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The Renal Society Australasia (RSA) Annual Conference is an event that I always find enlightening and full of opportunities. There was a strong desire for me to attend this conference as it was in Auckland, New Zealand. Which then allowed me to travel around New Zealand after the conference and experience the amazing environment that New Zealand has to offer as I had never visited New Zealand before.

I have attended many renal conferences before, however this time I was fortunate to be presenting a poster of the early stages of my Master of Philosophy. This opportunity allowed me to talk with others about my research and identify those who wish to be involved or monitor my progress within this research. As a member of the RSA, I have attended many workshops and conferences but never presented a poster or oral presentation. The opportunity to engage in this conference was a chance not to be missed, as it allows me to connect with other people with similar interests in my research area and other students performing research within nephrology.

The top three learning aspects of the conference would be the new devices and interventions, quality of life research and the environmental aspects of renal nursing. I plan to distribute the learnings I have gained to my colleagues by focusing my research into these areas and identify what research has already been done in these domains. My current work environment is strongly focused on research in renal nursing, from the learning of RSA Auckland I plan to undertake a systematic review of unmet needs in those with renal disease to enable me to discover what is known about this area and develop an intervention based on this. My current work requires me to liaise with other renal units and to engage and develop quality and research projects in which I intend to use the current learning I have obtained from RSA Auckland.

The benefit of my attendance has enabled me to distribute and discuss my research and connect with others performing similar research so that a collaborative effort can be made to address supportive care needs in people with renal disease. I had the opportunity to meet with others who are based overseas and talk about similarities and differences within renal care.

The RSA conference is professional and well organized and creates an inclusive environment to all health professionals who are engaged in nephrology and I would recommend to other colleagues to attend and become involved in the experience of attending a conference. I enjoyed using the conference app as it allowed me to search other conference attendees that I wish to professionally connect with and upload and view photos throughout the conference.

I intend to remain involved in the RSA and present my research at future RSA Annual Conferences as the level of professionalism demonstrated proves that the organization is dedicated to the pursuit of improving care for those effected by renal disease.