

EDTNA/ERCA Message from President

Dear Members, Volunteers, Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. I am thrilled to announce that the registration for our next conference is now open! This is a significant event in our calendar, and I encourage all of you to mark your calendars for the dates and be a part of this exceptional gathering of professionals in the field of kidney care. We are working tirelessly to bring together an outstanding scientific program that will cover a wide range of topics and address the latest advancements and challenges in our field. Our aim is to provide you with an enriching experience that will leave you inspired, informed, and better equipped to meet the evolving needs of our patients.

162 abstracts were submitted, the volunteers and the Scientific Board evaluated the abstracts and soon the authors will receive the notifications of the acceptance.

I would invite you to visit the EDTNA/ERCA website where you will find the most updated information on the conference and the scientific programme.

With warm regards,



Dr. Ilaria de Barbieri
EDTNA/ERCA President

2023 EDTNA/ERCA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

We are expecting you in Vilnius - Lithuania. Don't miss this opportunity to share your projects, knowledge, and experience. Bring us your ideas and we will discuss them together!

Join us in Vilnius, Lithuania 14-17 October where the 51st EDTNA/ERCA International Conference will take place. The theme of our Conference is "Kidney Care in a challenging world – economic & sustainable implications".

The theme highlights two main topics: economy and sustainability, which are related, sometimes in conflict. But as healthcare professionals we need to consider them as pivotal.



Our Conference will take place at the Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva, which is a newly built conference center located right by the city center. Vilnius is a compact and walkable city, filled with urban green spaces and a healthy dose of impressive architecture, tasty eats and all kinds of exciting leisure activities.

For more information about the event, please visit the Conference page in this link below:

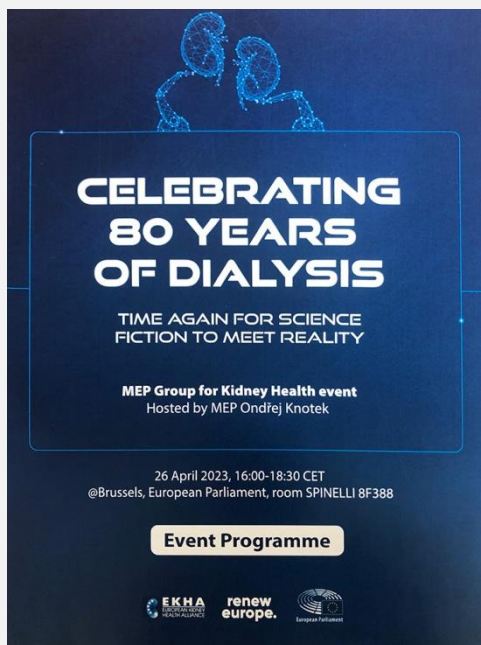
[Link to 51st EDTNA/ERCA
International Conference](#)

EDTNA/ERCA & EKHA

On the 26th April Dr. Ilaria de Barbieri, EDTNA/ERCA President, represented the Association in the EKHA event “Celebrating 80 years of Dialysis: Time again for science fiction” in the European Parliament in Brussels. The event took was hosted by MEP Ondrej Knotek, Co-Chair of the MEP Group for Kidney Health, and welcomed participants from the fields of patient advocacy, nephrology and policy making.

During the event, Prof Raymond Vanholder, MEP Ondřej Knotek, Daniel Gallego, Tom Oostrom and European Research Council (ERC) representative Prof Liselotte Højgaard spoke insightfully on the realities which kidney patients face daily, including the physical

and mental burdens of both kidney disease and kidney treatment. It is precisely this burden that strain the lives of so many kidney patients, and which led the late Delphine (a patient representative who used to work with the EKHA as a member of Renaloo) to her courageous decision to end her treatment and life in 2022. Speakers underlined the pressing need to make treatment easier on patients. Fortunately, innovation and new tech advancements now have the potential to ease the burden that current kidney care practices have on kidney patients and their loved ones. The EU must now step up efforts to ensure these innovations become a reality for kidney patients.


















