Safety Going Digital – joint project between Redsense Medical and EDTNA/ERCA

The joint project, "Safety going Digital" between Redsense and EDTNA/ERCA is moving forward. Another meeting and workshop was held in Malmö on May 27, this time the creative team including Copywriter and Art Director met together with Patrik Byhmer – Redsense Medical, Anki Davidson (Marketing Director) and Sophie Hallidin (BA Sweden) – EDTNA/ERCA.

The meeting was efficient and very productive and the new platform is really taking shape. The 12 step Poster will be presented more thoroughly with detailed scientific background and will be a real eye catcher. This digital tool will include both patient and nurse education.

As Brand Ambassador in this project it has been a privilege to have the opportunity to work closely with our Industry Partner. To see dialysis from their perspective and knowledge and giving Industry first hand input on real life care giving. Working together is a big win-win situation.

The Project will be launched at the 45th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Valencia, September 17-20, 2016.

Yours Sincerely,
Sophie Hallidin
Brand Ambassador Sweden
European Accreditation of Renal Education Programs Through EDTNA/ERCA

EDTNA/ERCA accreditation recognises excellence in renal education program design and delivery. Since the launch of the project approximately 15 years ago, the project has evolved into a recognised award for applicants valuing European recognition offered through EDTNA/ERCA. Programs from universities, hospitals, colleges of nursing and renal industry partners have all successfully achieved EDTNA/ERCA accreditation. Accreditation signifies program quality and testifies the program has undergone review against stringent assessment standards. As applicants prepare submissions, guidance and support is available which is highly valued by applicants. The 2015/2016 accreditation assessment cycle saw 4 programs seeking accreditation. Applicants included two Colleges of Nursing from Essen and Traunstein in Germany who are both leaders in renal education provision. Two applications from renal industry partners included the Dialysis Nurse Program from NephroCare/FMC and The Adult Polycystic Kidney Disease Program from is-Health (UK). The accreditation committee are anticipating a very busy 2017 assessment of applicants with an expected 11 submissions. Further details concerning the accreditation program can be obtained via E-mail: queries@edtnaerca.org

John Sedgewick, EDTNA/ERCA Education Consultant & Chair Accreditation Committee

Great input from Sophie Halldin - Brand Ambassador from Sweden - by attending and actively participating at Swedish National Association meeting

On the 10-12 of May the Swedish National Association held their annual meeting in Umeå, the northern part of Sweden. As Brand Ambassador of Sweden, I attended with a booth and also gave a short oral presentation to promote the EDTNA/ERCA.

This year I found a greater interest in the Association and several delegates wanted to become members on the spot. My reflection is that there was a larger number of young nurses whom visited the meeting this year. Also many of the visitors requested more translations into Swedish. Next year the meeting will be held in Visby, Gotland.

Sophie Halldin, RN
Brand Ambassador of Sweden
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Anna Klis, EDTNA/ERCA Brand Ambassador from Poland, reports on her participation at the Polish Nephrology Nurses Association.

The Polish Nephrology Nurses Association Conference “The Model of coordinated care for patients with a chronic illness” was held on April in Szczecinek. Together with Prof. Andrzej Więcek, President ERA-EDTA, we opened the Conference with presentations about European renal care associations and the future of nephrology.

Sophie Halldin EDTNA/ERCA
SNSF Umeå

Sophie Halldin and Dan Enell
President of SNSF

EDTNA/ERCA Seminar in Israel

We held an EDTNA/ERCA Seminar on May, 24, 2016 in the Galilee Medical Center, Nahariya, Israel. The topic of the seminar was: “From Nephro- pediatrics to Nephro- geriatrics and ethical issues in between ”. Approximately 50 Nephrology nurses and social workers from different areas of Israel participated in
The scientific program concerned all renal replacement therapies, especially vascular access, comorbidities and professional liability. Additionally there were workshops on vascular access, diet and interpersonal communication.

It was also published another special nephrological issue of “The Magazine of Nurses and Midwives” with articles from the Conference, which was available for participants and distributed to subscribers of the journal (above 10 000 copies).

The EDTNA/ERCA booth was found very attractive, especially publications and the upcoming Conference in Valencia. Nurses were also interested in abstract submission on next conferences.

The broad scientific program of the seminar encompassed the medical, nursing and social laws and spiritual aspects of ethical issues in nephrology patients of different ages. Our nephro pediatric specialist talked about ethical dilemmas that the health professionals meet during their every day work. The scientific program started with dilemmas raised after genetic examinations during pregnancy, then on through ethical problems during adolescence and closed with issues concerning end of life care. Each presentation was followed by a discussion which aroused a great deal of interest among the audience. The breaks and final dinner were a great opportunity to meet colleagues and friends from different dialysis units in Israel and talk about nephrology in our country and about the upcoming EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Valencia.

