RENAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA CONFERENCE REPORT
AUCKLAND NEW ZEALAND 27 - 29 JUNE 2019
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Why you chose to attend.
I attended the annual Renal Society of Australasia Conference held in Auckland New Zealand 27-29 June 2019. I attended as an exhibitor for the Kimberley Renal Services with the KRS Human Resources team in the hope of attracting suitably trained nurses to the service. I was also fortunate enough to have an abstract accepted to the conference for a poster presentation my poster was entitled ‘The Revolving Door - Challenges of recruiting Renal trained staff in a remote environment’.

What were your top 3 learning from the conference and how you intend sharing/incorporating these learnings into your work environment.

1. I learned that other areas that have the same demographics as the Kimberley are experiencing similar problems in regard to recruitment and retention of staff, the concept of ‘growing your own’ is becoming necessary to build the workforce required to maintain service delivery, this is something that Kimberley Renal Services has already commenced.

2. I was excited to see the growth in the use of e services not only for professionals but also for patients who are now able to track their health through the use of various apps that are now available. This is something that would be useful for my team to try and incorporate into the workplace.

3. Finally I saw the continued efforts to extend and share knowledge amongst a very professional group of individuals working in an ever changing environment. This has provided not only me but also my colleagues to endeavour to extend themselves by looking to put forward the work that they do on a daily basis therefore providing others with insight into an area that they may not have had previous knowledge of.

What was the benefit of the renal community to you attending the conference?
I believe my attendance at the conference provided other delegates an insight into the work that is carried out by the Kimberley Renal Service in what at times can be challenging circumstances.

Would you recommend attendance at the conference? And why.
I would highly recommend attendance at the conference as it provides people with the opportunity to develop professionally by gaining insight into other peoples practice,
networking opportunities and catching up with colleagues from across the globe.

I would like to thank the RSA for providing me the opportunity to attend this year’s conference. I have been able not only to extend my knowledge and understanding but I have been able to showcase the Kimberley Renal Services by also being an exhibitor.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the RSA in bringing its members together ensuring sharing of knowledge in regards to renal healthcare. The ability to attend and participate in conferences that are so professionally arranged is important to all healthcare professionals working within such a diverse area of medicine.

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