EDTNA/ERCA & ESNO

The 6th Annual ESNO Congress, will take place in Brussels 8 and 9 June 2023



Anastasia Liossatou & Afra Masià-Plana will be representing EDTNA/ERCA at the ESNO conference and will be among the keynotes and special speakers.

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EDTNA/ERCA & ANNA Annual Symposium

I recently attended the annual symposium of American Nephrology Nurses Association, on behalf of the President and represented EDTNA/ERCA. I can confidently say that it was an enriching experience. The symposium was held from May 7th to May 10th in Palm Springs. I was excited to be a part of this event, as it was my first time attending online an event organized by this association.

The symposium was well-organized, and the event schedule was clearly laid out in the program provided. The keynote speaker, Dr Donna Cardillo, delivered an informative talk on how to let go of what no longer serves us, which was one of the highlights of the event. The symposium also featured talks from various nurses who shared their knowledge and expertise on the latest trends and best practices for renal nursing.

As a dialysis nurse, I found the symposium to be highly informative and relevant to my work. The sessions on emerging therapies for patients with anemia, from labs to diagnostics and the dialysis of drugs were particularly useful, and I learned practical tips and strategies that I can apply in my practice. I was also impressed by the range of topics covered in the symposium, including addressing depression, laughter as an antidote and home therapies. Special reference to Dr Marijo Johnson for the home dialysis session, a presentation I really enjoyed and look forward to seeing it happening in my own country Greece. The symposium provided ample opportunities for

networking, and I got to interact with other renal nurses from across the country.

Overall, the annual symposium of the American Nephrology Nurses Association was a valuable experience, and I highly recommend it to my colleagues in the field of renal nursing. The organization did an excellent job of putting together a comprehensive program that catered to the diverse needs of renal nurses.

I look forward to attending future events. Thank you ANNA for having me and EDTNA/ERCA for the opportunity. Waiting to see our American colleagues in our own International Conference 14-17/10/2023 in Vilnius.







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EDTNA/ERCA Webinars

EDTNA/ERCA mission is to provide continuous education to our members and we are preparing the next webinars following these topics.

Stay tuned and don't miss the opportunity to increase your knowledge and share your own experiences.

-  Renal Replacement Therapy in critical care
-  Anticoagulants (protocols, responsibilities)
-  Vascular Access – Ultra Sound and cannulation
-  How to communicate with a patient with chronic kidney disease so aggression and violence is prevented

If you want to make suggestions about some topics that you would like to have more education, please contact us: secretariat@edtnaerca.org

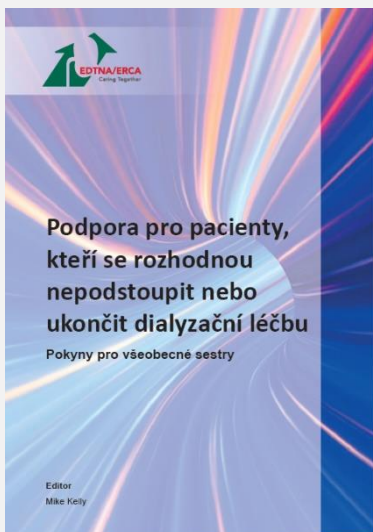
Our last webinar on the 26th of May with Dr. Stephen O’Neill on the “**Best practice evidence in peritoneal dialysis**”. Dr. O’Neill is the Surgical Lead for Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) in Northern Ireland. He has led on a service reconfiguration bundle that has doubled the annual PD population in Northern Ireland. His presentation will highlight how best practice evidence, and flexible models of service delivery introduced as a bundle can quickly deliver expanded access to PD.

On the 15th June the EDTNA/ERCA Consultant Ruben Iglesias, will share his expertise on Vascular Access in the webinar “**The power of POCUS for haemodialysis vascular access**”.

We want to remind you that all webinars are free for EDTNA/ERCA members.

