

Message from EDTNA/ERCA President

Dear Members, Volunteers, Colleagues,

I am thrilled to invite you to the **52nd International Congress of the EDTNA/ERCA** in the vibrant city of Athens, Greece! Join us from 21st to 24th September 2024, for an exciting conference under the theme "**Unveiling the Future: Artificial Intelligence and New Kidney Replacement Therapies.**"

This event is your chance to delve into groundbreaking advancements in nephrology, renal replacement treatments, and transplantation. Athens, with its rich history and modern charm, provides the perfect backdrop for this dynamic exchange of ideas and experiences.

Expect a captivating program filled with keynote lectures, workshops, and symposia from renowned experts worldwide. Beyond the science, enjoy the warmth of Greek hospitality, cultural richness, and vibrant social events designed to foster connections and collaborations.

Mark your calendars and prepare to be inspired. Together, let's advance the field of renal care and improve the lives of those affected by renal disease. Stay tuned for more details and feel free to reach out with any inquiries.

I look forward to welcoming you to Athens for an unforgettable congress!

With warm regards,



Dr. Ilaria de Barbieri
EDTNA/ERCA President

52th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – ATHENS, GREECE



We are thrilled to invite you to the **52nd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference**, where the renal care community will come together to share experiences, expand knowledge and improve healthcare.

The conference will open with a keynote speech by Fokko Wieringa, who will discuss "The Future of Technology-based Kidney Replacement Therapies." This presentation promises to set the stage for an enlightening and innovative event.

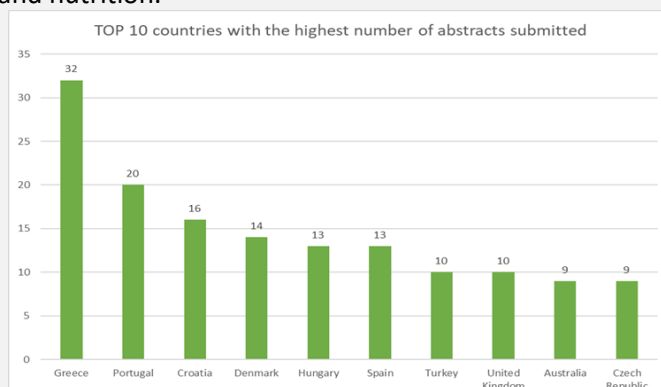


Dr. Fokko Pieter Wieringa is Principal Scientist within the Health Department of IMEC the Netherlands, where he works on the development of Autonomous Therapeutic Systems. Next to that, he is an associate professor of Medical Technology at the University Medical Center in Utrecht.

With 37 years of experience in medical technology, he is (co)inventor of 26 granted patents, a core driver of the Dutch Kidney Foundations' initiative to develop the NextKidney portable hemodialysis machine, and a European liaison to the FDA/ASN Kidney Health Initiative (KHI) towards an implantable artificial kidney.

Since 2020 he chairs the Work Group "Breakthrough Innovation" of the European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA). Dr. Wieringa represents the Netherlands within worldwide standardization organizations IEC, ISO, and AAMI regarding safety and essential performance of dialysis equipment, and he is a co-founder of KIDNEW.

We are proud to announce that we received **214 abstract submissions**, showcasing groundbreaking research and innovation in the field. Our scientific program features **parallel sessions** covering essential topics such as risk management and quality improvement, symptom management, the experience of people with kidney disease, new technologies, vascular access, and nutrition.



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In addition to these sessions, we have organized several hands-on **workshops**, including those focused on peritoneal dialysis and vascular access. These workshops are designed to deepen your expertise and provide practical insights that you can apply in your practice.

A special highlight of the conference is the **Greek National Day**, celebrating the contributions and advancements in renal care from Greece. This day offers a fantastic opportunity to network with colleagues from Greece, share insights, and build lasting professional relationships.

Throughout the conference, there will be numerous opportunities to connect with peers, share insights, and build lasting collaborations across the global renal care community.

We look forward to welcoming you to an inspiring and educational conference. Don't miss out on this exceptional opportunity to learn from the best and contribute to the future of renal care.

See you at the 52nd EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Athens, Greece!

