Role in Managing the Symptoms of People Receiving Dialysis, with co-authors representing EDTNA/ERCA, Dr Afra Masià-Plana, Dr Anastasia Liossatou and Edita Norurisien

Scientific article publication

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Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) Workshop on the Nurse's Role in Managing the Symptoms of People Receiving Dialysis

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ARTICLE PUBLISHED – Journal of Renal Care Missed Intensive Nursing Care Scale: Results from an Italian Validation Study

Co-Producing Peritoneal Dialysis Nursing Sensitive Indicators for Quality Care: A Multinational Consensus-Building Design,

by Jessica Baillie, Ann Bonner, Sonia Guillouet, Cornelia Mikut, Sally Punzalan, Anna Kaczmarek, Lawrence Climaco Wenzyl, Jeanette Funderup



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During 2025, **12 editions of the NewsFlash** were published, providing timely updates on:

- **Association news and strategic initiatives**, keeping members informed about EDTNA/ERCA activities and organisational developments.
- **Scientific and clinical updates**, highlighting current evidence, best practices, and advances in Kidney care.
- **Educational opportunities**, including webinars, workshops, congresses, and other professional development activities.
- **Community contributions**, showcasing the work and achievements of Executive committee members, Consultants, Brand Ambassadors, and volunteers across the EDTNA/ERCA network.
- **Member engagement and collaboration**, promoting the exchange of experiences, sharing good practices, and giving visibility to local and international initiatives led by EDTNA/ERCA members.

Regular Publications

Newsflash



Effective communication and the timely dissemination of evidence-based information remain fundamental to EDTNA/ERCA's mission of supporting Kidney care professionals across Europe and beyond. Throughout 2025, the Association continued to strengthen engagement with its members, Consultants, Brand Ambassadors, volunteers, and the wider Kidney care community through its monthly **NewsFlash**.

In response to the significant advances in automatic translation technologies, EDTNA/ERCA implemented a revised communication strategy by consolidating its publications into a single monthly NewsFlash. This approach streamlined communication while improving accessibility, enabling members across all countries to access the same information simultaneously in their preferred language and fostering greater inclusivity throughout the Association.

The NewsFlash continues to be a cornerstone of the Association's communication strategy, supporting knowledge dissemination, recognising the invaluable contribution of its volunteers, strengthening professional collaboration across countries, and advancing EDTNA/ERCA's strategic objectives of education, professional development, and excellence in kidney care.



Maria Arminda Tavares

EDTNA/ERCA Newsletter & Newsflash
Editor

Journal of Renal Care

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If you are already a member you have free access to all articles, present and past issues.



The official scholarly publication of EDTNA/ERCA is the Journal of Renal Care (JoRC). For healthcare professionals working in the field of kidney care, it offers an extensive collection of clinical, research, and educational publications that have undergone rigorous peer review. Four JoRC issues are released during the year.

Wiley became a signatory of the Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) in May 2022. DORA is a global initiative that aims to enhance the evaluation of scholarly research outputs. According to Clarivate Analytics, the JoRC Journal Citation Reports (JCR), the Journal Citation Indicator (JCI) and Journal Impact Factor* (JIF) covering 2025 are as follows:

	2024	2025
2-Year Impact Factor	1.5	2.0
5-Year Impact Factor	1.6	2.4
Rank in Nursing	104/193	87/194

Citation Impact

2025 CiteScore (Scopus):	3.3
2025 Journal Citation Indicator (Clarivate):	0.54
2025 Journal Impact Factor (Clarivate):	2.0

Publication

2025 Full Text Views:	109,313
2025 Total articles published:	41
2025 Acceptance rate:	10%
2025 Submission to first decision (median):	7 days
2025 Submission to acceptance (median):	166 days
2025 Acceptance to publication (median):	15 days

Reach

2025 Top Author Countries/Regions:

1. Australia	20%
2. Türkiye	15%
3. Denmark	10%
3. United Kingdom	10%
4. Italy	7%

2025 Top Reader Countries/Regions:

1. China	15%
2. United States	14%
3. Australia	9%
3. United Kingdom	9%
4. Türkiye	3%

The Editorial Team of JoRC



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Journal Editor



Dr Jessica Baillie
Associate Journal Editor



Henning Søndergaard
Patient Journal Editor

The JoRC continues to publish high-quality content that reflects the diversity of the renal care community. Manuscripts are selected based on their originality, relevance, reader appeal, and contribution to advancing clinical practice and research. Published articles include original research, quality improvement reports, clinical audits (using data collected within the past five years), and literature reviews, all prepared in UK English and subject to peer review.



Dr Anastasia Liossatos
JoRC EC Link

International Conference



The 53rd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference – Porto, Portugal

The 53rd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference was successfully held in Porto, Portugal, from **11–14 October 2025**, (Portuguese National Day programme), welcoming **851 delegates** from Europe, Africa, including **five Guest Speaker lectures**, **two** the Middle East, Australia, Japan, Canada, and **additional Guest Speakers participating in the** the United States. The conference reaffirmed **Greek Symposium**, **four Corporate**

EDTNA/ERCA's commitment to advancing excellence in person-centred kidney care through education, collaboration, research, and international networking.



Held under the theme **“Addressing Inequities in Kidney Care for a Healthier Future,”** the conference highlighted the importance of equitable access to high-quality kidney care and explored innovative approaches to improving clinical outcomes, enhancing quality of life, and reducing disparities within healthcare systems.



Educational Sessions, and **five interactive workshops** addressing key challenges and developments. Delegates were awarded **18.75** in kidney care.

International Continuing Nursing Education

Credits (ICNECs) for participation in the educational programme. The active involvement of patient representatives ensured that the experiences and perspectives of individuals living with

As part of the keynote programme, **Prof. Raymond Vanholder** was invited to share his discussions on improving care delivery and perspective on healthcare inequities and outcomes.

delivered a keynote lecture entitled **"Addressing Inequities in Kidney Care for a Healthier Future,"** providing valuable insights to delegates attending from **Portugal (115)**, and reinforcing the importance of collaborative approaches to achieving equitable kidney care followed by **Croatia (72)**, **Greece (51)**, **Czechia (38)**, **Lithuania (28)**, and representatives from worldwide.



the **United Kingdom, Israel, Slovenia, and Spain (22 delegates each)**. This diverse participation demonstrated the continued global reach and strong engagement of the EDTNA/ERCA community.

Beyond the scientific programme, Porto's rich cultural heritage and warm hospitality provided an excellent environment for networking, professional exchange, and strengthening relationships across the international kidney care community.

