



39th Annual Conference

“RENAL SOCIAL WORK: Promoting Holistic Health and Wellness.”



September 28th – 29th 2017
Edmonton

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For 39 years, CANSW has been the only Canadian national professional association for social workers specializing in the exciting and demanding field of nephrology. Committed to the highest standards of social work practice, CANSW prides itself on “giving back” to its members by annually presenting low cost, high quality conferences drawing on top speakers from across North America. In recent years, CANSW members have also benefited from a very active exclusive email list server allowing instant consultation and “brain storming” with over one hundred of their peers across the country. In addition, there is a members-only section of the website, listing useful resources and templates. For further information about the benefits of becoming a CANSW member please visit our website www.cansw.org.

Our Conference Theme: RENAL SOCIAL WORK: Promoting Holistic Health and Wellness

Highlights of the Conference

Dr. Sara Davison Nephrologist, key note presentation. Dr. Davison is a Professor in the Department of Medicine, University of Alberta. Her program of research focuses on the delivery of quality palliative care for patients with kidney failure and her research interests include symptom management, advance care planning, prognostication, conservative kidney care and clinical pathway development. Dr. Davison’s presentation for our social workers will mainly be focused on her current work – The Kidney Supportive Care Research Group in Alberta and her work with the Conservative Kidney Management (CKM). This will be an interesting topic for our CANSW group, as she will dive in with the Pathway Development which looks at CKM as a treatment option that some end-stage renal patients choose as an alternative to dialysis or transplant. She was honoured to receive a three year grant to develop a pathway for patients who will identify their benefits of not starting dialysis and decide on conservative care. In addition, Dr. Davison will also be joined by two of her team members, Betty Ann Wasylynuk and Lana Marchinko who will provide their perspectives from a RN and Social Work scope of lens when it comes to the conversation of deciding ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to initiating dialysis.

In addition, we also welcome, Dr. Scott Klarenbach who will provide innovative information and research on Health and Technology Assessment of Dialysis Therapies. Dr. Klarenbach's passion on health outcomes and the economic evaluations he has conducted will allow our social workers to have a better idea on financial burden and restraints for patients who are chronic and acute. We will have the opportunity to also hear from Social Worker, Michelle Jensen, President of CANSW and Lydia Lauder, Director of Programs and Public Policy, National and Ontario Branch of the Kidney Foundation of Canada (KFOC), who will provide an update on the Financial Burden of Kidney Disease and speak to the partnership between CANSW and KFOC.

CANSW will provide an opportunity to see and hear a dynamic discussion panel on promoting patient wellness with a leading Nephrologist Dr. Shelley Duggan, who is a clinician in Critical Care at the Grey Nuns Hospital and a highly respected Nephrologist in Edmonton. Joining Dr. Duggan will be her team members from Grey Nuns Hospital: Melanie Griffiths, Registered Dietitian and Gordon Smith, Registered Social Worker who both work with Dr. Duggan on the Hemodialysis unit and Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD clinics). In addition, the panel will also welcome one of their own hemodialysis patients, Teena Knight, who has been receiving hemodialysis treatments since 2012.

Last year, Dr. Branko Braam was interviewed by the Edmonton Sun about his personal beliefs on the Canadian government establishing a legal framework on physician assisted dying. Dr. Braam who is originally from the Netherlands where Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) was legalized in 2002, is now an interim Division Director for the Northern Alberta Renal Program and attending staff at the University of Alberta Hospital. Dr. Braam will approach the topic of MAID from a perspective of a 'team challenge' and how nephrology social workers can play a role in a controversial topic.

Dr. Brendan Leier is a leading ethicist who will offer a new way for Nephrology social workers to approach informed decision making with our patients through his education and background in Risk Communication, Cognitive Bias and End of Life situations.

Finally, CANSW will have the chance to understand and learn ways for social workers to work on self care and mindfulness through mediation from two registered social workers in Edmonton. Both Aman Dhaliwal and Lindsay Ames are certified meditation teachers and will share the importance of meditation for both personal and professional reasons.

The 39th CANSW conference is hosted for the first time in Edmonton, Alberta, a city known for prairie skies. CANSW will be presented at the Executive Royal Hotel, which is minutes away from one of the largest malls in the world – West Edmonton Mall. The venue is located near many alternate shops and restaurants and easy access to both the airport and the mall. This year's CANSW dinner will be held at Chop House, a well known steak house that is located right across from the hotel. This will make the commute for all registrants easy and convenient. Register now and plan to attend the 39th Annual CANSW conference: Renal Social Work: Promoting Holistic Health and Wellness.

