May 2015 Newsletter

Registrations are now open

The Wellington Organising committee invites you to register for the 39th Annual Renal Society of Australasia, New Zealand Branch Conference. As of 4th May we are open to receive conference registrations, see attached.

We encourage you to attend the conference. The program aims to challenge and question how we care for our patients. Our invited speakers will address issues such as, a patient group older and increasingly frail with many in their last years of their lives, increasing numbers with diabetes and many who are significantly overweight and the advanced communication skills required to care for these complex patients.

Call for Abstracts

Our call for abstracts has been open since March. The conference will provide a great forum to share your work and ideas with your colleagues. The Local Organising Committee invites you to submit an abstract as per the below abstract submission guidelines. Oral presentations are 15 minutes including question time. Abstracts submissions are now open and need to be received by 31 August. Email to kay.mclaughlin@ccdhb.org.nz. Remember the Robert Hutchinson Award for best non-corporate member presentation provides up to $2,500 towards attending and presenting at the federal conference.

FORMAT FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION –
Title and author(s); abstract body – maximum 250 words; this section to be justified, Arial font, size 10 point font. We recommend that the format for an abstract follows one of the two outlines below.
OUTLINE 1: Background; Aims; Methods; Results; Conclusion.
OUTLINE 2: Context; Objectives; Key messages; Conclusion.

Speaker Profile – Dr Caz Hales

This month we profile Dr Caz Hales who we believe will challenge attitudes and practices as we care for the increasing numbers of obese patients we are seeing in our services.

Caz has a background in intensive care and acute care nursing practice, education and research. Her recently completed doctoral thesis on the care of bariatric patients provides new and important insights into the practicalities of caring for bariatric patients within the ICU setting, and how staff manage fat-stigma in clinical practice. Creating positive social experiences for patients, particularly those who are marginalised by society, while managing their psycho-social and biophysical health care needs, underpins Caz’s research platform. Caz is currently principle researcher in a study investigating experiences of patients admitted to a tertiary level hospital who weigh more than 180kgs.

Caz’s research interests stem from, and are informed by, her clinical work where she is employed as a full time lecturer at the Graduate School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health, and also as a Specialty Clinical Nurse for the Patient at Risk Service at Wellington Hospital (8 hours per week). In her clinical role Caz provides clinical leadership, critical care support and education to staff on the care of acutely deteriorating patients.

date
6-7 November 2015

location
James Cook
Hotel Grand Chancellor
Wellington

timeline
Call for Abstracts 2 March
Registration opens 4 May
Abstract submissions by 31 August
Registrations close 30 Sept
Register from 8.00am Friday 6 Nov
Opening session at 9.00am Fri 6 Nov
Conference dinner at 6.30pm Fri 6 Nov
Conference concludes 4.00pm Sat 7 Nov

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