



# Your **CANNT** Connection



## February 2017

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Dear CANNT members,

A renewed focus on patient and family centered care has been in the air, with increasing integration such as patient care advisors being invited to participate on operational committees at hospitals and health care sites, and Accreditation Canada embedding this important value into their standards. For those in the renal community, who forge lasting relationships with our patients over time, encouraging and promoting self care, no matter which modality, this concept is not new. Collaborating and even changing assignments to accommodate the skill set of a staff member or a language barrier for a patient is commonplace on many units. My question for CANNT members this month is where do and should the boundaries on this practice exist? Can patients request a different nurse based on bonds they may have formed? Or refuse care from a staff member assigned to them based on their preference? Their nurse's gender or religious beliefs? Are there any hard and fast rules? For many professions like medicine, social work or nutrition, there may only be one person in this role on a unit and no choice available regardless of circumstance. How might it feel to be a patient in this scenario or the staff member a patient is rebuffing? I have heard many different experiences and examples about this and would love to hear yours!

Contact me at: [CANNT.directorcom@gmail.com](mailto:CANNT.directorcom@gmail.com)

Happy February,

Michele  
Director of Communications, CANNT Board of Directors

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## CANNT Membership Rates

Membership rates starting April 1, 2017 will be as follows:

- 1 year membership rate: \$80.00
- 2 year membership rate: \$150.00

## 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 10 - 12, 2017**

[Planning for Implementation and Sustainability](#)

**April 18 - 22, 2017**

[NKF Spring Clinical Meeting](#)

**April 23 - 29, 2017**

Volunteer Appreciation Week

**May 4, 2017**

[21st Annual Kidney/Urinary Conference](#)

**May 8 - 14, 2017**

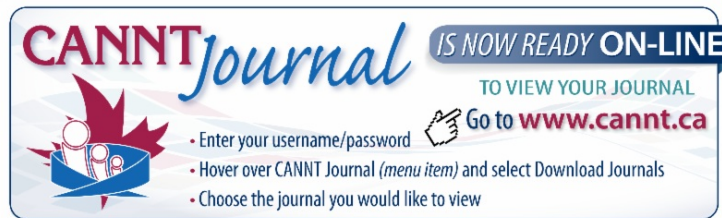
[CNA National Nursing Week](#)

**July 6 - 7, 2017**

[12th Annual Conference on Nephrology & Urology](#)

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## CANNT Journal Volume 26 Issue 4 is now available



### IN THIS ISSUE:

The experience of individuals transitioning from in-centre hemodialysis to home dialysis after a suboptimal start  
*By Caroline Sauvé, Amanda Vandyk, and Frances Fothergill Bourbonnais*

### CONTINUING EDUCATION SERIES

Drug dosing in dialysis  
*By Jam Bravo and Marisa Battistella*

[Click here to review this journal.](#)

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## 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 certification hours.

[For more information and forms for candidates and](#)

September 9 - 12, 2017  
[EDTNA/ERCA  
International  
Conference](#)

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](#)

October 19 - 21, 2017  
[CANNT Charting Our  
Course, Setting Sail for  
the Future](#)

May 5 - 8, 2018  
[17th Congress of the  
International Society for  
Peritoneal Dialysis](#)

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### Stay Connected



### Forward to a Colleague

Do you have colleagues that don't receive our monthly newsletters? Please forward this to them using the link below.

### Your Feedback is Valued!

[Heather Reid](#)  
National Administrator

[Sharon Lapointe](#)  
Membership  
Coordinator

[nominations click here.](#)

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[Susan Mason](#)

Website and Social  
Media

## 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.

[Michele Trask](#)

Director of  
Communications

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

[Join our Mailing List](#)

**Deadline to apply: May 1, 2017**

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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.](#)

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