We look forward to welcoming you to Edmonton, Alberta.

Key Note Speakers



Sara Davison

Title: Honoring Patient Choice: Conservative Kidney Management for Patients Unlikely to Benefit from Dialysis

Dr. Sara Davison MD, MSc is a Professor, bioethicist and health outcomes researcher in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta. She is a Nephrologist with the Northern Alberta Renal Program. She is recognized internationally as a leader in Kidney Palliative Care and co-Chairs the Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) supportive/palliative care group with the aim of developing international guidelines for kidney palliative care. Dr. Davison leads the development of Canadian core competencies and clinical guidelines in kidney palliative care with Pallium Canada. Her program of research focuses on the delivery of quality supportive/palliative care for patients with advanced kidney failure. Her research interests include symptom management, advance care planning, prognostication, conservative kidney care and clinical pathway development. Dr Davison has many publications in the field of research with chronic kidney disease. One of her most recent articles was published in the American Journal of Kidney Diseases in December 2016 on Patient-Oriented Research: Clinical Innovation Based on CKD Patients' Priorities for Care. Another article was published in the Clinical Journal of American Society of Nephrology in October 2016 on Supportive Care: Meeting the Needs of Patients with Advanced Chronic Kidney Disease.

Dr. Davison is also the Director of the Kidney Supportive Care Research Group in Alberta and her work with Conservative Kidney Management (CKM) Pathway Development looks at CKM as a treatment option that some end-stage renal patients choose as an alternative to dialysis or transplant. Dr. Davison and her team have received a three year grant to develop a Provincial Kidney Conservative Care Clinical Pathway that will provide high-quality, sustainable, evidence-based care for patients unlikely to benefit from dialysis.

Two members of Dr. Davison's team that will also present with the main speaker are:

Betty Ann Wasylynuk, Supportive Care Clinical Nurse Educator for the Northern Alberta Renal Program (NARP). She has helped develop and implement several supportive care initiatives throughout NARP and is currently part of the Conservative Kidney Management team. Betty Ann's passion lies in the area of palliative care and advance care planning for patients with advanced chronic kidney disease and has published several articles in this area.

Lana Marchinko, Registered Social Worker, has worked as a Medical Social Worker with NARP for the last 9 years. Her Social Work portfolio includes the Chronic Kidney Disease Clinic and Peritoneal Dialysis Clinic in Red Deer, Alberta. Lana is an Advanced Care Planning Facilitator and is currently working with the Conservative Kidney Management Pathway. When she is not working with her patients she is busy enjoying her personal life with her husband of 20 years and her children Macie 11 years old and Simon 13 years old.



Scott Klarenbach.

Title: Health Technology Assessment of Dialysis Therapies

Dr. Scott Klarenbach is a Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Alberta. He received his medical training at the University of Alberta, and completed his MSc in Health Economics at the University of York, United Kingdom. His research interests include health outcomes and health economics and have conducted numerous economic evaluations and health technology assessments for both chronic and acute conditions. He holds the Kidney Health Research Chair at the University of Alberta. He is currently Chair of the Canadian Society of Nephrology Clinical Practice Guideline Committee, Chair of the Alberta Expert Committee on Drug Evaluation and Therapeutics, Chair of the Canadian Organ Replacement Registry Board and member of the Canadian Task Force on Preventative Health Care.

Accommodation:

The 39th Annual Conference will be held at the Executive Royal Hotel-
West Edmonton

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Executive Royal is located in the west end of the city, approximately 5 min taxi to the West Edmonton Mall. There are two options for dining in the hotel: Steels Café and Grill and the Mirage Lounge. There is also in-house fitness room as well as, complimentary WI-Fi. The hotel has provided CANSW a group rate for single queen rooms at \$119/night. Executive Royal is also located off 178th street that is easy to access to other shops and restaurants.

CANSW members and Financial Assistance to attend Annual General Meeting:

CANSW recognizes that it may be financially difficult at times for CANSW members to attend the conference and AGM. The Association would like to support members when fiscally able.

Please contact the CANSW President, Michelle Jensen at Michelle.jensen@nshealth.ca for further information.

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