[**LINK to REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE**](#)

[**LINK to LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**](#)

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Also Don't Forget to Visit our EDTNA/ERCA Booth!



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EDTNA/ERCA WEBINARS

Don't worry if you missed any of our webinars! We've got you covered with the complete list and recordings available for you to catch up anytime. Dive in at your convenience and stay informed!

EDTNA/ERCA WEBINARS:

January 26, 2024

Are we over-restricting dietary potassium and leading to an unhealthy diet?

Speaker:

Deepa Kariyawasam – *Senior Renal Dietitian, King's College Hospital, United Kingdom.*

Moderator:

Kalliopi Anna Poulia – *Nutrition Consultant for the EDTNA/ERCA, Greece.*

March 7, 2024

Nurse Practitioner Care for CKD: Delivery and Outcomes of a Clinical Program in Canada

Speakers:

Matthew James – *MD PhD, Nephrologist, Professor, Department of Medicine and Community Health Sciences, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada;*

Taylor Scory – *MSc A.Stat, Statistical Associate, Department of Medicine, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada;*

Ellen Novak – *RN NP, Nurse Practitioner, Alberta Kidney Care South, Alberta, Canada.*

Moderator:

Afra Masià-Plana – *RN, MSc, PhD, EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board Member, Lecturer at the Faculty of Nursing, University of Girona, Spain.*

May 28, 2024

The Importance of Early Diagnosis of Malnutrition in Patients Undergoing Dialysis Treatment - Special Reference to PD Patients

Speaker:

Elina Ioannou – *RD, MSc, PhD(c), Clinical Dietitian and Public Health Nutritionist, Cyprus.*

Moderator:

Sotiroula Glikli – *Peritoneal Dialysis Consultant for EDTNA/ERCA, Cyprus.*

June 17, 2024

Navigating the Journey to Excellence in Renal Education - The EDTNA/ERCA Accreditation Programme

Presenters:

Theodora Kafkia – *RN, MCs, PhD, Associate Professor of Renal Nursing;*

Jane Golland – *RA, MA, Deputy Head Nurse in the Hemodialysis department;*

John Sedgewick – *PhD, CGNC (Education, Leadership & Coaching), MSc, RN, EDTNA/ERCA Accreditation Committee Chair.*

Guests:

Evangelos Latzourakis – *PhD, MSc, PGCert LTHE, RN, Coordinator of PhD Programme;*

Muhammad Awwad – *RN, BSN, MBA, Chief Nursing Officer;*

Carla Felix – *Management Assistant, Nursing Care Department, Fresenius Medical Care/NephroCare Portugal.*

EDTNA/ERCA NATIONAL WEBINARS:

January 22, 2024

EDTNA/ERCA Webinar in Portuguese:

Contributos dos Enfermeiros Portugueses na 51ª Conferência da EDTNA/ERCA

Speakers:

Magda Gouveia Dinis, Rafaela Rocha, Nuno Rocha, Mário Mateus.

Moderator:

Maira Eulália Novais – BA EDTNA/ERCA in Portugal.

January 23, 2024

EDTNA/ERCA Webinar in Polish:

Selected Aspects of Patient Care After Kidney Transplantation

Speakers:

Anna Kliś – MSN, specialist in nephrology nursing;

Beata Białołbrzeska – MSN, specialist in nephrology nursing.

Moderator:

Aneta Trzcińska – BA EDTNA/ERCA in Poland.

January 26, 2024

EDTNA/ERCA Webinar in Portuguese:

Contributos dos Enfermeiros Portugueses na 51ª Conferência da EDTNA/ERCA

Speakers:

Patricia Maia, Daniela Sá, Rita Fernandes, Telmo Carvalho.

Moderator:

Maira Eulália Novais – BA EDTNA/ERCA in Portugal.

March 14, 2024

EDTNA/ERCA Webinar in Polish:

World Kidney Day - Healthy Kidneys for Everyone

Speakers:

Anna Kliś – MSN, specialist in nephrology nursing;

Beata Białołbrzeska – MSN, specialist in nephrology nursing.

Moderator:

Aneta Trzcińska – BA EDTNA/ERCA in Poland.