Scientific excellence and knowledge exchange remained central to the conference, with **270 accepted abstracts** presented through oral communications and **10 e-Poster Sessions**, showcasing **71 e-Posters**. The increase in e-leadership and valuable contribution to the Poster activity compared with the previous Association were warmly acknowledged. The year (six sessions with 41 e-Posters) reflected the growing engagement of the international renal care community in research, innovation, and clinical practice.

Throughout the four-day programme, delegates participated in plenary lectures, oral presentations, poster sessions, workshops, and interactive discussions, promoting excellence in kidney care through responsible and visionary leadership.



Dr Ilaria de Barbieri

EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board Chair

The EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board

The Association expressed its sincere appreciation to all speakers, abstract authors, delegates, volunteers, Executive Committee members, industry partners, sponsors, and the Local Organising Committee whose dedication and support contributed to the outstanding success of the conference. The knowledge shared, collaborations established, and inspiration gained in Porto continue to support EDTNA/ERCA's educational activities, professional development initiatives, and strategic priorities.

The 53rd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference concluded with great success and anticipation for the **54th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference**, which will be held in **Gdańsk, Poland, in September 2026**.



The EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board



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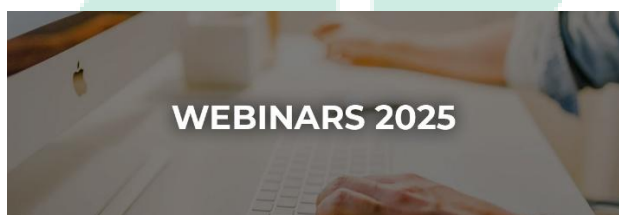
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Dr Afra Masià Plana

Member

Highlights of Webinars



During 2025 EDTNA/ERCA continued to offer a series of webinars for free:

Dialysis Nurse Demand in Europe

January 2025

Speakers: • Vicky Ashworth • John Sedgewick

Moderator: • Afra Masia-Plana

DESIRE: Shared Decision Making for Kidney Failure

March 2025

Speaker: • Louise Engelbrecht Buur

Moderator: • Jane Golland

Existential Experiences Before & After Living-Donor Transplants

May 2025

Speaker: • Ingrid Villadsen Kristensen

Moderator: • Claire Carswell

Nursing Sensitive Indicators in Peritoneal Dialysis

June 2025

Speakers: • Ana Elizabeth Figueiredo • Sonia Guillouët • Jessica Baillie

Moderator: • Jeanette Finderup

Avaliação da saúde dermatológica em hemodiálise

September 2025

Speaker: • Márcia Vandewale

Moderators: • Carlos Gonçalves • Maria Eulália Novais

Patient-Centred Care in Stage 4 CKD via PMDT

December 2025 Speaker: • Kyriakos Stylianides

Moderator: • Sotiroula C. Glikli

Members can access further details for free on the website for on-demand viewing.

The Ethical Charter

The Alfândega Congress Centre in Porto, Portugal, hosted the 53rd EDTNA/ERCA

International Conference from 11-14 October 2025, ensuring full compliance with Ethical MedTech rules.

Our scientific programme, geographic location, conference venue, hospitality, registration packages, and communication were in line with MedTech's criteria.

This MedTech Criteria allows healthcare organisations and professional congress organisers to express their commitment to abiding by the principles of the **MedTech Europe Code**.

EDTNA/ERCA will organise its Educational Events in accordance with the rules of the MedTech Europe Code.



Deepa Kariyawasam

EDTNA/ERCA Secretary

Association's applications and social media activities

The EDTNA/ERCA website remained an important communication hub throughout 2025, supporting the promotion of the Association's goals, values, and strategic direction. Regular updates and ongoing management ensured that relevant news, activities, and developments within the renal care field were shared effectively and in a timely manner.

The Education area of the website was further developed during 2025 through the inclusion of newly published and translated EDTNA/ERCA resources, as well as additional E-library content available to members. An overview of recently published materials is featured on the Publications homepage and can be viewed by all visitors, while access to full articles and publications continues to be reserved for active EDTNA/ERCA members. The website also provides easy access to conference-related content, including recordings and materials from previous sessions. The sections attracting the highest levels of visitor engagement continue to be

Education, Webinars, Publications, and Conferences. Further information can be found on the EDTNA/ERCA website: <https://www.edtnaerca.org>.

Recorded webinars continue to be added to the Education/Webinars section, creating a valuable repository of educational content that allows members to access previous sessions at their convenience.

The Education, Webinars, and Publications sections remain among the most frequently visited areas of the website. In addition, social media continues to play a significant role in sharing information, promoting educational initiatives, and increasing awareness of EDTNA/ERCA activities and achievements.

The Association continues to engage with its audience through a strong presence on key social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), and LinkedIn. Content is shared regularly throughout the week and highlights educational initiatives led by EDTNA/ERCA

and its volunteers, partnership activities, awareness campaigns, conference-related updates, and other news relevant to the renal care community. Dedicated volunteer spotlight posts are also published to showcase the contributions, experiences, and achievements of EDTNA/ERCA volunteers, helping to recognise their work and strengthen engagement across the Association.



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EC Website & Social Media Link

Collaboration & Networking

Sustained progress is built on consistency, continuity, and strong partnerships. EDTNA/ERCA continues to strengthen collaboration and networking with industry partners, academic institutions, and sister organisations while expanding its engagement and leadership roles within international organisations and professional workgroups.

We remain deeply grateful to our corporate sponsors for their ongoing support in advancing education and professional development for the renal care workforce:

Collaboration with National and International Associations

- European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA)
- European Specialist Nurse Organisation (ESNO)

- European Renal Association (ERA)
- Lebanese Association of Nephrology (LANN)
- European Renal Association (ERA)
- European Kidney Patient's Federation (EKPF)
- American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA)
- Canadian Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technologists (CANNT/ACITN)
- Vascular Access Society (VAS)
- Spanish Society of Nephrology Nursing (SEDEN)
- Croatian Nephrology Nurses Association (CNNA)
- Italian Nephrology Nurses Association (SIAN)
- EuroPD
- Arbor Research (DOPPS)
- KDIGO
- CSL Vifor and others

The joint EDTNA/ERCA Project with CSL Vifor, Chronic Kidney Disease-associated Pruritus (CKD-aP), has proceeded to undergo development. A publication on CKDaP was developed as part of the initiative, which was dedicated to increasing awareness of a variety of medical and nursing aspects concerning CKD-aP.