EDTNA/ERCA Publications

I would like to inform our members on the **NEW** translation in **Czech language** that is already uploaded in our Association’s website:



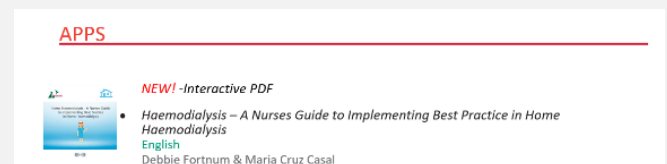
Supporting patients who opt not to have dialysis or stop dialysis – Guidelines for Nurses

by Mike Kelly

The pdf is available at:

<https://www.edtnaerca.org/education/publications-cs>

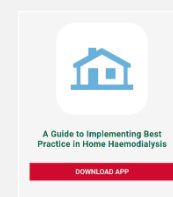
Please visit our website under the **Education Section** <https://www.edtnaerca.org/education/publications> and check out our new publications as well as all our educational materials.



NEW! Interactive PDF

The previously published pdf on **Haemodialysis – A Nurses Guide to Implementing Best Practice in Home Haemodialysis**

by Debbie Fortnum & Maria Cruz Casal



More language editions & more educational materials are in progress for 2023 and will be available soon on line. **New books** are to be launched during **51st EDTNA/ERCA International Conference, Vilnius, Lithuania 14-17 October 2023!**

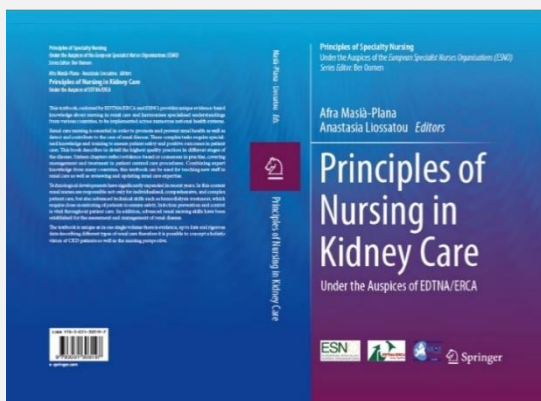
So, stay tuned!!!

I would like to welcome any of our members who wishes 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.

Special Publication in progress in collaboration with Springer & ESNO

Springer-Nature will be publishing a book coordinated by EDTNA/ERCA titled “Principles of Nursing in Kidney Care” as part of the Principles of Specialty Nursing Series, endorsed by European Specialists Nurses Organization (ESNO).

We have the privilege that this book will also be endorsed by the European Kidney Patients Federation (EKPF).



“Principles of Nursing in Kidney Care”

Editor: Afra Masià-Plana & Co-Editor: Anastasia Liossattou



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EDTNA/ERCA Projects

The publication Green Excellence in Dialysis Recommendations for Sustainable Kidney Care is a result of the joint EDTNA/ERCA and B. Braun Avitum AG project, and was launched during the 50th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Rotterdam in September 2022. Renal Care professionals showed a lot of interest in this publication, which is presented as an interactive PDF on the EDTNA/ERCA webpage:

<https://www.edtnaerca.org/sustainability-applications>.

In 2023 the project is going forward and due to the great support of EDTNA/ERCA volunteers and B. Braun Avitum AG, Recommendations will be translated into 10 languages: Dutch, German, Italian, French, Spanish, Lithuanian, Czech, Croatian, Russian, and Spanish. The translated versions will be launched during the 51st EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Vilnius and will be available on the EDTNA/ERCA website.



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

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](#)

RENALPRO FORUM

RenalPro is an email forum, supported by the NKF and the EDTNA/ERCA. RenalPro is a moderated, multidisciplinary email list for healthcare professionals (nurses, technicians, dietitians, social workers, administrators, physicians, engineers, etc.) interested in topics related to nephrology, dialysis and transplantation. Its purpose is an electronic communication tool for the exchange of ideas, concerns or questions related to renal care.