March 14, 2024

EDTNA/ERCA Webinar in Greek:

World Kidney Day

Speaker:

Dr. Konstantinos Petsios – RN, MHSc, MHM, PhD.

Moderator:

Dr. Stavroula Vovlianou and Vasiliki Zoi.

March 25, 2024

EDTNA/ERCA Webinar in Portuguese:

3º Webinar – Contributos dos Enfermeiros Portugueses na 51ª Conferência da EDTNA/ERCA

Speakers:

Maria Arminda Tavares, João Fazendeiro.

Moderator:

Maira Eulália Novais – BA EDTNA/ERCA in Portugal.

In the second half of the year we are aiming to have 2 more webinars including one on physical activity in renal disease with the support of GREX (Global Renal Exercise Network). More on that later on!

Recordings of EDTNA/ERCA Webinars are available to Members only, except for webinar about Accreditation, which is available to All. Recordings of EDTNA/ERCA National Webinars are available to All. If you didn't have a chance to join the live webinar, visit our website and see the recording!

[LINK to WEBINARS 2024](#)

We would also like to remind you that if you have attended live webinar, you can receive **Certificate of Attendance** upon request. For this reason each webinar requires registration. If you would like to receive the Certificate – please reach out to EDTNA/ERCA Secretariat: secretariat@edtnerca.org

WEBINARS IN YOUR OWN LANGUAGE

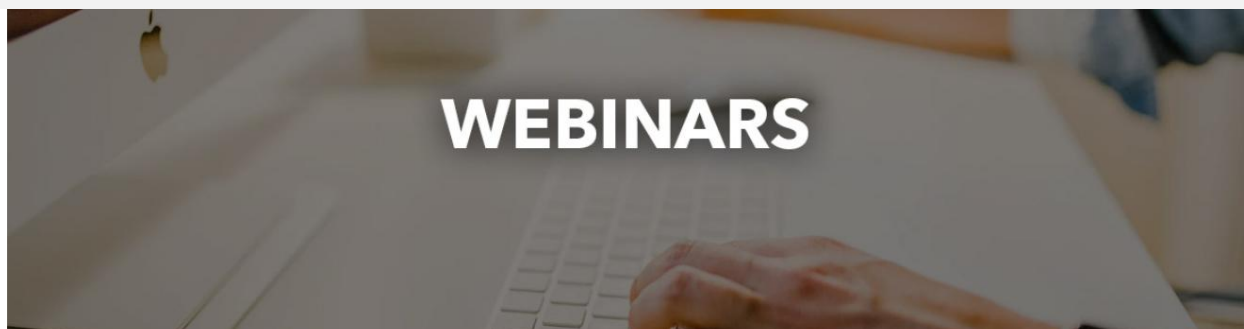
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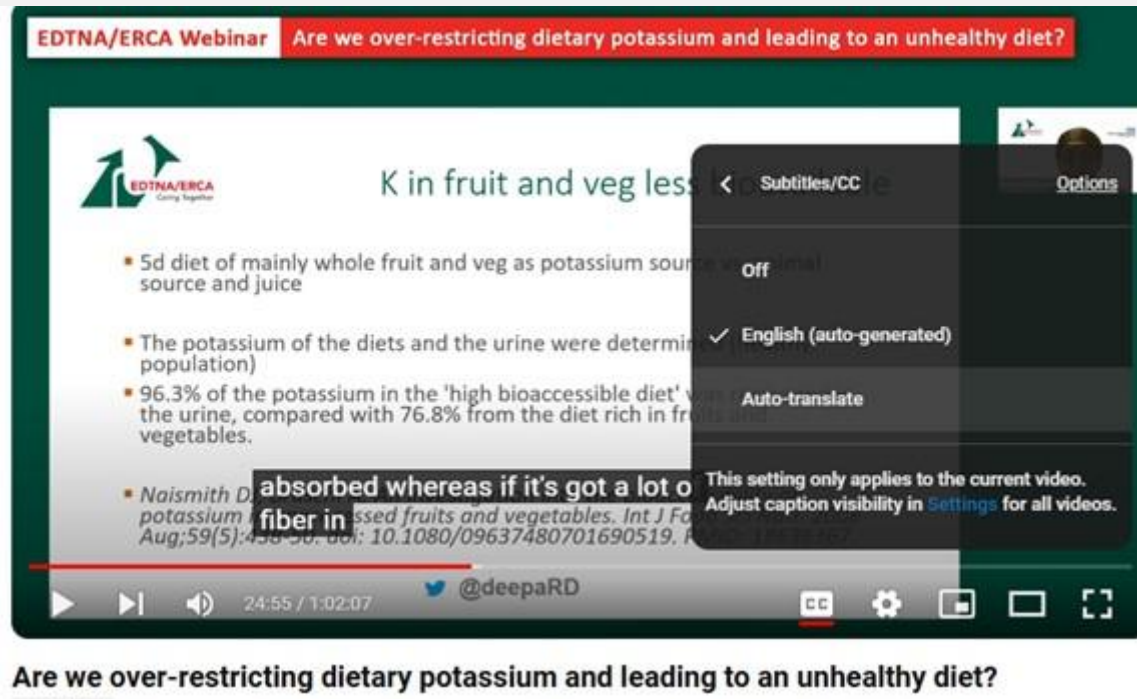
For EDTNA/ERCA to fulfill its mission, we are committed to providing educational materials and training tools to professionals in renal care. Webinars, organized by EDTNA/ERCA is a great opportunity for members to share knowledge and experience.