We are truly thankful to our corporate sponsors for their assistance in addressing the educational demands of the kidney workforce. The annual conference in Porto, Portugal, featured sessions sponsored by Diaverum, DOPPS, Fresenius, and Baxter, alongside various other companies presenting their latest products and developments.



Edita Noruišienė
Finance and Conference
Coordinator

Activities related to National & International Associations 2025

EDTNA/ERCA Participation at WHO Symposium

Dr Ilaria de Barbieri, President ad Interim of EDTNA/ERCA, represented the Association and the European renal care community at the WHO Europe Symposium on Health Workforce Modelling for Action, held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 28 to 30 April 2025.

Her participation highlighted EDTNA/ERCA's commitment to contributing to discussions on health workforce planning and the future of healthcare across Europe.

The symposium brought together representatives from health ministries, academic institutions, and professional associations across the WHO European Region.



Through technical sessions, panel discussions, and policy roundtables,

participants explored strategies to strengthen health workforce planning, improve retention and mobility, optimise skill mix, and develop sustainable models to address current and future workforce challenges, including the ageing of healthcare professionals.



Dr de Barbieri contributed to the symposium discussions by highlighting the importance of integrating renal workforce data into health workforce planning. She emphasised the complexity of kidney care, the need for multidisciplinary workforce strategies, and EDTNA/ERCA's commitment to education, research, and professional development, ensuring that the renal care community is represented in high-level policy discussions.

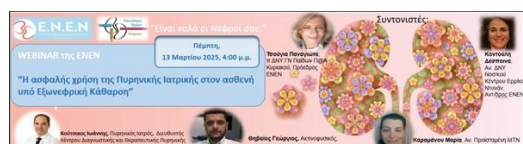
A keynote session on workforce retention was delivered by Professor Walter Sermeus (KU Leuven, Belgium), a long-standing friend of EDTNA/ERCA and former European Coordinator of the EU FP7 RN4CAST project, providing valuable insights into sustainable workforce planning.

ERA's podcast

EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board member **Dr. Jeanette Finderup** participated in ERA's podcast series, "**A Pinch of Salt**", to explore the nurse's role in nephrology, what it should and shouldn't be, and how better collaboration can improve patient care.

Link to podcast:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pakZ5VDq1AM>



WORLD KIDNEY DAY - Are Your Kidneys OK?

On World Kidney Day, our EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassadors took action across their countries to raise awareness about kidney health under this year's powerful theme: "Are Your Kidneys OK? Detect Early, Protect Kidney Health". Through educational sessions, screenings, social media campaigns, and local initiatives, our ambassadors engaged with communities, healthcare professionals, and patients, emphasizing the importance of early detection and prevention. Their dedication highlights our shared commitment to making kidney care more accessible, proactive, and impactful worldwide.



EDTNA/ERCA Participation at Vascular Access Society (VAS) Congress

Dr Ilaria de Barbieri, EDTNA/ERCA President ad Interim, was invited to deliver a guest lecture at the Nursing Session of the 14th Congress of the VAS, held in Padova, Italy, from 3–5 April 2025. Her presentation highlighted the value of professional nursing associations in supporting education, career development, networking, and professional advocacy, while showcasing EDTNA/ERCA's role as a multidisciplinary organisation

supporting healthcare professionals in kidney care.



EDTNA/ERCA volunteers Silvia Corti, Italian Brand Ambassador, and Ruben Iglesias, Vascular Access Consultant, also participated in the congress.

EDTNA/ERCA Participation at APEDT Regional Meeting



The 21st Regional Meeting of APEDT was held on 29–30 March 2025 in Leiria, Portugal, under the theme “End-Stage Chronic Kidney Disease: Quality of Nursing Care.”

The event highlighted the strong collaboration between APEDT and EDTNA/ERCA, with an EDTNA/ERCA MasterClass focusing on “Physical Exercise for Individuals on Haemodialysis” and the benefits of intradialytic exercise programmes for quality of life.



EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassador Eulália Novais contributed to the event by promoting the Association and the upcoming EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Porto. Arminda Tavares moderated the session, facilitating discussion and knowledge exchange. The meeting provided an excellent platform for collaboration and further strengthened the partnership between APEDT and EDTNA/ERCA in advancing nephrology nursing care.

The European Specialist Nurses Organization (ESNO)



The European Specialist Nurses Organisation (ESNO) is a non-profit organization. The objective is to facilitate and offer an efficient framework for communication and collaboration between ESNO and its constituent members.

EDTNA/ERCA as a member of ESNO continues to work closely to promote the role of Specialist Nurses in Europe, particularly the Nephrology Nursing Specialty.

January 2025-EDTNA/ERCA at ESNO event in Brussels! EU



On January 14-15, 2025, Dr Anastasia Liossattou proudly represented EDTNA/ERCA at the ESNO event at the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels.



Dr Anastasia Liossattou delivered a presentation highlighting the importance of establishing harmonised qualifications and a European certification framework for nephrology specialist nurses.



The presentation emphasised the need for close collaboration with European institutions and professional bodies to achieve the official recognition of nephrology nursing as a distinct specialty.

It also explored the relationship between specialist nursing qualifications, workforce development, career progression, and appropriate recognition and remuneration.



She had the honour of thanking Dr. Vytenis Andriukaitis, Member of the European Parliament from Lithuania, for his support in advancing healthcare policies. As a token of appreciation, Anastasia presented him with the recently published book—a collaboration between ESNO and EDTNA/ERCA, published by Springer Nature.



This event was a crucial step in advocating for Nephrology Nursing Specialization and the recognition of renal care professionals across Europe.

November 2025- EDTNA/ERCA at the European Health Workforce and Care Strategy Forum by ESNO

Dr Anastasia Liossatu, President of EDTNA/ERCA, represented the Association at the European Health Workforce and Care Strategy Forum on Nursing Leadership, Retention, and Sustainable Health Systems, held in Brussels in November 2025.



The Forum brought together representatives from European institutions, WHO Europe, OECD, ESN, and healthcare organisations to discuss the future of the nursing workforce and the implementation of policy priorities.



Dr Liossatu highlighted the importance of retaining and empowering nephrology nurses to meet the growing demands of kidney care and ensure sustainable, high-quality healthcare across Europe.

EDTNA/ERCA Supports Nephrology Nursing Education at the University of Padova

International Summer School – “Nursing Perspectives: Fundamentals Meet Innovations” 7–11 July 2025 | Padova, Italy

As part of its ongoing commitment to advancing nephrology nursing education and supporting the development of future healthcare professionals, EDTNA/ERCA endorsed the 2025 International Summer School for Nursing Students at the University of Padova, Italy, held from 7 to 11 July 2025.

