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Elke Jaibeeh Barah is a nurse case manager at the home hemodialysis unit at the Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre in Calgary. She is an up-and-coming nurse researcher who is working to improve home modality education for patients. Her current project focuses on understanding hemodialysis nurses' practices on modality education in renal replacement therapies to propose practices that may improve home dialysis uptake and patient outcomes. Elke works collaboratively with nephrologists, dietitians, pharmacists, social workers, and her patients who take an active role in their kidney disease management. She received her Bachelor of Nursing Science from the University of Buea-Cameroon, Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences from the University of Warwick - United Kingdom and is currently in her first year of the Master of Nursing Program at the University of Calgary. Elke also holds the Canadian Nurses Association's Nephrology certification. Elke has thirteen years of experience in nephrology nursing, working in in-centre hemodialysis, home hemodialysis and dialysis transitions. Elke has held leadership roles in developing curricula for the training of home dialysis patients and for increasing uptake of home dialysis modalities including home hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis. Elke continues to seek ways to enhance renal patient outcomes and system outcomes.