The Israeli EDTNA/ERCA seminar was a great success. This fantastic educational event wouldn’t be possible without help of sponsors from various industries.

Jania Golland
EDTNA/ERCA
Brand Ambassador Israel

Journal of Renal Care News

• We are pleased to announce that the Journal of Renal Care has been added to the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). Thomson Reuters has recently launched the Emerging Sources Citation Index, extending the universe of publications in Web of Science to include high-quality, peer-reviewed publications of regional importance and in emerging scientific fields. See more at: http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/journals/emerging.html#hash.R3JSoEv
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• The Journal has appointed a new Associate Editor, who is Magnus Lindberg, from Sweden, who said:

“I am delighted to be given this opportunity to become the new Associate Editor of the Journal of Renal Care and wish to express my sincerest thanks to the EDTNA/ERCA for entrusting this role to me. I have 20 years’ experience as a nurse at the department of renal medicine at Gävle Hospital, Sweden. During this time I have worked at the renal ward, at the haemodialysis unit at Gävle Hospital and its satellite unit at Hudiksvall hospital, and the outpatient unit for CKD 3-4 patients. I have also worked part-time for several years at the nurse-led post-transplant unit. In June 2015, I commenced working at the University of Gävle as a Senior Lecturer in Caring Sciences.”

Many congratulations to Magnus who will start work shortly.

Dr Nicola Thomas
Associate Professor in Kidney Care
Editor Journal of Renal Care
http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1755-6686

JORC News

The Journal of Renal Care Editor’s Choice for the June issue is ‘Nurses’ bereavement needs and attitudes towards patient death’, which is freely available at http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/enhanced/doi/10.1111/jorc.12147

The Editor introduction to the paper is here:
Further possibilities for Nurses within the EDTNA/ERCA Association

In April 2016 Diaverum Lithuania organized an annual meeting for all Diaverum Head nurses, the Executive team and Medical group. The theme of the presentation was „Perfection possibilities for Nurses in EDTNA/ERCA Association“. As EDTNA/ERCA volunteers we were given a platform to present and promote the EDTNA/ERCA.

Together with Edita Norušienė, EDTNA/ERCA Treasurer and Volunteer for many years, we gave a presentation about the Association. Nurses were encouraged to become members and to consider becoming a Volunteer, to participate in the Annual EDTNA/ERCA International Conference or to consider submitting an abstract. We also explained about how important it is to be part of this multicultural and multilingual Association and how it helps in gaining knowledge to use in our work. As EDTNA/ERCA Volunteers we presented our own personal activities and responsibilities within the Association.

The Executive team and many nurses were enthusiastic about the presentation and showed a huge interest in the Association. We have received questions about current projects, possibilities to become Volunteers and other activities.

Diaverum Lithuania regularly publishes a local Newsletter for patients and staff and will disseminate information about EDTNA/ERCA association through this Newsletter. The latest version published at the end of May will promote the 45th EDTNA/ERCA International Conference in Valencia.

I hope that we will be able to build on the interest shown during the event so that the EDTNA/ERCA can be an example for health care professionals looking to broaden their expertise within the renal field in a multidisciplinary Association.

Irmina Vaiciukaityté, Brand Ambassador Lithuania
“Vascular Access Cannulation and Care – A Nursing Best Practice Guide for Arteriovenous Fistula” now available in several different languages!

“The Guide to the Art of Needling”, as Professor Bernard Canaud has described our well-known book, is now available in 8 languages.

After the huge success of the English edition which has reached readers in Asia Pacific, Australia, North America, and of course the whole of Europe, we have received numerous requests for versions in other languages too.

We have the pleasure to announce that the following new language versions are now available:

- Italian – launched in 2015 at the annual conference of the Italian branch of the EDTNA/ERCA and available as a pdf file on the association’s local website
- Spanish – translated and ready to be distributed in the next weeks
- Spanish Latin America - we are very proud to have crossed the borders of Europe not only with the English version, but also with this Spanish version for Latin American countries!
- French – launched on the 31st of March 2016 at the French NephroCare Head Nurses Annual Meeting
- Slovenian – translated and available thanks also to the extraordinary support of the Nurses Association of Slovenia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina – translated and planned to be launched at a national Dialysis Nurses event in autumn 2016
- Russian version – planned for launch at the NephroCare Nurses Meeting special event dedicated to Vascular Access in summer 2016
- Croatian and Portuguese versions – in the editing and layout preparation phase

Enjoy reading this valuable, well-documented nursing guide in your own mother tongue. More translations are planned during the current year!

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