The Summer School, titled “Nursing Perspectives: Fundamentals Meet Innovations”, brought together undergraduate nursing students from different academic years and countries, including Italy, Croatia, Spain, Switzerland, Poland, and the United Kingdom. The programme provided students with the opportunity to explore current and future challenges in healthcare delivery while engaging with experienced educators and clinicians from across Europe.

Distinguished lecturers from Croatia, Italy, Spain, Turkey, and Greece contributed to the programme, sharing their expertise and providing diverse perspectives on contemporary nursing practices, education, and innovation in healthcare.



Representing EDTNA/ERCA, Dr Anastasia Liossatu delivered a lecture within the Primary Care section entitled “Nephrology Nursing Care in Chronic Kidney Disease”. The session highlighted the essential role of nephrology nurses in providing person-centred, evidence-based care to individuals living with chronic kidney disease. Key themes included the complexity of kidney care, management of renal replacement therapies, promotion of self-management, patient education, and the importance of addressing the psychological and social dimensions of long-term kidney disease management.

The interactive lecture generated valuable discussion among participating nursing

students, who actively engaged by raising questions and sharing reflections on the challenges associated with caring for individuals with kidney disease. The session also addressed wider healthcare challenges, including the global shortage of nurses and the impact of population ageing on the increasing prevalence of chronic kidney disease. These discussions reinforced the importance of investing in specialised nursing education and workforce development to ensure sustainable, high-quality kidney care for future generations.



Through its support of this international educational initiative, EDTNA/ERCA demonstrated its commitment to strengthening collaboration between academic institutions, clinical practice, and professional organisations. Engaging with nursing students at an early stage of their professional development represents an important investment in the future of nephrology nursing and contributes to increasing awareness of the specialty among the next generation of nurses.

The participation in the University of Padova Summer School reflects EDTNA/ERCA's wider commitment to promoting excellence in nephrology nursing education through international collaboration, knowledge exchange, and support of innovative learning opportunities.

EDTNA/ERCA extended its sincere appreciation to Dr Matteo Danielis, Academic Coordinator at the University of Padova, for the invitation, excellent coordination, and vision in organising this important educational initiative.



Special recognition is also extended to Dr Ilaria de Barbieri, President ad interim of EDTNA/ERCA and Lead of the Organising Committee, for her continuous support and guidance to the success of the Summer School.

This initiative represents another example of EDTNA/ERCA's dedication to empowering nurses, strengthening professional development, and contributing to the advancement of kidney care education at national and international levels.

EDTNA/ERCA Participation at SIAN Congress Collaboration with SIAN – Italy

EDTNA/ERCA was represented by Dr Ilaria De Barbieri, President ad Interim, at the opening session of the 43rd SIAN National Congress held in Rimini, Italy (12–14 May 2025).



Ilaria participated in the roundtable discussion “What Expectations for CKD Patients in Light of the Changing Healthcare Landscape” and conveyed greetings on behalf of EDTNA/ERCA and the Executive Committee.



The event also provided an opportunity to strengthen collaboration with SIAN’s newly elected President, Dr Stefano Mancin, and the new Executive Board, with plans for future joint initiatives and research projects.

EDTNA/ERCA Participation at 7th Congress of Polish Nephrology Nurses

Dr Ilaria De Barbieri, President ad Interim of EDTNA/ERCA, represented the Association at the 7th Congress of Polish Nephrology Nurses held in Gdańsk, Poland (24–26 April 2025).



In her opening address, she highlighted the importance of building a strong kidney care community through collaboration, networking, and international exchange.



The congress, organised under the leadership of Mrs Aneta Trzinska, EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassador for Poland, provided an excellent opportunity to strengthen links with Polish nephrology nurses and promote EDTNA/ERCA’s mission, values, and educational resources.

EDTNA/ERCA at the EuroPD 2025 Conference – Valencia

The EuroPD 2025 Conference, held in Valencia (8–10 October 2025), brought together the European renal community to advance peritoneal dialysis and home-based therapies. The event highlighted the importance of multidisciplinary, person-centred care and the essential role of nurses in achieving excellence in renal care.

Representing EDTNA/ERCA, Executive Committee Member Maria Eulália Novais delivered the opening session presentation, "Involve Nurses to Make Home-Based Therapies Great Again".



She emphasised the central role of nurses in supporting individuals and families, combining clinical expertise, advocacy, humanisation, and innovation. Her presentation also highlighted the opportunities and limitations of technological advances, including Artificial Intelligence, reinforcing that nursing expertise and human connection remain fundamental.



The conference further strengthened collaboration between EDTNA/ERCA and EuroPD, promoting shared goals in

education, research, and the development of person-centred home therapies.

EDTNA/ERCA Joins European Partners in Strengthening the EU Crisis Preparedness for Kidney Patients

EDTNA/ERCA, together with ERA, EKHA, and EKPF, contributed to a joint response to the EU consultation on the Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Plan for Cross-Border Health Crises. The statement emphasises the necessity to include individuals with kidney disease, particularly those receiving dialysis or transplant care, in European emergency preparedness strategies.



The organisations emphasised the importance of recognising dialysis and transplantation as essential services and ensuring continuity of care through robust preparedness measures, resilient supply chains, and coordinated cross-border responses. This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to protecting vulnerable kidney communities during future health crises.

EDTNA/ERCA Accreditation Committee Visit a Dialysis Facility in Dubai.

A preliminary EDTNA/ERCA Accreditation Committee visit was conducted in December 2026 at a dialysis provider in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, as part of the ongoing accreditation process.



The visit was conducted by Dr John Sedgewick, Chair of the Accreditation Committee; Ms Deepa Kariyawasam, Executive Committee Member; Mr Drew Blackmore, Senior Renal Technologist and member of the UK Committee of the Association of Renal Technologists; and Dr Anastasia Liossattou, President of EDTNA/ERCA.



The accreditation process includes a triple programme: re-accreditation of the Nursing Programme and new accreditation applications for the Dietitians' Programme and the Renal Technologist Programme.



The visit confirmed strong engagement with EDTNA/ERCA standards and positive progress towards completion of the requirements, reinforcing the Association's commitment to quality improvement, education, and professional excellence in renal care.

Horizon EU Project 2024 -KitNewCare - Pioneering Transformation in Kidney Healthcare Sustainability Across Europe

 **KitNewCare**
Sustainable Care, Lasting Impact

14 May 2025 | Press Release - KitNewCare

**KitNewCare launches online course to
advance sustainability in kidney care**

KitNewCare has launched a free online course to help healthcare professionals reduce the environmental impact of kidney care, offering practical strategies to make clinical practice more sustainable.



