

Program



# Nephrology DAYS 2010

October 7–8  
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## *Futures and New Horizons*



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*All health professionals will receive e-certificates (following the event) to submit for continuing education hours.*



Through events like BC Nephrology Days, BCPRA strives to support the use of the latest research and collective knowledge, creativity and ingenuity of the BC renal community to develop solutions to the challenges of chronic kidney disease.



**Elisabeth Antifeau, RN, MScN, GNC(C)**, works for Community Integrated Health Services in Interior Health as a practice lead for Community Care. This position works to set standards and direction for frontline care within the community portfolio, including client support, care management, and special populations such as frail elderly, dementia and end of life/hospice care. She has worked extensively with dementia populations.

**Sean Barbour, MD, FRCPC**, went to medical school at the University of British Columbia, where he also completed his internal medicine residency and nephrology fellowship. He is now training at the University of Toronto in lupus nephritis and primary glomerular diseases, and is also completing a Masters of Science with the Institution of Medical Sciences in epidemiology and biostatistics. His career focus is on clinical outcomes and treatments for lupus nephritis, primary glomerular diseases and vasculitis.

**Joanne Bargman, MD, FRCPC**, is the director of the Home Peritoneal Dialysis Program, University Health Network, and co-director of the Renal-Rheumatology Lupus Clinic at the University Health Network, Toronto.

**Piera Calissi, BSc(Pharm), PharmD, FCSHP**, has worked as a clinical pharmacy specialist for the Interior Health Renal Program (Okanagan, Thompson Cariboo and Kootenays) since August 2009. Prior to that, she was a clinical coordinator for the Saskatoon Health Region, specialty renal.

**Lori d'Agincourt-Canning, MSC, MA, PhD**, is ethicist and director of the Clinical Ethics Service, BC Children's and Women's Health Centre. She is an assistant clinical professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of British Columbia. She has a key role in clinical and organizational ethics consultation, as well as ethics education. She co-chairs the BCCH Ethics Committee.

**Michael Copland, MD, FRCPC**, is a clinical nephrologist at Vancouver General Hospital and a clinical associate professor of medicine at the University of British Columbia. His main aspect of clinical interest is independent hemodialysis, and he is the provincial medical director of Independent Hemodialysis Therapies with the BC Provincial Renal Agency.

**Deena Ebbert** has travelled the world spreading The FISH! Philosophy and sharing the stories and conversations that create energetic, unified and profitable organizations. An unstoppable force in cultivating fresh new ways to approach our workplace, Deena explores the power in personal accountability and the synergies that come from commitment, opening us to the unlimited potential that exists within us.

**Myriam Farah, MD, FRCPC**, completed her nephrology fellowship last year and currently holds a subspecialty fellowship position in hemodialysis at the University of British Columbia. The focus of her fellowship lies in the administrative and clinical aspects of improving current as well as evaluating new hemodialysis modalities in BC.

**Jagbir Gill, BSc, MPH, MD, FRCPC**, graduated with an MD from the University of British Columbia and specialized in nephrology. He recently completed a two-year kidney transplant research fellowship at the UCLA Medical Center and a Masters in Public Health degree from Harvard prior to returning home to Vancouver. He is an assistant professor of medicine at UBC, and practices and conducts his research at St. Paul's Hospital. He has a keen interest in kidney transplantation and clinical epidemiology.

**Olwyn Johnston, MB, MRCPI, MD, MHSc**, is a transplant nephrologist at Vancouver General Hospital with research interests in translational aspects of post-transplant complications, e.g. metabolic complications.

**Adeera Levin, MD, FRCPC**, is a professor of medicine at the University of British Columbia and executive director of the BC Provincial Renal Agency. She is the chair of the Curriculum Committee for the National KRESCENT (Kidney Research and Education SCientist Education Training program), secretary general of the International Society of Nephrology, and serves on KDIGO, an international guideline development group. Research and clinical activities are focused on CKD, comorbidities in CKD, mechanisms of disease and health outcomes. She actively mentors young investigators in CKD related research.