Topics discussed during 2022 included minimal ultrafiltration rates, venous needle displacement,

dialyser reuse, machine disinfection, heparin use, and staffing practices in PD units.

In January 2023, RenalPro had over 750 subscribers from around the world. The RenalPro forum is co-moderated by Sabine Nipshagen (Germany) and Chava Kurtz (Israel).

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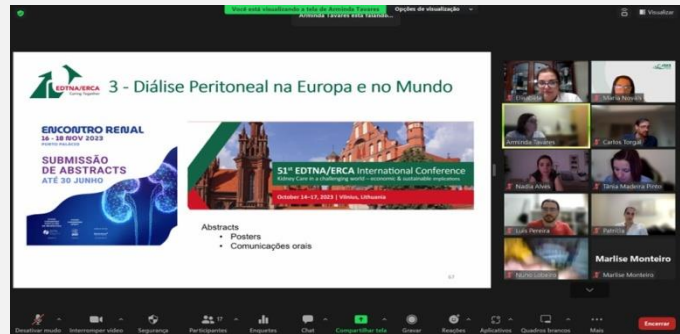
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News from Portugal - Brand Ambassador Activities

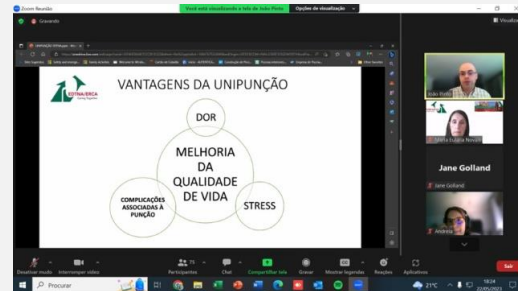
The 19th Regional Meeting of APEDT (Portuguese Association of Dialysis and Transplant Nurses) took place on the 22nd and 23rd of April, under the theme “Integrative Approach in Renal Care Management” with the presence of 150 participants. As has already been the practice of this meeting, on the first day, the EDTNA/ERCA MasterClass is held with the theme “Initiation to the ultrasound” with several lectures and practical use of the ultrasound to evaluate venous accesses, in the coordination group was Maria Eulália Novais (BA Portugal). On the second day, we highlight the first table moderated by Maria Arminda Tavares (EC of EDTNA/ERCA) entitled “Indicators sensitive to Nursing care” and the closing table “Communication in the continuity of care” moderated by Maria Eulália Novais (BA Portugal). There were two rewarding days of intense work and discussion on nephrological nursing, where all those who wanted to participate were given a voice to explain difficulties and improvements in care for people with kidney disease.



From the 15th to the 20th of May, the **Peritoneal Dialysis Course: Promotion of self-care** was held at ESEL (Escola Superior de Enfermagem de Lisboa) coordinated by Maria Eulalia Novais (BA Portugal) and with the participation of Maria Arminda Tavares (EC EDTNA/ERCA), in addition to the main topics, it was also discussed with the participants the need and advantages of those working in the area of Nephrology to participate in belonging to an international community such as EDTNA/ERCA.



On the 22nd of May, another **Portugal Webinar "Mondays Talk about Nephrology"** by EDTNA/ERCA held by Maria Eulália Novais (BA Portugal) with the subject "Unipuncture: what future in Hemodialysis" with the presence of 75 participants, the discussion was quite rewarding in the sense of improving care for users with the need for single puncture.



Maria Eulália Novais
EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassador

13th Congress of the Vascular Access Society

The 13th Congress of the Vascular Access Society took place in Porto, where Maria Eulália Novais (EDTNA/ERCA BA Portugal) presented the paper "Self-care with vascular access is a problem?" where she reflected on the complexity of self-care. They also participated Silvia Corti (EDTNA/ERCA BA Italy) with the communication "New indications and possibilities" and Ruben Iglesias (EDTNA/ERCA HD Consultant Spain) who presented the theme "Dedicated POCUS vs General purpose US".



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- Have **access to the Journal of Renal Care in E-Version** and printed version per request
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