- Webinars turn a presentation into a real-time discussion forum from anywhere in the world.
- Webinars allow large groups of participants to be engaged in online discussions.
- Webinars offer the options to share audio, documents and/or slides.
- Webinars can be recorded and be used as educational materials afterwards.

Check all our past webinars from [2023](#), [2022](#), [2021](#), [2020](#) and [2018](#).

UPCOMING WEBINAR

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We hope this feature on YouTube allows you to watch any of the webinars in your native language. Please share this with your non-English speaking colleagues as this function opens up these webinars to our members across the world.

EDTNA/ERCA Accreditation Programme

The EDTNA/ERCA Webinar, “**Navigating the Journey to Excellence in Renal Education - The EDTNA/ERCA Accreditation Programme**,” held on June 17, 2024, highlighted the critical role of healthcare professionals in renal care and the importance of submitting their programs for accreditation.

During the webinar, attendees received a comprehensive overview of the Accreditation project, focusing on key factors for successful submission and essential components of the program. Successful applicants shared their experiences, challenges, and the support they received, emphasizing the significance of accreditation standards and linking evidence to these standards.

Accreditation is vital for ensuring educational quality and improving patient care. It recognizes competent educators and enhances curricula, teaching methods, student assessment, and support systems. The EDTNA/ERCA accreditation team work to create a clear and effective accreditation process, ensuring educational excellence in the renal specialty.

Accredited programs improve the quality and safety of patient care by meeting high educational standards. We encourage all renal care professionals to submit their programs for accreditation, contributing to the continuous improvement of renal education and patient outcomes.

Join us in advancing renal education excellence and making a significant impact on patient care.

The Accreditation Team



Dr John Sedgewick
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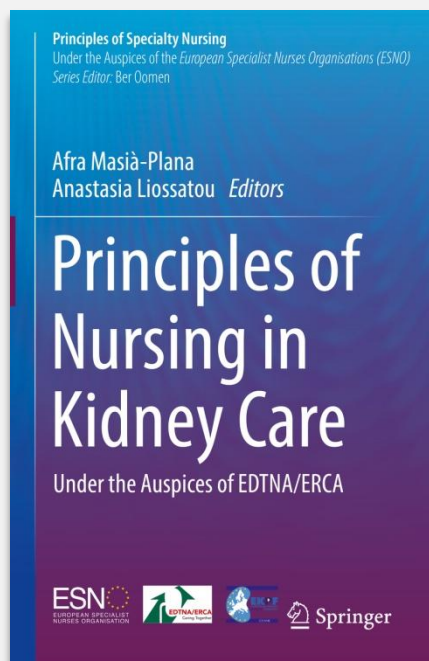
[LINK to WEBINAR ABOUT ACCREDITATION](#)

Meet our New Volunteers

Meet Our Dynamic New Team Members at EDTNA/ERCA!