**David Nicholas, RSW, PhD**, associate professor in social work at the University of Calgary, brings a background in outcome and intervention research related to children and families affected by chronic illnesses, with a specific focus on CKD. With colleagues from across Canada, he has completed two evaluations of online support, and he has also completed several studies addressing quality of life of children with CKD and their supporting family members. He is leading a national study on the transition from adolescent to adult care among youth and young adults with CKD.

**Bob Richardson, MD, FRCPC**, is a professor of medicine at the University of Toronto. His academic interests include hemodialysis, AKI in ICU, fluid-electrolyte disorders, and CKD care.

**David Shu, MD, FRCPC**, is an endocrinologist at Royal Columbian Hospital (RCH). He is actively involved in the teaching of medical students, residents and fellows. He also serves as the undergraduate clinical teaching unit director at RCH.

# Conference Program

*Note: All sessions will have at least 25% of their time available for discussion.*

## Thursday, October 7

9:00 AM–4:00 PM REGENCY FOYER, 3RD FLOOR

Registration Desk Open

10:00–10:45 AM REGENCY FOYER, 3RD FLOOR

Networking/Poster Viewing/Exhibits

10:45–11:00 AM REGENCY BALLROOM C/D, 3RD FLOOR

### Opening Remarks and Announcements

*Dr. Peter Neufeld*, BCND Chair

11:00 AM–12:00 PM REGENCY BALLROOM C/D, 3RD FLOOR

### Plenary

#### Motivational Interviewing: Changing the Conversation

(Chair: *Dr. Janis Dionne*)

*Cristine Urquhart*

12:00–12:15 PM

Delegates pick up their boxed lunches

12:15–1:15 PM REGENCY BALLROOM C/D, 3RD FLOOR

### Lunch and Keynote Presentation

#### FISH! Philosophy

*Deena Ebbert*

1:15–1:30 PM REGENCY BALLROOM C/D, 3RD FLOOR

### BCPRA Update

*Dr. Adeera Levin*, Executive Director, BCPRA

1:30–2:15 PM REGENCY BALLROOM C/D, 3RD FLOOR

### Plenary

#### The Myths and Realities of Independent Dialysis

(Chair: *Donna Murphy-Burke*)

*Dr. Michael Copland and Dr. Paul Taylor*

2:15–2:45 PM REGENCY FOYER, 3RD FLOOR

Networking/Poster Viewing/Exhibits

2:45–5:30 PM

### Professional Breakout Groups

- **Nurses** REGENCY BALLROOM C/D, 3RD FLOOR  
(Chairs: *Paula Cox, Maureen Donnelly, Jennifer Steeper, and Alexandra Kruthaup-Harper*)
  1. Empowering Nurses
  2. PVASt Group Update
  3. Adequacy of Dialysis: Is Using Creatinine/Urea Modelling the Best Measure?
- **Dietitians** BALMORAL, 3RD FLOOR  
(Chair: *Tracene Coulter*)  
Patient Education, Research and Projects:  
Collaborating to Improve Care
- **Social Workers** LORD BYRON, 4TH FLOOR  
(Chairs: *Linda Church and Bruce MacDonald*)  
Putting the Psychosocial into Renal Social Work Practice
- **Nephrologists** OXFORD, 3RD FLOOR  
(Chair: *Dr. Monica Beaulieu*)  
BC Consensus
- **Pharmacists** PRINCE OF WALES, 3RD FLOOR  
(Chair: *Dan Martinusen*)  
Excellence in Difficult Times and Constant Change —  
Ensuring Best Practice and Access to Care in an  
Environment of Backorders, PharmaCare Policy Change  
and Sweeping Hospital Pharmacy Reform
- **Biomedical Technicians** WINDSOR, 3RD FLOOR  
(Chair: *Edith Davidson*)  
Dialysis Solutions: Origin, Evolution and Application
- **Unit Clerks** CAVENDISH, 4TH FLOOR  
(Chair: *Cara Magas*)  
Colour Me Efficient: PROMIS & Personalities
- **Renal Managers and Directors** DOVER, 4TH FLOOR  
(Chair: *Sue Bannerman*)  
Learning from the Network

