



February 2020

## CANNT/ACITN News

**Reminder: CANNT 2020 Call for Abstracts Deadline March 15, 2020**



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](#)

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## Announcing the CANNT 2020 Conference Emcee!

We are excited to announce the CANNT 2020 emcee is Mark Matthews!

**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](#)

### Stay Connected



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# Matthews

COMEDIAN /  
PUBLIC SPEAKER

Mark Matthews stepped on stage to compete in the Funniest Person in Hamilton Contest in 1987. Out of 15 comics he placed dead last. The next year he returned to win the contest and performed in New York City at Catch a Rising Star and The Comic Strip - two of Manhattan's premier comedy clubs.

Now a veteran of the Canadian comedy circuit Mark headlines at clubs and private corporate events. "Fast with a comeback and funny as hell" Mark has performed in Canada and the United States. He's opened for Jerry Seinfeld, Gilbert Gottfried, and was the guest emcee in front of 20,000+ people at the opening of Planet Hollywood with Bruce Willis.

Lead actor in the award winning short film "Kiss of Death" and the feature films "FIGHT!" and "Wildfire", Mark's T.V. appearances include: "Comedy at Club 54", Crystal Comedy Quest, The Fruitopia Comedy Fest AND CBC's Comics as the simple-minded brother of comedian Jeremy Hotz. That episode was nominated for a Gemini award.

Performing for and hosting to support charities too numerous to list over 33 years, Mark has directly raised funds for: The Canadian Kidney Foundation, Autism Ontario, The ALS society, MS Society, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and many more. A former dialysis patient and kidney transplant recipient, Mark is the co-founder and producer of the annual Komedya for Kidneys Gala which has raised over \$85,000.00 to date for Dialysis Patient Care in Niagara.

Mark now speaks at nephrology and dialysis related conferences and seminars. "Koping with Komedya" is a touching and humorous reflection on two modalities (PD and Hemo) and the transplant experience from the patient's point of view.



*"Really liked the patient experience. Mark Matthews was energizing, articulate, accurate and funny" NHS Nephrology Day - 2019*

*"Thought provoking and a great start to the day" RALNO - 2019*



## RALNO and CANNT Partnership

CANNT has established a partnership with the Renal Administrative Leaders Network of Ontario (RALNO) to provide an online presence and voice for renal administrators in Ontario. To learn more about this association, click here: <https://cannt-acitn.ca/renal-administrative-leaders-network-of-ontario-ralno/>

## Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities

The CANNT Conference is the leading Canadian conference for nephrology nurses and technologists. Now in its 52nd year, CANNT 2020 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. The sponsorship and exhibitor package will launch next week with the website. Please contact Megan Howes at [cannt@cannt.ca](mailto:cannt@cannt.ca) if you are interested in sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities.

## 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>



Become a CANNT Member  
and receive a discount on  
CNeph(C) Certification!

Contact [cannt@cannt.ca](mailto:cannt@cannt.ca) for further information

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## Career Opportunities

- [Registered Nurse - Hemodialysis - Northern Health](#)
- [Clinical Informatics Specialist - Renal \(RN\) - Vancouver Coastal Health](#)

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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