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CANNT/ACITN News

CANNT 2020 Call for Abstracts



CANNT-ACITN invites you to join us in Hamilton in 2020! Abstracts are currently being accepted for ORAL and POSTER presentations for CANNT-ACITN 2020 - **Guiding Our Way to the Future**.

Abstract submissions should incorporate the theme-guiding our way to the future -appropriate for the novice through to the advanced practice professional. Topics of interest may include:

clinical research, quality improvement, innovation and technology, ethics, leadership in nephrology, case presentations, and clinical reviews. We are looking for leading-edge topics in:

- * Patient empowerment
- * CKD comorbidities (mental health, diabetes, & COPD)
- * Future directions of CKD technology and treatment
- * Pregnancy with CKD
- * Transplant
- * Pediatric & elderly care
- * Medical assistance in dying
- * The impact of social determinants of health
- * Home therapies

- * Data analytics

All abstract submissions must be evidence-based. Consistent with our theme, all poster and oral presenters will be encouraged to consider how their presentation can help guide us into

Dates to Remember

March 3-6, 2020

[DTX20](#)

March 12, 2020

[World Kidney Day](#)

March 25-29, 2020

[National Kidney Foundation - 2020 Spring Clinical Meetings](#)

March 26-29, 2020

[ISN World Congress of Nephrology](#)

April 19-22, 2020

[ANNA National Symposium](#)

April 19-25, 2020

[National Volunteer Week](#)

May 1, 2020

Deadline for CANNT 2020 Award Nominations (more information coming soon)

May 6-8, 2020

[CSN AGM](#)

May 11-17, 2020

[CNA National Nursing Week](#)

June 23-24, 2020

[CNA Biennial Convention](#)

oral presenters will be encouraged to consider how their presentation can help guide us into the next decade.

Abstract submission deadline has been extended to March 15, 2020

[Click here to submit an abstract](#)

CANNT 2020 Planning Committee

We are pleased to announce the CANNT 2020 Planning Committee:

- Ethan Holtzer - Dialysis Management Clinics - Planning Committee Chair
- Yolanda Berghagen - St Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
- Lucia Costantini - St Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
- Carl Haynes - St Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
- Nancy Hemrica - St Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
- Linda Mills - St Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
- Sarah Parfeniuk - St Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
- Kelly Sutherland - St Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
- Denis Rabbat - St Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
- Lisa Robertson - St Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton
- Jovina Bachynski - Halton Health Care (Abstract Reviews)
- Rosa Marticorena - Halton Health Care (Abstract Reviews)

Thank you to the CANNT 2020 Conference Planning Committee volunteers!

Nephrology News

2020 CNA Certification Important Dates

Spring 2020

January 9 - March 2

Application window to write or renew by exam

May 1 - 15

Certification exam window

Fall 2020

June 1 - September 10

Application window to write or renew by exam

November 1 - 15

Certification exam window

Year Round

January 9 - November 1

Application window to renew by continuous learning

For more information, please visit the Canadian Nurses Association website at

<https://www.cna-aiic.ca/en/certification>

June 25-27, 2020

[RSA Annual Conference](#)

September 12-15, 2020

[EDTNA/ERCA
International
Conference](#)

October 21, 2020

[CSN in America](#)

October 22-24, 2020

[CANNT National
Conference: Guiding our
way to the Future](#)

November 5-4, 2020

[BC Kidney Days](#)

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The doctor who's delivering kidney patients' miracle babies

Esther Aina had only been married for a year when she learned she not only had Lupus but stage-four chronic kidney disease. At risk was not only her health but a lifelong dream: parenthood.

"I remember my doctor telling me that I may not be able to have kids," she says from her Don Mills home. "That haunted me for a while because we had just gotten married and coming from an African background, kids are everything."

Four years later, in 2016, she was overjoyed to discover she was eight weeks pregnant. But the situation came with dangers.

Read the full article online here: <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2019/12/05/the-doctor-whos-delivering-kidney-patients-miracle-babies/>

Coffee Consumption and Kidney Function: A Mendelian Randomization Study

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide, with limited strategies for prevention and treatment. Coffee is a complex mixture of chemicals, and consumption has been associated with mostly beneficial health outcomes. This work aimed to determine the impact of coffee consumption on kidney function.

Read the full article online: [https://www.ajkd.org/article/S0272-6386\(19\)31033-9/fulltext?dgcid=raven_jbs_aip_email](https://www.ajkd.org/article/S0272-6386(19)31033-9/fulltext?dgcid=raven_jbs_aip_email)

Man forgoing life-saving treatment to send message to Yukon health officials

A 74-year-old man from Whitehorse says he's going to stay in the city for his final days alive, forgoing life-saving hemodialysis available to him in Vancouver, to put pressure on the territorial government to offer the treatment in Yukon.

Read the full article online: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/hemodialysis-yukon-terry-coventry-1.5391925>

IDEAL Trial Results and Changes in Dialysis Initiation Timing in Canada

The optimal time to initiate dialysis for the treatment of kidney failure remains uncertain. Renal recovery is rare following dialysis initiation and patients receiving dialysis treatments are at high risk for morbidity and mortality and a diminishing quality of life. Further, early initiation of dialysis increases healthcare costs and may not provide optimal value from a health system perspective.

Read the full article online: <https://www.docwirenews.com/docwire-pick/nephrology-picks/ideal-trial-results-and-changes-in-dialysis-initiation-timing-in-canada/>

'God blessed me with kidney failure': Why one patient chose to withdraw from dialysis and transition to death

Most people don't think of kidney failure as a blessing. Paul Drier saw it differently.

It wasn't that Mr. Drier - a 60-year-old widower and father of two who spent his career designing the exterior walls of skyscrapers - relished having a chronic disease.

But he appreciated that it gave him the power to die when he was ready, without applying for a legal assisted death or dying by suicide. All he had to do was tell his doctors that he was finished with dialysis, and he was free to go.

Read the full article online: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-god-blessed-me-with-kidney-failure-why-one-patient-chose-to/>

Career Opportunities

- [Renal Nurse Supervisor - University of Vermont Medical Center](#)
- [Staff Nurse II - Dialysis - University of Vermont Medical Center](#)

CANNT would like to help promote your Nephrology Related Career Opportunity to our members and affiliates across Canada. For more information, visit <https://cannt-acitn.ca/career-opportunities/>

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