3:45–4:15 PM REGENCY FOYER, 3RD FLOOR

Networking/Poster Viewing/Exhibits

4:15–5:30 PM

### Professional Breakout Groups (continued)

5:30–7:00 PM PERSPECTIVES LEVEL, 34TH FLOOR

Wine and Cheese Reception



## Friday, October 8

7:00–8:00 AM REGENCY FOYER, 3RD FLOOR

Continental Breakfast

7:00 AM–12:00 PM REGENCY FOYER, 3RD FLOOR

Registration Desk Open

8:00–8:15 AM REGENCY BALLROOM C/D, 3RD FLOOR

### Opening Remarks and Announcements

*Dr. Peter Neufeld*, BCND Chair

8:15–9:15 AM REGENCY BALLROOM C/D, 3RD FLOOR

### Plenary

#### New Therapies in Type 2 Diabetes

(Chair: *Tracene Coulter*)

*Dr. David Shu*

9:15–9:45 AM REGENCY FOYER, 3RD FLOOR

Networking/Poster Viewing/Exhibits

9:45–11:15 AM

### Concurrent Sessions

(Session chosen at registration is indicated on back of name tags.)

#### 1. Predicting the Future for CKD Patients and Getting There Safely

(Chair: *Marianna Leung*) REGENCY BALLROOM C/D, 3RD FLOOR

##### a. Does Ethnicity Predict Mortality and Renal Progression in CKD Patients?

*Dr. Sean Barbour*

##### b. Trials in Anemia: Implications for Care

*Dr. Adeera Levin*

##### c. High Potency Vitamins in CKD: to “B” or not to “B”?

*Piera Calissi*

#### 2. Hemodialysis in 2011: Meds, Bath & Beyond

(Chair: *Jenny Di Castri*) PLAZA BALLROOM B/C, 2ND FLOOR

##### a. Imagine: A (Dialysis) World Without Blood Pressure Meds... Treatment of Hypertension in Hemodialysis Patients

*Dr. Bob Richardson*

##### b. Hemodiafiltration

*Dr. Myriam Farah*

#### 3. The Future of Biocompatible PD Solutions

(Chair: *Dr. Susan Cooper*) BALMORAL, 3RD FLOOR

*Dr. Joanne Bargman*

11:15–11:30 AM

Transition Break

11:30 AM–12:30 PM REGENCY BALLROOM C/D, 3RD FLOOR

Lunch

12:30 PM–12:45 PM REGENCY BALLROOM C/D, 3RD FLOOR

Presentation of the 7th Annual Wilma Crockett Memorial Award  
2010 Recipient: *Anne Gloster*

12:45–1:00 PM REGENCY BALLROOM C/D, 3RD FLOOR

### Presentation of Poster Awards

1:00–1:30 PM REGENCY FOYER, 3RD FLOOR

Networking/Poster Viewing/Exhibits

1:30–3:00 pm

### Concurrent Sessions

(Session chosen at registration is indicated on back of name tags.)

#### 1. PVASt: A Team-Based Approach to Solving Vascular Access Problems

(Chair: *Dr. Monica Beaulieu*) PLAZA BALLROOM A, 2ND FLOOR

Panel Discussion with *Dr. Jason Clement*, *Dr. Mercedeh Kiaii*, *Dr. Ravi Sidhu* and *Mirita Zerr*

