



January 2017

Dear Colleagues,

Last month we shared a link to an article about nurses making changes to their practice to improve patient handovers. There are many things that nurses and technologists can do together or within their own professional teams to practice at the full extent of their roles. Many experts have commented that outcomes for patients are best when all team members are functioning to their full legal professional scope. Environments where staff have control over their practice and how it is shaped can also lead to improved morale and retention. Working within larger teams particularly in highly structured health care settings where there can be many regulations and process steps that govern how staff can evolve and grow their roles to enhance patient care can be challenging. However, there are many great examples, such as team handovers, communication tools, establishing regular assessment days such as "socks off days" on units that staff can implement to enhance patient care without requiring extra resources or inter-dependency on other professional groups.

A further example was presented in the January/February edition of the Canadian Nurse (Vol. 113 No.1 page 14, the CNA discusses the development of the first nursing list for Choosing Wisely Canada including Nine Things Nurses and Patients Should Question, among them: "2. Don't advise on routine self- monitoring of blood glucose between appointments for clients with diabetes who do not require insulin." I am curious about what kinds of things are happening in the practice environments of our members around advancing scope and roles. What kinds of things do nephrology nurses and technologists feel should be part of their roles and aren't? Are there any good news stories that you would like to share about initiatives in your practice setting developed by nurses and/or technologists that have lead to successful improvements for patients and staff on your unit? I would love to hear about them! Write to me at: CANNT.directorcom@gmail.com

Best, Michele
Director of Communications, CANNT Board of Directors

Dates to Remember

February 20 - 23, 2017

[NANT Annual
Symposium](#)

March 9, 2017

[World Kidney Day](#)

April 6 - 7, 2017

[Western Canada PD
Days](#)

April 7 - 10, 2017

[ANNA National
Symposium](#)

April 18 - 22, 2017

[NKF Spring Clinical
Meeting](#)

April 23 - 29, 2017

Volunteer Appreciation
Week

May 8 - 14, 2017

[CNA National Nursing
Week](#)

September 20, 2017

[Nephrology Healthcare
Professionals Day](#)

**September 23 - 25,
2017**

[ANNA Fall Meeting](#)

October 5 - 6, 2017

[BC Kidney Days](#)

October 4 - 5, 2017

[REINQ Conference](#)

CANNT 2017 Call for Abstracts



Abstracts are currently being accepted for ORAL and POSTER presentations for CANNT 2017 - "**CHARTING OUR COURSE -Setting Sail for the Future**". This annual national meeting of the Canadian Association of

Nephrology Nurses and Technologists will be held October 19 - 21, 2017 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The conference venue is the Halifax World Trade and Convention Centre in downtown Halifax. Abstract submissions should demonstrate the theme: planning to meet the needs of patients and families as we look to the future - appropriate for the novice through to the advanced practice professional. Topics of interest may include: clinical research, innovative projects and solutions, ethics, case presentations and clinical reviews. All abstract submissions must be evidence-based. Please consult the list of leading edge topics for possible areas of interest.

[Please click here for more information.](#)

Deadline to Submit: February 1, 2017

CANNT Call for Nominations to the Board of Directors

The CANNT Nominating Committee is looking for CANNT/ACITN members to apply for the following positions on the CANNT/ACITN Board of Directors.

The positions commence October 2017 in Halifax, NS.

Deadline to apply: June 1, 2017

Positions Available:

VP Atlantic (3 year term)

VP Quebec (3 year term)

Benefits to Board Membership

- have a DIRECT VOICE in how YOUR Association is run.
- receive complimentary registration for the annual conference, with travel and accommodations covered as well!
- CNA recognizes professional committee membership / participation (executive of a specialty association) and 25 hours can be claimed annually towards

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certification hours.

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CANNT Awards

There are MANY Bursaries, Grants and Awards that CANNT members can apply for each year. Members can also nominate a fellow CANNT member for their outstanding work in nephrology.

[Click here to view ALL Bursaries/Grants/Awards of Excellence available for CANNT members.](#)

Deadline to apply: May 1, 2017

CNA Certification Dates

There will be two exam writing sessions this year.

January	Initial Exam or Renewal by Exam Application window 1 (Jan 3-Mar 1)	Renew by continuous learning Application window (Jan 3 – Nov 30)
February		
March		
April		
May	Exam period 1 (May 1-15)	
June	Initial Exam or Renewal by Exam Application window 2 (June 1-Sept 1)	
July		
August		
September		
October		
November	Exam period 2 (Nov 1-15)	
December		Certification expiry date for renewals due in 2017 (Dec 31)

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CANNT Webinars

CANNT members are invited to view the following recording which has just been added to the CANNT website:

Hypertension in Hemodialysis
- by Dr. Robert Richardson MD FRCPC

[Click here for the link to watch.](#)

If you have a question for Dr. Richardson, please send it to susanm@innovcc.ca and it will be posted on the website with his answer.

Career Opportunities

- 1 Registered Nurse - Full and Part Time, Renal Program -
Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga, ON
Posted: Dec 12, 2016

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