Dr Anastasia Liossattou

EDTNA/ERCA President

Brand Ambassadors Programme

The **Brand Ambassador (BA) Programme** of the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association (**EDTNA/ERCA**) is designed to strengthen the organisation's visibility and

presence at the national level, support member engagement, and contribute to the development and dissemination of knowledge in renal care.

BAs act as an important link between EDTNA/ERCA and renal care professionals in their respective countries, communicating national needs, encouraging collaboration, and promoting active participation in the Association. The key objectives of the BA Programme are to:

- Promote EDTNA/ERCA, its mission, and its values at local and national events.
- Increase awareness of EDTNA/ERCA and encourage membership growth and active engagement.
- Facilitate the sharing of best practices, professional experiences, and educational opportunities with current and prospective members.
- Support national members in participating in EDTNA/ERCA activities, including educational programmes, webinars, publications, and the Annual International Conference.
- Strengthen communication and networking between national renal care communities and the wider EDTNA/ERCA network.
- Identify and communicate the educational and professional needs of renal care professionals at a national level.
- Translate and culturally adapt educational and promotional materials.
- Support the visibility of EDTNA/ERCA through national communication channels and social media.
- Assist in strategic initiatives, including accreditation, research, surveys, and professional development projects.

- Promote collaboration with national nursing associations, healthcare organisations, educational institutions, and other relevant stakeholders

In 2025, EDTNA/ERCA had BAs in 21 countries.

 **Australia & New Zealand**—Sarah

Russo

 **Croatia** —Danijel Pripeljas

 **Cyprus**— Despo Theodorou

 **Czech Republic** — Jitka Pancířová

 **Denmark** — Nina Schjerning

 **Germany** — Sabine Nipshagen

 **Greece** - Stavroula Vovlianou

 **Italy**— Silvia Corti

 **Israel** —Zoya Grimberg

 **Lithuania** — Saule Kudžmienė

 **Poland** —Aneta Trzcińska

 **Portugal** — Maria Eulalia Novais,

Carlos Goncalves- Spain (from Sept

2025

 **Saudi Arabia** - Reem Saeed

Mohammed Alhameedi

 **Slovenia** — Sonja Pečolar

 **Netherlands** —Sanne Borremans

 **Turkey** —Eylem Topbaş

 United Kingdom – Alírio Martinho

Belchior - UK until Aug 2025/Karen

Pugh-Clarke- UK from Sept 2025

 Austria-Panagiota Tsikala

 Lebanon – Hanadi Mezher

 Ireland – Grace Murray since July

 Hungary- Judit Hegedus



Summary of Activities in 2025

In 2025, the EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassadors actively engaged in a wide range of activities and contributed to the development of several new initiatives. The following key activities were undertaken during the year:

1. Meetings and Knowledge Exchange

- Three online meetings and one face-to-face meeting were held during 2025. The in-person meeting took place during the EDTNA/ERCA 53rd International Conference in Porto. These meetings provided valuable opportunities for communication, knowledge exchange, discussion of national activities, and coordination of ongoing and future initiatives. The key topics discussed included:

 Cyprus BA Activities and initiatives

focused on promoting EDTNA/ERCA, strengthening local engagement, and encouraging membership through professional networks, social media, an exhibition booth and educational workshop.

A key highlight was the opening ceremony of the third group of the Nephrology Nursing Specialty Programme, where the EC Member and BA for Cyprus conveyed her greetings and delivered the official message of the EDTNA/ERCA President, Dr Anastasia Liossatos, emphasising the importance of continuing education, professional development, and specialisation in nephrology nursing.

 Presentation on the Accreditation Program – An overview of how BAs

can actively support and promote the initiative in their countries by raising awareness, sharing relevant information with national stakeholders, identifying potential interested organisations, facilitating communication, and providing local feedback to support its successful implementation.

2. Educational and Promotional Activities

 **World Kidney Day (WKD):** Several BAs organized national awareness activities, contributing to raising public awareness and promoting the importance of kidney health and prevention. For example,

In Cyprus, a school-based awareness activity was conducted to educate students about kidney health, prevention, and the

importance of healthy lifestyle choices.

In Portugal to celebrate World Kidney Day, an apricot tree was planted at the Escola Superior de Enfermagem de Lisboa, by nephrology nursing students. The initiative represented both a tribute to EDTNA/ERCA and a symbol of EDTNA/ERCA Green, reflecting the association's commitment to environmental sustainability, growth, and the future of nephrology nursing

 **National Webinars:** One BA conducted webinar in their native language, ensuring accessibility and local relevance of content.

 **Presence on Social Media:** Continuous efforts were made to expand the reach of EDTNA/ERCA and engage a broader network of nephrology professionals through the regular sharing of educational content, conference updates, professional development opportunities, Association news, and BAs activities. Social media platforms and national professional networks were also used to promote membership, webinars, publications, and key initiatives. These activities enhanced the visibility of EDTNA/ERCA, supported knowledge exchange, and strengthened communication and professional connections within the renal care community.

3. Conference Support and Promotion

 BAs played a vital role in promoting and supporting the EDTNA/ERCA

Annual International Conference through a wide range of activities, including:

 **Promoting EDTNA/ERCA and the Annual Conference** at national congresses, seminars, professional meetings, and educational events through presentations, exhibition booths, social media and direct engagement with renal care professionals.

 **Encouraging national members and other renal care professionals** to attend the Conference and participate actively in EDTNA/ERCA activities.

 **Supporting members** in preparing and submission of abstracts, posters and presentations.

- **Sharing Key information** regarding registration, submission deadlines, scientific sessions, educational opportunities, and conference-related activities through national professional networks.

 **Contributing to National Day activities, Country Meetings,** and other initiatives aimed at strengthening national participation and engagement.

 **Supporting the organization and successful delivery of the Conference** through volunteer activities, delegate assistance, booth support, coordination, and on-site engagement.

 **Gathering feedback from national participants** regarding to their experiences, professional needs,

and suggestions for future improvement.

 Throughout the EDTNA/ERCA Annual International Conference BAs made a significant contribution by:

- ✓ Being continuously available at the EDTNA/ERCA booth to welcome delegates and provide information about the association, membership, the benefits of joining EDTNA/ERCA, publications, educational opportunities, and ongoing initiatives.
- ✓ Answering delegates' questions and encouraging engagement with the association.
- ✓ Organising and facilitating meetings with members from their respective countries to review the year's activities, discuss priorities and objectives for the coming year, gather feedback and suggestions, and strengthen collaboration within their national communities.
- ✓ Promoting EDTNA/ERCA resources and encouraging delegates to become actively involved in the association's activities.