#### 2. Changing Concepts and Opportunities for Transplantation

(Chair: *Dr. Paul Keown*) PLAZA BALLROOM B/C, 2ND FLOOR

##### a. Living Donor Paired Exchange Program

*Dr. Jagbir Gill*

##### b. Strategies for Desensitization

*Dr. Olwyn Johnston*

#### 3. Adolescents and Families

(Chair: *Dr. Janis Dionne*) BALMORAL, 3RD FLOOR

##### a. Using Technology to Bring People Together: Online Support Groups

*Dr. David Nicholas*

##### b. Not Just Young at Heart: Ethical Issues in Caring for Young Adults

*Dr. Lori d'Agincourt-Canning*

Panel Discussion with *Dr. Ron Werb* and *Dr. Mina Matsuda-Abedini*

3:00–3:15 PM

Transition Break

3:15–4:15 PM PLAZA BALLROOM A/B/C, 2ND FLOOR

### Plenary

Dementia – Rethinking Cognitive Loss in the CKD/Dialysis Patient: Strategies for Opportunistic Recognition and the Promotion of Brain Health

(Chair: *Lianne Berst*)

*Elisabeth Antifeau*

4:15–4:30 PM PLAZA BALLROOM A/B/C, 2ND FLOOR

### Closing Remarks

*Dr. Peter Neufeld*, BCND Chair

# Learning Objectives

*Note: All sessions will have at least 25% of their time available for discussion.*

## Thursday, October 7

### PLENARY

#### Motivational Interviewing: Changing the Conversation

*Cristine Urquhart*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Recognize how communication style influences patient change
- ✓ Begin to integrate the spirit and principles of motivational interviewing within their health care setting
- ✓ Assess readiness to change
- ✓ Recognize 'change talk'

### PLENARY

#### BCPRA Update

*Dr. Adeera Levin*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Describe improvements in renal program delivery and support services initiated by BCPRA in the past year
- ✓ Explain the significance of these improvements to the support of their regional renal programs

### PLENARY

#### The Myths and Realities of Independent Dialysis

*Dr. Michael Copland and Dr. Paul Taylor*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Review current status of PD and independent HD in British Columbia
- ✓ Review target for independent modalities 2010 – 2015
- ✓ Discuss current barriers to independent therapies
- ✓ Discuss strategies to increase uptake of independent therapies

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## Friday, October 8

### PLENARY

#### New Therapies in Type 2 Diabetes

*Dr. David Shu*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Identify the increasing prevalence of type 2 diabetes and its impact on the burden of renal disease
- ✓ Apply the latest evidence to determine an appropriate glycemic target for their patients
- ✓ Identify the factors which impact the accuracy of A1c in renal patients
- ✓ Discuss new treatments and technologies for type 1 and type 2 diabetes

### CONCURRENT

#### Predicting the Future for CKD Patients and Getting There Safely

##### a. Does Ethnicity Predict Mortality and Renal Progression in CKD Patients?

*Dr. Sean Barbour*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Understand the epidemiologic burden of CKD, the necessity of identifying patients at risk of progressive loss of renal function, and the role of currently known risk factors for progression
- ✓ Understand the role of ethnicity in the rate of CKD progression

##### b. Trials in Anemia: Implications for Care

*Dr. Adeera Levin*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Review the current knowledge and evidence in anemia of CKD
- ✓ Understand the clinical application of published evidence regarding anemia of CKD

##### c. High Potency Vitamins in CKD: to "B" or not to "B"

*Piera Calissi*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Describe a typical CKD case where vitamin therapy may be indicated
- ✓ Understand the current evidence based literature describing the use of high potency vitamin therapy in CKD patients
- ✓ Understand how to safely and effectively use high potency vitamin therapy in a typical CKD patient

## Friday, October 8 *continued*

### CONCURRENT

#### Hemodialysis in 2011: Meds, Bath & Beyond

- a. Imagine: A (Dialysis) World Without Blood Pressure Meds... Treatment of Hypertension in Hemodialysis Patients**  
*Dr. Bob Richardson*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Identify difficulties in assessing BP in HD patients
- ✓ Understand the role of target weight reduction and dialysis sodium concentration in BP reduction
- ✓ Discuss what is known and not known about medications to reduce BP in HD patients

