

NEWSLETTER 2/2021

The EDTNA/ERCA Spring Virtual Seminar

The EDTNA/ERCA **Spring Virtual Seminar** is drawing closer! As announced on the Website, it will be held on the 23rd to 24th April 2021. This online event will be a pre-conference meeting in which selected authors of accepted abstracts will have the opportunity to present their work.

The Scientific Programme covers several topics, such as Haemodialysis, Ethical, Psychological and Social Impact of CKD, End of Life Care, Healthcare professionals Education, Peritoneal Dialysis, Vascular Access.

Don't miss the opportunity to be updated on new studies and results!

Registration is already open! Please visit EDTNA/ERCA website (www.edtnaerca.org) for more details and the Programme at Glance.

Don't miss the opportunity to look for and listen to your colleagues who will present their work online!



RenalPro Staff related organisational changes during COVID-19

Questions around the COVID-19 pandemic are coming up regularly at RenalPro. This is the result of a compilation of staff related questions.

It seems that there is no consistent approach to ensure that staff are not infected when entering their place of work. The most common measure is staff temperature control at the beginning of each shift. In addition, some screen for COVID-19 related symptoms. Others rely on staff to check for themselves and come forward if symptoms occur.

No one reported about regular tests for staff. With PPE now being available, most personnel are not being tested even if a suspected patient with COVID-19 is identified. Some take swabs test if staff have cared for a newly identified positive patient. Staff is tested only if they present symptoms.

Infection control apathy occurs regularly. However, there are always staff present to remind one about the importance of following the correct procedures. Carelessness will negatively affect the correct procedures for eye protection and temperature control. Although the correct procedures are followed while in contact with patients but relaxed when staff are at a breaktime with colleagues.

The Nurse: Patient ratio depends on the country and setting. While some are still able to keep to the same level as before the pandemic, none has more nurses per patient to cover the extra effort that is necessary. Hospitals are forced to use the same staff to work in the specially equipped COVID-19 units and to care for additional patients who cannot be dialysed in their home centres due to being infected. In addition, there are staff shortages as a consequence of sick leave or home quarantine.

The length of shifts for staff has not been adjusted regularly. Added to that personnel shortages require

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There are different approaches to meetings. While some are meeting weekly now others have irregular (digital) information exchange. Some implemented audits to support superior infection control practice relating to the management of suspect/positive COVID-19 patients.

We would like to thank all those who have taken the time and participated in our discussion.

We have already started talking about vaccination. So, if you are not already a member please sign up at <http://www.mailman.srv.ualberta.ca/mailman/listinfo/renalpro> to join in.

Sabine & Chava

RenalPro moderators



The Ethical Charter

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 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 (HCOs) or to Professional Congress Organisers (PCOs). 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.

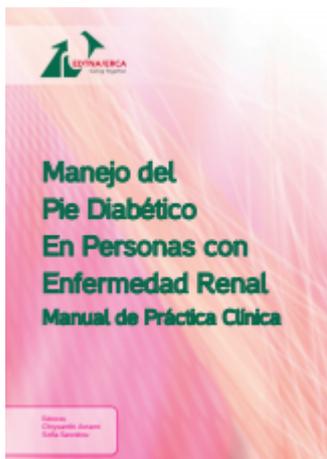
The Ethical Charter certificate provides EDTNA/ERCA a Trusted Partner logo which is valid for two years. More details available on the Ethical MedTech website: <https://www.ethicalmedtech.eu/ethical-charter/general-overview/>



Publication Update

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I would like inform our members on the NEW translations that are already uploaded in our Association's website and these are:

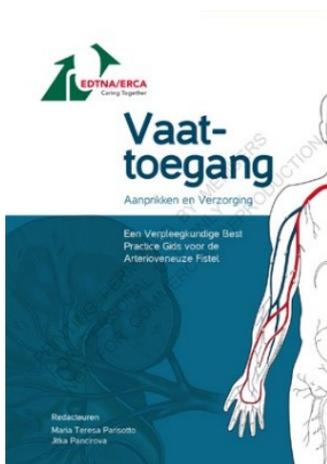


Management of Diabetic Foot in Renal Care- A Guide to clinical practice

Editors: Chrysanthi Avrami & Sofia Savvidou

Spanish edition

Available soon in Lithuanian, German, French & Dutch!



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

Editors: Maria Teresa Parisotto & Jitka Pancirova

Dutch edition

Please visit our website under the Education Section <https://www.edtnerca.org/education/publications> and have a look at our new publications and all our educational materials.

Electronic Library article

New E-Library article at Advanced Level, on Paediatric Dialysis care, is published on our website:

New, Innovative and Time-Efficient Dialysis Catheter and Exit-site Electronic Surveillance (DCES) Tool, by Ana Grilo - Paediatric Consultant

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

Abstract: The aim of this study was to evaluate the use of a new, innovative, and time-efficient dialysis catheter and exit-site electronic surveillance (DCES) tool in the paediatric dialysis unit. The study was conducted in a tertiary care hospital. The study included 10 patients who were admitted to the dialysis unit. The study was conducted over a period of 12 weeks. The study was conducted in a tertiary care hospital. The study included 10 patients who were admitted to the dialysis unit. The study was conducted over a period of 12 weeks. The study was conducted in a tertiary care hospital. The study included 10 patients who were admitted to the dialysis unit. The study was conducted over a period of 12 weeks.

