

Notes from the Editor



Dear Members, Volunteers, Colleagues,

EDTNA/ERCA is committed to increasing communication among all our members worldwide. The EDTNA/ERCA newsletter will be monthly, and for the following issues, we will invite our Brand Ambassadors and Consultants to promote their activities. In this issue, we will give you feedback from the last EDTNA/ERCA AGM regarding changes in member categories and fees, and news from Cyprus and Netherlands. Latest updates on our sustainable page and our monthly article promotion.

Thank you so much for being part of EDTNA/ERCA
If you want to contact me,



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Newsletter Editor

Highlights from EDTNA/ERCA AGM Membership categories and fees

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place on the 11th of September in Rotterdam. During AGM, EDTNA/ERCA members were able to participate and vote on the 2021 activity and financial report and proposed motions.

The motions approved made changes in membership categories and fees. Please be aware of the new fees for 2023.

 Ordinary Member - 60 €
(Residence within Europe)

 Global Member - 60 €
(Residence outside Europe)

 Corporate Member - 900 € *
(Companies, Organizations, Associations)

 Individual Associated Member *

 Conference Member

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Sustainability of kidney care

The EDTNA/ERCA is the first of the scientific associations that took up the challenge of green direction in kidney care. New Sustainable page was opened recently on the EDTNA/ERCA website <https://www.edtnerca.org/sustainability>

The sustainability of kidney care has recently become the priority and strategic focus of the Association and our team is trying to **raise awareness** of the environmental burden of dialysis and propose effective measures to mitigate this burden.

This was also one of the reasons why EDTNA/ERCA and B. Braun Avitum AG launched the joint Green Excellence in Dialysis project. As part of this project, several educational materials including green webinars focusing on the issue of kidney care sustainability were presented. Furthermore, EDTNA/ERCA is proud to present the recent sustainable achievements which are a result of the Green Excellence in Dialysis project.

Green Excellence in Dialysis Recommendations for Sustainable Kidney Care –the publication was launched in 2022 and is available as an interactive PDF application. These practical recommendations aim to help the renal community to establish effective and successful strategic plans to improve the environmental status of each renal unit and respond to the current challenges and decrease the environmental burden of dialysis.

Environmental Checklist is available as web-based application, which helps to evaluate environmental performance of renal units and seek areas for potential self-improvement through the implementation of the environmental management programs.

Both applications are available for a free download at <https://www.edtnerca.org/sustainability>



Jitka Pancirova, Jane Golland and Edita Noruisiene

EDTNA/ERCA Webinar – December 2022

We would like to invite you to the following online webinar, which will take place on December 14. **The webinar is FREE**

Register Today!

Title: Assessment and Identification of patients on haemodialysis with CKD – associated Pruritus: The crucial role of dialysis nurses

Date: December 14, 2022

Time: 14:00 - 15:15 CEST

Speaker(s): Anastasia Lisossatou

Dr Afra Masià-Plana

Daniel Gallego

Moderator: Jane Golland

Registration:

<https://www.edtnerca.org/education/webinars-2022>



EDTNA/ERCA Webinar
European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/
European Renal Care Association

December 14 2022
14:00-15:15 CET

Assessment and identification of patients on haemodialysis with CKD – associated Pruritus: The crucial role of dialysis nurses

Moderator: Jane Golland, RN, MSc

Speakers: Anastasia Liossotou, RN, MSc, PhD(c); Dr Afra Masià-Plana, RN, MSc, PhD; Daniel Gallego, President, European Kidney Patients Federation

News from Cyprus



I am happy to announce that, as of the 20th of October 2022, the **"Nephrology Nursing Specialty"** program has begun! The program is based on the **EDTNA/ERCA curriculum**. This feat was achieved in cooperation with Nicosia University and the Cyprus Ministry of Health after years of efforts by the Cyprus Nurses Nephrologist Association.



We are all overjoyed about this achievement, as we faced and overcame many difficulties with God's help - including the SARS-COVID-19 pandemic. It is our sincere hope that we can rely on this program to help upgrade our capabilities and make a qualitative difference in nephrology nursing.

I, Despo Theodorou, as Cyprus Brand Ambassador, have received books from EDTNA/ERCA (my sincerest thanks to Jane) and thus gifted them to the students of the Specialization program as well as to some honoured guests, on behalf of EDTNA/ERCA. I wanted to give the students a warm welcome and to inform them about the important role of EDTNA/ERCA.

With the warmest of gratitude,



Despo Theodorou

Cyprus Brand Ambassador

News from The Netherlands



We are glad to report that the **EDTNA/ERCA conference** in Rotterdam in September 2022 **was a great success**. We received

many positive reactions. Eight Dutch speakers presented their work at the conference and in December 2022 will publish articles about their subjects and impressions of the conference in the Dutch Magazine, Dialysis and Nephrology, the Journal for members of the Dutch Association for Nurses in Nephrology (about 2000 members). On LinkedIn we also published information about presentations and other subjects.

Before the conference we had already created an EDTNA/ERCA Dutch Core group. The members of the group are: Bettie Hoekstra, Nurse Practitioner, Ronald Visser, nurse scientist and the Dutch Brand Ambassador Aase Riemann. Together with the National Associations of Nurses, Social Workers and Dieticians and other stakeholders working in nephrology, the core group now works on its goals for the next three years. These are:

- To reach a minimal of 7 accepted EDTNA/ERCA abstracts each year;
- To improve the number of “likes” to the EDTNA/ERCA website to at least 15 each month;
- To increase the number of Dutch EDTNA/ERCA members with at least 15 %;
- To work on a system with 2 or 3 fixed EDTNA/ERCA Ambassadors;

In March 2023 I was invited to give a presentation about the EDTNA/ERCA at the two-days conference of the Dutch Nephrology Association.

We were happy with the opportunity to host the International Conference in Rotterdam and are sure that the conference has given an inspiring boost to work further on promoting the EDTNA/ERCA in the Netherlands.



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New EDTNA/ERCA CKD Consultant

We welcome the new EDTNA/ERCA CKD Consultant



Chrysanthi Avrami, Greece

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Her work will focus on developing educational materials as a support tool to assist with the training of staff members who are newcomers to Renal Units.

To promote the importance of strategies in the prevention and management of CKD.

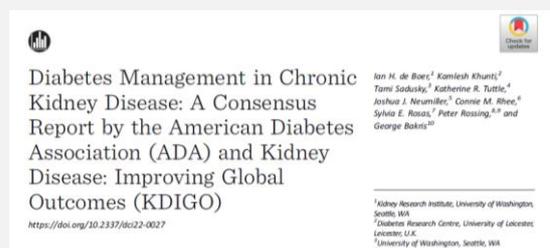
To set up a network of professionals interested in the management of CKD associated with diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular disease as well as complications such as anaemia and metabolic bone disease, among others.

New free article – Nurse Science

This month we promote this important article regarding the **“Diabetes management in Chronic Kidney Disease: A consensus report by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO)”**.

This link is a free access:

<https://diabetesjournals.org/care/article/doi/10.2337/dci22-0027/147614/Diabetes-Management-in-Chronic-Kidney-Disease-A>





As a EDTNA/ERCA member who can benefit:

-  Apply for a **volunteer position** and to stand for election
-  Be a part of the decision making in EDTNA/ERCA: file motions and to vote
-  Have **access to the Journal of Renal Care in E-Version** and printed version per request
-  Have access to all **available publications** in E-Version and printed version
-  Get all information available for Members
-  Register at reduced member fee for all available events

<https://www.edtnerca.org/membership/how-to-join>

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