- b. Hemodiafiltration**

*Dr. Myriam Farah*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Describe the rationale and possible benefits of hemodiafiltration
- ✓ Understand the hemodiafiltration circuit
- ✓ Identify applications to current patient care
- ✓ Understand the rationale, logistics, and efficacy of citrate anticoagulation during IHD
- ✓ Identify the current barriers in Canada to hemodiafiltration and how they can be overcome

### CONCURRENT

#### The Future of Biocompatible PD Solutions

*Dr. Joanne Bargman*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Review the concept of biocompatibility of PD solutions and why this might be desirable
- ✓ Outline the different strategies employed to achieve a biocompatible solution, and the products currently available
- ✓ Review the published data on biocompatible solutions
- ✓ Propose an evidence based strategy for selecting the most appropriate solution(s) for different patients/scenarios

### CONCURRENT

#### PVAST: A Team-Based Approach to Solving Vascular Access Problems

Panel Discussion

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Understand the approach to managing common vascular access related problems including:
  - the poorly functioning catheter
  - reduced access flows
  - thrombosed fistulas
- ✓ Highlight new advancements in vascular access monitoring and management

### CONCURRENT

#### Changing Concepts and Opportunities to Transplantation

- a. Living Donor Paired Exchange Program**

*Dr. Jagbir Gill*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Understand who can benefit from LDPE
- ✓ Understand practical and medical challenges with LDPE
- ✓ Understand limits of LDPE and need for additional complimentary strategies

- b. Strategies for Desensitization**

*Dr. Olwyn Johnston*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Describe the rationale, indications and possible benefits of desensitization
- ✓ Understand the latest evidence to determine the optimum desensitization protocol
- ✓ Identify the current barriers to desensitization and how they can be overcome

### CONCURRENT

#### Adolescents and Families

- a. Using Technology to Bring People Together: Online Support Groups**

*Dr. David Nicholas*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Identify the benefits and challenges of online social support for adolescents with chronic kidney disease and for parents of children with chronic kidney disease
- ✓ Compare the adolescents' and parents' experiences and perceptions of the peer support network
- ✓ Evaluate innovative means of facilitating peer support

- b. Not Just Young at Heart: Ethical Issues in Caring for Young Adults**

*Dr. Lori d'Agincourt-Canning*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Identify the developmental stages that occur during late adolescence and early adulthood that are necessary to be effective, independent adults
- ✓ Recognize the inefficiencies of a healthcare system that sets a specific age cut-off to differentiate a child from an adult and therefore limits healthcare options
- ✓ Integrate teaching and support mechanisms appropriate for the developmental stage of adolescents and young adults

## Learning Objectives *continued*

Friday, October 8 *continued*

### PLENARY

#### **Dementia – Rethinking Cognitive Loss in the CKD/Dialysis Patient: Strategies for Opportunistic Recognition and the Promotion of Brain Health**

*Elisabeth Antifeau*

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- ✓ Summarize the current research and guideline evidence concerning chronic kidney disease, cognitive impairment and related promising practices
- ✓ Appraise opportunities within their own practice to recognize early cognitive loss in the CKD/dialysis patient
- ✓ Select and apply appropriate cognitive screening tools for cognitive impairment
- ✓ Specify actual or potential clinical pathways for early recognition and diagnosis of cognitive loss within their work place practices
- ✓ Describe where to find practical resources to support and teach CKD/dialysis patients about positive lifestyle behaviours which reduce associated risk factors, enhance resiliency and protective factors, and promote brain health



## Faculty of Speakers *continued*

**Paul Taylor, MD**, was born and attended medical school in London, England. He completed his residency in Vancouver, and his nephrology in both Vancouver and at Duke University in North Carolina. He has been a nephrologist in Vancouver since 1981 and the director of the PD program at St Paul's Hospital in Vancouver since 1988. He is now clinical professor of medicine at the University of British Columbia. His professional interests include peritoneal dialysis and chronic renal failure care.