Throughout 2025, the EDTNA/ERCA BAs played an important role in strengthening the Association's presence at national level, supporting professional development, promoting educational opportunities, and encouraging membership growth within

their respective countries. Their commitment, enthusiasm, and active engagement contributed significantly to increased national participation, stronger connections with renal care professionals, and greater international visibility for EDTNA/ERCA. Examples of BAs activities implemented across different countries are available on the Bas page of the EDTNA/ERCA website:

<https://www.edtnaerca.org/about-us/brand-ambassadors>

We extend our sincere appreciation to all EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassadors for their dedication, professionalism, and valuable contribution to promoting the Association, strengthening its visibility at local and national levels, and supporting the development of renal care professionals worldwide.



Maria Eulália Novais

EC Member & BA Link



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EC Member & BA Co-Link

Consultants Activities-Projects

CKD Consultant

Throughout 2025, Chrysanthi Avrami made a significant contribution to EDTNA/ERCA's educational publications as Editor of the updated edition of Chronic Kidney Disease (Stages 4–5) – A Guide to Clinical Practice. The comprehensive guidebook comprises

ten chapters and provides an up-to-date, evidence-based resource for healthcare professionals involved in the care of individuals with chronic kidney disease.

In addition to her editorial role, she co-authored the book's final chapter, Management of Nephrology Support During Mass Disasters, highlighting the importance of preparedness and continuity of kidney care during emergency situations.

The publication was officially launched during a plenary session at the 53rd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Porto, where Chrysanthi presented the new edition to delegates.



Chrysanthi Avrami
CKD Consultant

Education Consultant

In 2025, Dr. John Sedgewick continued to play a leading role in advancing EDTNA/ERCA's educational priorities, with a strong focus on strengthening the Accreditation Programme, supporting professional development initiatives, and expanding the Association's international educational collaborations.

A significant part of his work focused on the ongoing revision and redevelopment of the EDTNA/ERCA Accreditation Programme. As Chair of the Accreditation Committee, Dr. Sedgewick led the review of existing accreditation standards and processes, ensuring that the framework reflects current evidence-based educational principles and quality assurance requirements. This extensive work included the redesign of the core Accreditation Programme structure, introducing updated standards and measurable elements across key areas such as programme governance, curriculum development and design, programme assessment, teaching and learning strategies, educational resources, faculty development, evaluation processes, and programme impact.

He chaired regular Accreditation Committee meetings and worked closely with committee members to enhance the overall applicant experience, improving processes from initial enquiry and application through to successful submission and review. He also continued to support the onboarding and development of new Accreditation Committee members, including providing guidance and mentorship to Deepa Kariyawasam in her role within the Committee.

Dr. Sedgewick actively engaged with organisations interested in accreditation by providing individual virtual meetings to explain the requirements, processes, and benefits of EDTNA/ERCA accreditation. In collaboration with the EDTNA/ERCA Secretariat, he established and coordinated ongoing administrative meetings to strengthen the operational foundations of the Accreditation Programme and ensure effective implementation of future activities.

During 2025, he continued to provide support and guidance to approximately 11 organisations preparing either new accreditation applications or re-accreditation submissions planned for 2026. He also initiated the revision of supporting processes required for the successful implementation of mandatory site visits for existing applicants. A key achievement was the coordination and leadership of a successful three-day pre-accreditation site visit to Dubai with Gulf Dialysis, supporting the preparation of three programmes for accreditation submission in 2026: Peritoneal Dialysis, Dietetics, and Renal Technician programmes. The visit was attended by the EDTNA/ERCA President and represented an important milestone in strengthening international engagement with the Accreditation Programme.



Another major contribution during 2025 was his role as Chairperson of the Scientific Programme and Faculty for the 15th Fresenius Medical Care & EDTNA/ERCA Renal Nurses Forum, held in Luxor, Egypt. In preparation for this international educational event, Dr. Sedgewick organised and chaired two scientific programme development meetings in Dubai in collaboration with Fresenius Medical Care's Principal Training and Marketing Director. He continued to support the Scientific Committee members in their roles as faculty and worked closely with invited speakers from Europe, the Middle East, and

the Asia-Pacific region to develop a high-quality educational programme.

The 15th Renal Nurses Forum was successfully delivered as a four-day educational event, attracting 200 delegates and providing an important platform for knowledge exchange, professional networking, and the advancement of renal nursing education.

Dr. Sedgewick also contributed actively to EDTNA/ERCA Conference activities by supporting the Conference Department with abstract review processes, co-facilitating an accreditation workshop attended by approximately 50 delegates, and participating as a presenter in invited EDTNA/ERCA educational meetings focused on current and future projects of the Education Consultant.

Further strengthening EDTNA/ERCA's international educational reach, he hosted an information webinar for nurse educators in Germany interested in the Accreditation Programme, in collaboration with the EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassador for Germany. This initiative supported greater awareness of accreditation opportunities and encouraged engagement from educational institutions.

In addition, Dr. Sedgewick initiated and coordinated the EDTNA/ERCA Saudi Arabian Chapter task group. During 2025, he chaired seven strategic meetings with a dedicated group working to enhance the presence and activities of EDTNA/ERCA in Saudi Arabia.

This work focused on developing a strategic framework aligned with EDTNA/ERCA's mission and vision, with key priorities including education and professional development, leadership, clinical practice advancement, policy and guideline development, and strengthening community engagement.

Through these extensive activities, Dr. John Sedgewick continued to make a significant contribution to the growth, quality, and international impact of EDTNA/ERCA's educational initiatives during 2025.



Dr John Sedgewick

EDTNA/ERCA Education Consultant
EDTNA/ERCA Chair EDTNA/ERCA
Accreditation Committee

Vascular Access Consultant

During 2025, Ruben Iglesias continued to make valuable contributions to EDTNA/ERCA's educational and scientific activities, supporting the advancement of vascular access practice through education, conference leadership, and project development.

Throughout the year, he actively participated in scheduled EDTNA/ERCA Consultant meetings and contributed to the planning of educational initiatives by preparing and submitting presentations.

At the Conference in Porto, Ruben played a prominent role in the scientific programme by organising and facilitating two editions of the highly successful Ultrasound Workshop. These practical educational workshops enhanced the learning experience for conference delegates.

Through his continued involvement in conference activities, educational

workshops, scientific abstract assessment, and project planning, Ruben remained actively engaged in supporting EDTNA/ERCA's mission to promote excellence in vascular access care and professional development for kidney healthcare professionals.