More articles are in progress and will be available soon on line. Please visit our E-Library section at <https://www.edtnaerca.org/education/electronic-library>

I look forward to any of our members who wish and have the expertise on a specific topic to send a proposal for either an e-library article or to submit a proposal for a book publication at anastasia.liossatou@edtnaerca.org



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EDTNA/ERCA Members' Presentations

We are very proud to announce that our members continue to present their work and commitment and are speakers at many International Conferences and seminars!

24, 25 & 26 February 2021 Online Congress
The Specialist Nurse in European Healthcare towards 2030
Caring4Nurses www.esno-congress.eu
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Clare McKeaveney: Exploration of the experiences of renal healthcare practitioners globally during the COVID-19 pandemic: a mixed-method study

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Jeanette FINDERUP (Member of the Scientific Board): Shared Decision Making and Patient Education

12TH CONGRESS OF THE VASCULAR ACCESS SOCIETY

VIRTUAL CONGRESS

April 6-9, 2021



Ruben Iglesias (Haemodialysis Consultant): Vein mapping by Ultrasound

Sabine Nipshagen (RenalPro Moderator and Brand Ambassador for Germany): Metal vs. Plastic Cannula – Indication and Application

Tai Mooi Ho Wong (EC Member – Secretary): A survey on haemodialysis nurses' experiences and opinions regarding venous needle dislodgement incident reporting

CONGRATULATIONS!

WORLD KIDNEY DAY

World Kidney Day is a global campaign aimed at raising awareness of the importance of kidneys to overall health and to reduce the frequency and impact of kidney disease and its associated health problems worldwide.

<https://www.worldkidneyday.org/2021-campaign/2021-wkd-theme/>



Living with chronic kidney disease (CKD) is associated with hardships for patients and their care partners. Empowering patients and their care partners, including family members and friends involved in their care, may help minimize the burden and consequences of CKD-related symptoms to enable increased life

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Committee has declared 2021 the year of “Living Well with Kidney Disease” in an effort to increase education about and awareness of the important goal of patient empowerment and life participation. This calls for the development and implementation of validated patient-reported outcome measures to assess and address areas of life participation in routine care. It could be supported by regulatory agencies as a meter for quality care or to support labeling claims for medicines and devices. WKD 2021 continues to call for increased awareness of the importance of preventive measures across populations, professionals, and policymakers, applicable to both developed and developing countries.

More information about WKD and related activities you can find at <https://www.worldkidneyday.org/2021-campaign/2021-wkd-theme/>



You can also read a reprinted article in the Journal of Renal Care. This article has been published in Kidney International and reprinted concurrently in several journals. All authors contributed equally to the conception, preparation, and editing of the manuscript.

GUEST EDITORIAL

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Living well with kidney disease by patient and care-partner empowerment: Kidney health for everyone everywhere

Living well with kidney disease by the patient and care-partner empowerment: Kidney health for everyone everywhere Kamyar Kalantar-Zadeh MD, MPH, PhD Philip Kam-Tao Li MD, FRCP, FACP Ekamol Tantisattamo MD, MPH Latha Kumaraswami Vassilios Liakopoulos MD, PhD Siu-Fai Lui MD Ifeoma Ulasi MD Sharon Andreoli MD Alessandro Balducci MD Sophie Dupuis MA Tess Harris Anne Hradsky Richard Knight Sajay Kumar Maggie Ng Alice Poidevin Gamal Saadi MD Allison Tong PhD World Kidney Day Steering Committee

<https://doi.org/10.1111/jorc.12366>

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A new issue of our journal has already been published!

We encourage you to follow the Journal of Renal Care to stay up to date.



The Patient Editor, Henning Sondergaard, communicates the results of important research studies published in the Journal to patients and their families. Each time an issue is published the Patient Editor will review the published papers and select the paper of most interest to patients.

Here is **the Patient Editor Choice for issue 1/2021**. The full paper can be found on p. E1 of this issue.

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

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The experiences of living with a transplanted kidney from a deceased donor

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A kidney transplant is currently the best treatment option for people with end-stage kidney disease (ESKD) in many ways, particularly quality of life (QOL) and survival. But transplantation also comes with many challenges, socially, psychologically, and medically.

This paper explores what it is like to live with a kidney transplant from a user perspective. It is done by interviewing 8 recipients of a kidney from a deceased donor in Romania. The findings were grouped into three main themes at three different levels: a personal, relational, and spiritual level.

We encourage you to read the article:

[DOI: 10.1111/jorc.12349](https://doi.org/10.1111/jorc.12349)

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