



June 2019



Get Ready for the 51st Annual CANNT/ACITN Conference October 24-26, 2019 in Edmonton!

***"There are two ways to share knowledge. You can push information out. You can pull them in with a story" - unknown***

We are looking forward to hearing your stories! We put together a comprehensive program with something for everyone. The CANNT Conference is an opportunity to share our wealth of Nephrology knowledge from coast to coast!

Every story has a beginning, middle, and end. The renal journey is no different. We will share stories about CKD program, pediatrics, transitions, modality choices, home program, hemodialysis, peritoneal, conservative care, end of life, and technical advances.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Edmonton! Make sure to check out the program schedule available online now!

Cheers!

***CANNT 2019 Planning Committee***

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## CANNT/ACITN News

**Announcing the 2019 Conference Opening Keynote:  
Greg's Wings Project: *Falling through the Cracks:*  
*Greg's Story***



### Dates to Remember

**June 27-29, 2019**  
[Renal Society of Australasia Annual Conference](#)

**June 27-September 30, 2019**  
[CNA Certification Fall Application Window](#)

**September 14-17, 2019**  
[48th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference](#)

**October 3-4, 2019**  
[BC Kidney Days](#)

**October 24-26, 2019**  
[CANNT National Conference: Sharing our Stories Down by the River](#)

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Forward to a  
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## Greg's Story

*Falling Through the Cracks: Greg's Story* is a short film on Greg Price's journey through the healthcare system. The film gives a glimpse of who Greg was and focuses on the events of his healthcare journey that ended in his unexpected and tragic death.

In spite of the sadness of *Greg's Story*, the message of the film is intended to inspire positive change and improvement in the healthcare system. We believe the film will resonate with the audience and create a platform for further dialogue. We hope people will feel empowered and challenge the status quo of the current healthcare system so we all end up with better care and outcomes.

Watch the trailer online at: <http://gregswings.ca/fttc-trailer/>

## CANNT 2019 Annual Conference: Registration Open Now!

Registration is open now! Early Bird rates are available until August 31, 2019! Save up to \$100.00!

Want to save more? Become a CANNT Member! CANNT Members save \$135.00 on registration fees!

For more information, please visit <http://www.canntconference.com/2019/registration/>

## Preliminary Program for CANNT/ACITN 2019 live now!

Visit the Conference website and check out the preliminary program schedule: <http://www.canntconference.com/2019/program/>

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## Sponsorship and Exhibit Spaces still available!

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Now in its 51st year, CANNT 2019 is expected to attract 400+ professionals and reflect the diversity of its members. The conference also responds to its membership's needs for education, networking and access to suppliers. Opportunities to raise your corporate profile beyond the Exhibit Hall are available at a number of price points and levels of exposure!

More details available online: <http://www.canntconference.com/2019/sponsorship-application/>

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## **Updates from CNA - Certification Program**

*Fall application window - opening delayed until June 27*

This is an important notice for those planning to apply to write an exam for initial certification or for renewal: the application window will not open on June 3, 2019, as previously advertised. The application window will be June 27-September 30. Exams will still take place November 1-15.

More details available online: <https://www.cna-aic.ca/en/certification>

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## **Opportunities to receive more Continuous Learning Hours!**

Did you know CANNT/ACITN provides opportunities for you receive continuous leaning hours?

CANNT/ACITN provides Continuing Education Series, including quizzes in which you can earn up to 3 CL hours. To view the available quizzes, please visit <https://cannt-acitn.ca/our-courses/>

Attending the Annual Conference is another way to increase your CL Hours. Hours will be earned based on sessions attended. Make sure to register for the 2019 annual conference!

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## **Nephrology News**

### **Edmonton Nursing Grad Aims to Empower Home Dialysis Patients**

Rita Iradukunda is a recent nursing grad from the University of Alberta. She did a research project on the surveys patients fill out, looking at the emotional and psychological aspects of home dialysis. One of the goals of the project is to have doctors and nurses use the data as a way of starting a conversation during follow-up visits to the clinic.

Listen to the online interview here: <http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1533070915778/>

Read the full article online here: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/nursing-grad-aims-to-empower-home-dialysis-patients-1.5164287>

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### **Peterborough Regional Health Centre Manager Donates Kidney to Co-Worker**





Peterborough Regional Health Centre

Two co-workers at Peterborough Regional Health Centre share more than a passion for health care after one donated a kidney to help the other.

Read the full article online at: <https://globalnews.ca/news/5312666/peterborough-regional-health-centre-manager-donates-kidney-to-co-worker/>

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### Dialysis Patients Slam OHIP Changes



London North Centre MPP Terence Kernaghan with dialysis patients Bonnie Field and Emma Klotz. Photo by Miranda Chant, Blackburn News

Two London woman who rely on dialysis to live are calling out the Ford government for controversial changes to Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) coverage that they say would virtually prevent them from leaving the country.

Read the full article online at: <https://blackburnnews.com/london/london-news/2019/05/11/dialysis-patients-slam-ohip-changes/>

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### Bringing Healing into Focus

Today, nearly 49,000 Canadians are being treated for kidney failure. Of those, more than 57 per cent are on dialysis.

Dialysis is a process that removes excess water, solutes and toxins from the blood for people whose kidneys can no longer perform these functions naturally. The treatment typically involves four-hour visits to a dialysis unit, three times per week for the entirety of person's life.

Researchers wanted to better understand what gave some dialysis patients the resilience to remain hopeful, outward looking and enjoying a rich life, while at the same time healing. They gave dialysis patients cameras to document their lives outside the dialysis unit to glimpse into their lives and better understand the healing journey.

Thirty-four people took nearly 1,500 photos providing a wealth of information for the researchers and clinicians to learn more about resiliency and the redefinition of one's self in the face of diagnosis and chronic disease.

This is the Renal Community Photo Project.

View the project online at: <https://www.uwo.ca/renalcommunityphotoproject/>

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## Career Opportunities

### Current Postings

- [Program Manager - Regional Renal Services \(Ambulatory Clinics, Satellite, and Home Therapies\)](#)
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