



April 2017

Dear Renal Community,

This month's topic, which is near and dear to everyone's heart, is physical space. Whether you are working in an older unit in need of renovating or have the luxury of purpose built designed space, there never seems to be enough physical space! Recently, I have had the good fortune to speak with staff across the country who have recently occupied a new unit, either renovated, refurbished or new build. If your unit is contemplating a physical makeover in the near future, here are the top 10 themes for renal I am hearing:

1. There is no such thing as too much space to store equipment.
2. Having said this, make sure alcoves for storage can fit a bed if needed.
3. Plumb every space possible including conference rooms which can be used in emergencies but also for training.
4. In ground scales which can print results and be modified for wheelchair or stretcher/bed are worth their weight in gold.
5. Sliders are replacing curtains in popularity due to infection control.
6. Movable carts to store nursing supplies can double as a workspace.
7. Consider making each patient space same handed so all supplies can be found in the same spot easily.
8. Mock up the space before committing if you can to make sure that things like call bells, oxygen, overhead venting and lighting are in the right space.
9. Make sure drains in dirty utility rooms can handle the types of solutions being wasted on a renal unit.
10. In line K baths are making a comeback. Many European settings have 3 options (K 1, 2 or 3) at each station.

What are your top tips or lessons learned for renovations or re-builds in renal?

Speak to me at: CANNT.directorcom@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

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](#)

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

September 20, 2017
[Nephrology Healthcare Professionals Day](#)

September 23 - 25, 2017
[ANNA Fall Meeting](#)

Happy Spring, Michele
Director of Communications, CANNT Board of Directors

Nephrology Healthcare Professional Day - Call for Videos

Please send us a video to help celebrate the day! It's time to let loose and have a laugh! Use your creative talents to bring your favourite team of nephrology health care professionals together! Costumes, music and entertaining anecdotes are encouraged!


Do not attach the video file, but include a download link - can be YouTube, Google Drive

Send to: CANNT@CANNT.ca

Looking forward to seeing you at your fun, smiling and silliest!

Michele
Director of Communications, CANNT Board of Directors

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The psychiatry-integrated nurse practitioner role in hemodialysis: An opportunity to provide nurse practitioner care between the interface of psychiatry and hemodialysis
By Brock Cooper, Kien Dang, Ann Jones, and Alison Thomas

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Acute kidney injury secondary to lymphoma
By Patwant Dhillon and Marisa Battistella

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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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The Call for POSTER Abstracts has been extended!

Abstracts are currently being accepted for **POSTER** presentations for CANNT 2017 - "

Director of Communications

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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.](#)

Please note this extension is only for POSTER presentations.

Only COMPLETE submissions received by Thursday, April 13, 2017 will be considered.

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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)

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- 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 nominations click here.](#)

CANNT Awards

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**Deadline to apply: May 1, 2017 or June 30, 2017
(varies with award)**

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**

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