Ruben Iglesias

EDTNA/ERCA Haemodialysis Consultant

Nutrition Consultant

Throughout 2025, Kalliopi Anna Poulia actively contributed to the educational, scientific, and professional activities of EDTNA/ERCA, supporting the advancement of nutrition care in kidney disease.

A key achievement was her contribution to the development of the new EDTNA/ERCA publication *"The Renaldi Brothers: A Journey to Health"*, which was published in both print and electronic formats and distributed during the 53rd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Porto. The book was also presented during a plenary session of the Conference, highlighting the importance of nutrition education and health promotion.

She also continued to support EDTNA/ERCA publications by contributing chapters to two new educational resources focusing on nutrition in chronic kidney disease and nutrition in paediatric kidney care.

Additionally, she collaborated with Jane Golland on the redesign and development of the EDTNA/ERCA Nutrition App, enhancing access to practical nutrition resources for healthcare professionals and individuals receiving kidney care.

In preparation for future educational activities, she submitted two proposals for the 54th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference, both of which were accepted: a workshop developed in collaboration with Chrysanthi Avrami and an innovative interactive video game initiative aimed at promoting engagement and learning.



Dr Kalliopi Anna (Liana) Poulia

EDTNA/ERCA Nutrition Consultant

Paediatric Nephrology Consultant

Throughout 2025, Tadeja Kokelj Jeršin continued to strengthen EDTNA/ERCA's educational activities in paediatric nephrology. She served as Editor of the newly published guidebook Paediatric Kidney Replacement Therapy – A Guide for Nurses, providing an important educational resource for healthcare professionals caring for children with kidney disease.

As part of EDTNA/ERCA's webinar programme, Tadeja delivered the webinar Major Challenges Experienced by Children Dependent on Dialysis and Their Parents, and How to Best Manage Them, addressing the complex clinical and psychosocial

challenges faced by paediatric patients and their families while highlighting practical approaches to improve care and support.



Tadeja Kokelj Jeršin

Paediatric Nephrology Consultant

Peritoneal Dialysis Consultant

In 2025, Sotiroula Glikli continued to contribute to the advancement of peritoneal dialysis nursing within EDTNA/ERCA by supporting the promotion of evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and safe, sustainable home dialysis care. Through her role as Peritoneal Dialysis Consultant, she contributed to the dissemination of international recommendations, the enhancement of clinical protocols, and initiatives focused on complication prevention and the long-term success of peritoneal dialysis programmes.

She was actively involved in the development of educational initiatives targeting nephrology nurses, healthcare professionals, individuals receiving home peritoneal dialysis, and their caregivers, with the aim of strengthening knowledge, promoting independence, and supporting effective self-care.

Additionally, she also provided professional guidance to clinical teams involved in establishing and improving home peritoneal dialysis services, encouraging a

multidisciplinary and person-centred approach that addresses the needs of both individuals and their families.

During the year, Sotiroula also contributed to the development of the updated chronic kidney disease (Stages 4–5) – A Guide to Clinical Practice and participated in the EuroPD international consensus initiative that resulted in the publication *Addressing the Inequity of Access to Home Dialysis in Europe: Recommendations for Action Informed by an International Consensus Exercise*. Moreover, Sotiroula supported the visibility of EDTNA/ERCA by representing the Association at scientific events and contributing proposals for future educational and collaborative projects.



Sotiroula Glik

EDTNA/ERCA Peritoneal Dialysis Consultant

Psychological Care Consultant

Contribution as an author to Book on Transplantation

The Consultant was invited to contribute a chapter titled *Psychological Support for Organ Transplantation*.

Contribution as an author on Book on CKD-Associated Pruritus

In September, the Consultant received an invitation to author a chapter on CKD-associated pruritus.

These activities reflect the Consultant's ongoing contributions to scholarly publications, conference leadership, and the advancement of professional knowledge within the field of renal care.



Mike Kelly

EDTNA/ERCA Psychological Care Consultant

Quality and Environment Consultant

During 2025, Jitka Pancířová actively promoted EDTNA/ERCA's mission through educational activities, international collaboration, and initiatives focused on quality improvement and environmental sustainability in kidney care.

A key contribution was her participation in the Brodový dny Nephrology Congress, held in May in Tábor, Czech Republic. An important outcome of the conference was the successful collaboration with the Nephrology and Urology Section of the Czech Nurses Association (ČAS). Through this partnership, the Czech-language edition of the EDTNA/ERCA publication *Water for Haemodialysis* was officially introduced and distributed to congress participants, supporting the dissemination of evidence-based practice and educational resources within the Czech nephrology community.

During the nursing programme, Jitka presented the activities and strategic priorities of EDTNA/ERCA, highlighting major initiatives including, the 53rd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in

Porto, the Association's latest educational publications and the EU co-funded **KitNewCare project**.

KitNewCare Project Update and the Role of EDTNA/ERCA

KitNewCare is a pioneering Horizon Europe co-funded project running from January 2024 to December 2027 that aims to transform kidney healthcare into a more environmentally sustainable and climate-neutral model. The project recognizes that healthcare contributes an estimated 5-11% of global carbon emissions and focuses on kidney care because of its significant disease burden and resource-intensive nature.

The project's mission is to identify, develop, and implement sustainable solutions that can help reduce healthcare-related carbon emissions while maintaining high standards of patient care. KitNewCare adopts a systematic approach to testing and benchmarking interventions across selected clinical sites in Europe, evaluating their impact on environmental sustainability, patient outcomes, and healthcare costs.

A key strength of KitNewCare is its collaborative approach. The project brings together patients, healthcare professionals, non-governmental organizations, industry partners, researchers, and policymakers to create practical solutions for greener healthcare. Activities include developing educational resources, conducting research, providing policy recommendations, raising awareness, and establishing new sustainability standards that can eventually be adopted across other medical specialties beyond nephrology.

Role of EDTNA/ERCA in KitNewCare project

EDTNA/ERCA is an active partner in the KitNewCare initiative and plays an

important role in promoting sustainability within kidney care across Europe. EDTNA/ERCA supports the project's objectives by leveraging its extensive network of renal nurses and healthcare professionals to disseminate knowledge, encourage engagement, and facilitate education on sustainable healthcare practices. In addition to its educational and dissemination activities, EDTNA/ERCA representatives participate in KitNewCare project meetings, workshops, stakeholder discussions and consortium events throughout the project lifecycle.

EDTNA/ERCA has highlighted KitNewCare as an important opportunity to help European health and care systems embrace environmental sustainability and climate neutrality. By engaging healthcare professionals and supporting education and knowledge exchange, the association contributes to building the competencies needed to deliver sustainable kidney care without compromising patient outcomes.