**Cristine Urquhart, MSW, RSW**, is a member of the international Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers and co-founder of Change Talk Associates. She works with governmental organizations and health services across Canada on using Motivational Interviewing (MI) to improve health outcomes. Cristine is published in the areas of MI and women's health and presents at provincial, national and international levels.

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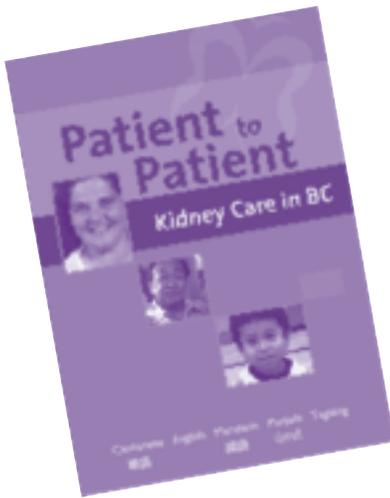
The BC Renal Agency website presents a wealth of information for patients and families, including:

- the dialysis and pre-dialysis formularies
- information sheets on a broad range of medications
- brochures and fact sheets on topics from independent dialysis to bones and vaccination
- an end-of-life resources section, with links to hundreds of articles

Check it out at [www.bcrenalagency.ca](http://www.bcrenalagency.ca)

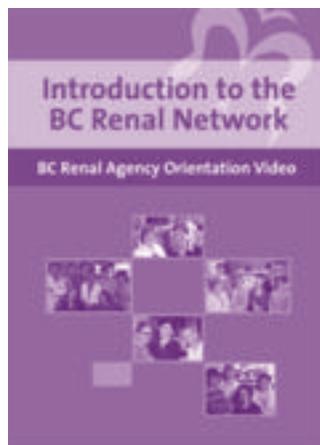
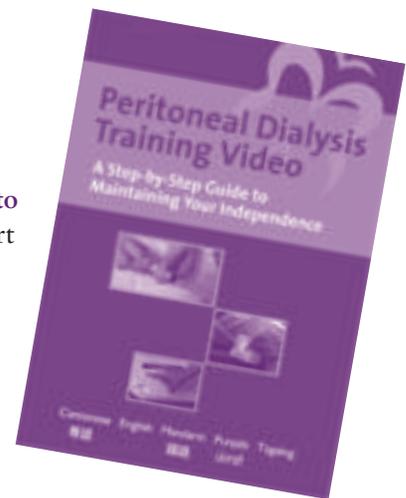
## *Patient Videos Online and Available on DVD*

*You can view the following videos at [www.bcrenalagency.ca](http://www.bcrenalagency.ca) or order free DVD copies through an online order form (go to the website and click on For Patients):*



**Patient-to-Patient: Kidney Care in BC:** Through interviews with real-life kidney care patients, this DVD provides information about all aspects of kidney care, including pre-dialysis and kidney care clinics, dialysis care (facility-based hemodialysis, independent hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis), transplant and conservative care.

**Peritoneal Dialysis Training Video: A Step-by-Step Guide to Maintaining Your Independence:** Designed to help support patients who are training for PD, this DVD takes viewers step-by-step through CAPD and APD.



**Introduction to the BC Renal Network: Orientation DVD:** Through interviews with renal care providers, this DVD explains the model of renal care delivery in BC, including the roles of the BCPRA and the regional health authorities to new people joining our renal network. The BC Renal Network has been recognized as a unique model, both in Canada and internationally.

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The BC Provincial Renal Agency partners with 31 community pharmacies to provide a funded formulary of medications for patients registered with BCPRA. In most cases, one partner community pharmacy is located near each hemodialysis unit in the province. Advantages of this partnership include:

- Close to home pharmacy services for patients
- A consistent approach to patient care
- An opportunity for pharmacists to get involved in the specialty care required by nephrology patients

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