We're thrilled to welcome two new Brand Ambassadors: **Panagiota Tsikala for Austria** and **Sarah Russo for Australia and New Zealand**. Additionally, **Joana Fontes** joins us as the **new HD Consultant**. Stay tuned for a detailed introduction of each in our next *NewsFlash!* Don't miss it!

EDTNA/ERCA Publications



Principles of Nursing in Kidney Care

Authors: Debbie Fortnum, Jose Jesus Broseta, Diana Rodriguez, Tai Mooi Ho, Navdeep Kumar, Michael Corr, Fiona Murphy, Reem Alhameedi, Jose Jesus Broseta, Diana Rodriguez Espinosa, Francisco Maduell Canals, Maurizio Gallieni, Annalisa di Pasquale, Donato Leopoldi, Vasiliki Zoi, Massimo Fontò, Ruben Iglesias, Silvia Corti, Rossella Esposto, Giuseppe Fenoglio, Sotiroulla C. Glikli, Maria Arminda Tavares, Candice Halinski, Faith Lynch, Claire Carswell, Jen Lumsdaine, Sofia Zyga, Victoria Alikari, Mike Kelly, Afra Masià-Plana, Miquel Sitjar-Suñer, Clare McKeaveney, Ana Grilo, Kalliopi Anna Poulia, Jeanette Finderup, Henning Søndergaard, Daniel Gallego, Ann Bonner, Leanne Brown.

Congratulations to all contributors!

The new book Principles of Nursing in Kidney Care under the Auspices of EDTNA/ERCA, European Kidney Patients' Federation & ESNO, European Specialist Nurses Organisations which has just been published in eBook format for now and will be available in print format very soon. The eBook will be

included in SpringerMedicine e-Book Collection, distributed to a broad range of institutions across the world and it will be accessible in ePub format, readable on any device.

DOI reference is: 10.1007/978-3-031-30320-3.

We would like to express our sincerest appreciation and say a massive "thank you" to all authors who have contributed to the completion of this book with their collective efforts, dedication, and passion.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Mrs Nathalie L'Horset-Poulain & Springer Nature team as well as Mr Ber Omer and Mr Daniel Gallego for their invaluable collaboration and unwavering support throughout the journey of bringing this book to its completion.

EDTNA/ERCA members will benefit from a rebate of a 33% discount on the public price (print or eBook).

[**LINK to BOOK on Springer**](#)

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NEW LANGUAGE EDITION

New language edition is available in **CZ language** of the book Guide “ **Management of Diabetic Foot in Renal Care- A Guide to clinical practice**” by Chrysanthi Avrami & Sofia Savvidou. The Translation from English to Czecks was facilitated by Jitka Pancířová. Check out our website to read the Czech edition under the members-only section of CZ language.

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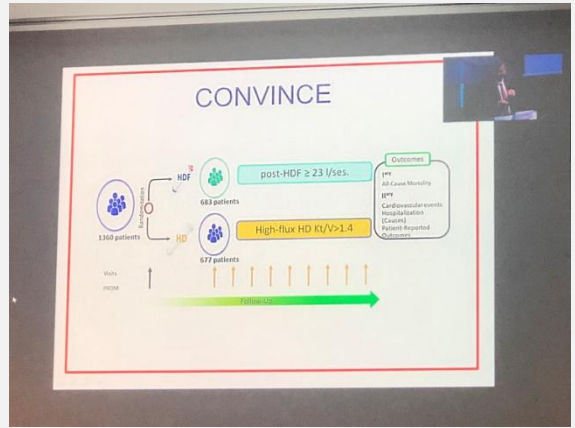
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The Jorc seeks to provide content that is relevant to, and reflective of, the growing diversity of the renal care community.

[Link to CONTACT THE TEAM to publish](#)

Brand Ambassador Activities

The Italian BA Silvia Corti represented EDTNA/ERCA at the ANTE national congress (ANTE = Italian National Association of Hemodialysis Technicians). The main topics were mostly "technical", as the association main issue is to promote to the stakeholders and Italian Government the "hemodialysis technician" professional role. The Executive Committee asked for EDTNA/ERCA collaboration for future shared projects. All the colleagues and brands representatives were very friendly, here are some pictures I want to share with you all.



Silvia Corti
Brand Ambassador for Italy

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- 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

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