53rd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Porto

During the 53rd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Porto, Jitka presented the results of the international survey *Climate Changes and Emergency Management in Dialysis Centres*. The findings highlighted the growing importance of emergency preparedness in kidney care and provided the scientific foundation for the development of the follow-up project, *Recommendations for Emergency Preparedness for Kidney Care in Climate- and Conflict-Affected Settings*. This initiative is scheduled to be launched during the 54th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Gdańsk in 2026.

Throughout the year, Jitka contributed to strengthening EDTNA/ERCA's visibility and

strategic objectives by promoting quality improvement, environmental awareness, and preparedness within nephrology practice.



Jitka Pancířová

Quality and Environment Consultant

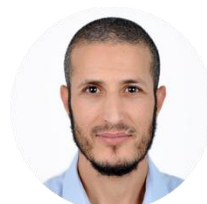
Transplant Consultant

Over the reporting period, Naceur Chouayet continued to support EDTNA/ERCA's educational and scientific mission in the field of kidney transplantation. A major achievement was the development and launch of the new publication *Kidney Transplantation: A Guide to Clinical Practice for Nurses*, created with contributions from an international group of experienced authors. This comprehensive resource aims to support nurses and healthcare professionals by providing current evidence-based knowledge and practical guidance for the management of individuals undergoing kidney transplantation.

In addition to his role as Editor of this important publication, Naceur contributed as an author and co-author to chapters in several EDTNA/ERCA publications, further strengthening the Association's educational resources and sharing expertise in transplant nursing care.

To support the dissemination of knowledge related to kidney transplantation, he initiated a series of four educational webinars addressing key topics in transplant

care. These webinars provide a valuable learning platform for nurses and healthcare professionals, promoting professional development, enhancing clinical knowledge, and encouraging the implementation of best practices in transplantation.



Naceur Chouayet

Transplant Consultant

The Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns (DOPPS) Programme

Arbor Research and EDTNA/ERCA Collaboration 2025

Back in 2023 Arbor Research decided to close DOPPS 7 for sponsorship-related issues and not start DOPPS 8 as planned.

Despite having closed the DOPPS Study, the collaboration between Arbor Research and EDTNA/ERCA continued in several fields, as both parties analysed the existing one as extremely fruitful.

One of the collaborations was the Symposium sponsored by Vantive and organised during the excellent Annual Conference held in Porto in 2025 with the following programme:

Overview of the International Peritoneal Dialysis Outcomes Policy Practice Study PDOPPS: Exploring Outcomes That Matter to Patients.

Chairs: Ilaria de Barbieri EDTNA/ERCA President.

Anna M. Marti - EDTNA/ERCA DOPPS Project Manager

Greetings from Arbor Research.

Roberto Pecoits-Filho, MD, PhD, FACP, FASN.

DOPPS Program Scientific Director.

Overview of the International Peritoneal Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (PDOPPS). Anna M. Marti, EDTNA/ERCA PDOPPS Project Manager

Sex-Specific Outcomes in The Peritoneal Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study. Marisa Pegoraro. EDTNA/ERCA Past President.

"International Peritoneal Dialysis Modality and Outcomes" by Dr Thyago Proenca De Moraes. Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Parana, Curitiba, Brazil.

Scratching the surface: Pruritus prevalence and association with quality of life in peritoneal dialysis patients. Dr Anastasia Liossatou. Head Nurse at the Haemodialysis Unit, General Hospital of Kefalonia, EDTNA/ERCA Executive Committee Member.

Incremental PD start and clinical outcomes: Results from PDOPPS". Dr. Ashik Hayat, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Australia

Panel Discussion - All speakers and audience

The Symposium focused on new findings provided by the PDOPPS Study regarding modifiable practices in PD was well attended and was followed by a lively Q/A session.

Other collaboration among Arbor Research and EDTNA/ERCA has been the initiation of the New Study: "CONCORDIA" in the UK, France, and Italy, comparing biochemical

and clinical outcomes of haemodialysis patients treated with middle-cut-off dialyzers versus high-flux haemodialysis or hemodiafiltration.

CONCORDIA Fundamentals:

Data from the Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (DOPPS) have shown that mortality rates of HD patients are extremely high and vary across geographies. Demographic status and comorbid disease accounted for some but all the differences in the risk of mortality between the three continents. This variation in mortality across facilities and countries raises the possibility that differing treatment practices may contribute to the variation in outcomes.

Conventional HD treatment has an acceptable removal of small uremic molecules, but molecules of higher molecular weight are poorly cleared with HD compared to a native kidney, contributing to morbidity in the dialysis population. Hemodiafiltration (HDF) has a better removal of middle molecules compared to HD but is technically demanding, more expensive and requires well-functioning dialysis access to achieve high convective volumes.



A recent large randomized controlled trial (RCT) has shown that HDF reduces the risk of all-cause mortality in 23% compared to high-flux HD. Additionally, a novel class of membranes, medium cut-off (MCO) membranes, has been designed to remove middle and large middle molecules without requiring operational changes to standard HD sessions. The few studies published to date reported that MCO consistently

removes more middle-sized molecules than high-flux HD, while results are conflicting compared to HDF. Studies comparing clinical outcomes between MCO and high-flux HD or HDF are lacking.

DOPPS provides a real-world representation of HD/HDF practices and can serve as a valuable “control” group for comparisons of biochemical and clinical outcomes versus patients utilizing MCO dialyzers. CONCORDIA plan to supply large-scale real-world evidence study among patients undergoing treatments with high flux HD, HDF and MCO to evaluate the impact of dialysis modality on clinical outcomes. We hypothesize that HD with MCO dialyzers is associated with an improvement in clinical and biochemical outcomes compared with high flux HD, and non-inferior results in comparison to HDF.

CONCORDIA will construct comparison cohorts based on patients participating in the DOPPS Phase 7 in Europe. This design leverages the extensive existing infrastructure of DOPPS Europe, substantially improving study timeliness and efficiency. Also, the representativeness of DOPPS sites and patients improves the potential for external validity of the study findings.

EDTNA/ERCA hope to contribute to improve dialysis patient’s quality of life and life expectancy with our participation in the data collection of this promising study.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my most sincere admiration and gratitude to all Arbor Research Officers as well as to the EDTNA/ERCA Executive Committee and to my CRA colleagues and facilities staff for having maintained its great standards and for having supported this important study and other activities during this challenging period.



Anna Marti I Monros.

Arbor Research & EDTNA/ERCA
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