



Yorkshire and the Humber Strategic Clinical Networks

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### Welcome!

Welcome to Issue 11 of the Yorkshire and the Humber Renal Network News for 2015.

This month's bulletin is a bumper edition providing a variety of updates with a particular focus on national initiatives and developments. Despite the national focus of the bulletin we would still like to draw particular attention to the excellent work and education opportunities occurring in the region. Please see the [Dates for Your Diary](#) to find out more!

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### Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) Campaign for Pharmacists Launched

The Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE), in collaboration with the Think Kidneys programme, has recently launched a learning campaign about acute kidney injury (AKI).

The campaign involves six challenges, a distance learning programme and a campaign

leaflet. The intention is to target all registered pharmacy professionals in England and aims to highlight the risks of AKI and encourage pharmacy professionals to think about how they can help prevent AKI.

To read more about this exciting campaign, and access the campaign materials, please click [here](#).

### **Atlas of Variation**

A joint publication of collaborative work between NHS England, Public Health England and NHS Right Care regarding variation in services has recently been published. [The NHS Atlas of Variation in Healthcare: Reducing Unwarranted Variation to Increase Value and Improve Quality](#) contains information on variation in the quality, cost, activity and health outcome of healthcare services. The NHS Atlas of Variation includes information on renal services on maps 26-29.

### **Dialysis Freedom and the UK Holiday Dialysis Swap Scheme**

The Dialysis Freedom and UK Holiday Dialysis Swap Scheme is available for use by patients, clinical staff and holiday co-ordinators and is partly funded by the British Kidney Patients Association. The aim of the scheme is to help to improve the quality of life for dialysis patients in the UK by providing access to dialysis away from home in the UK.

The scheme holds a database of existing dialysis places and aims to use the space created when patients go abroad, along with any existing holiday dialysis places, to open up hundreds of dialysis places for patients to use, whether it be to attend a family celebration or to take a holiday.

To find out more about this excellent scheme please click [here](#).

### **Dialysis Tariff 2016/17**

Further to proposals from Monitor, regarding a severe reduction in tariff for HD, Home HD, and PD for 2016/17, it has now been proposed that the tariff will be based on the 2013/14 PbR method, except that the calculation of the peritoneal dialysis prices will be based directly on reference costs. The Renal Association, British Renal Society, the Renal National Clinical Director and Patient Groups provided a robust response to the original proposals and successfully negotiated against a dramatic decrease in the tariff.

Please note that the new tariff for Intermittent HD for AKI, even when the episode is within another speciality, will however be retained.

To read the 2016/17 tariff proposals in full please click [here](#).

### **NICE Advice (MIB41) Body Composition Monitor**

NICE has published a medtech innovation briefing (MIB) on the Body Composition Monitor (BCM), a bioimpedance device, for managing fluid in people having dialysis. The briefing covers a description of the BCM, its likely place in therapy, the costs of using the

technology and a critical review of the strengths and weaknesses of the relevant published evidence.

To read the briefing in full please click [here](#).

### **NICE Guidance [TA358] Tolvaptan for Treating Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease**

NICE has recently published guidance recommending the use of Tolvaptan (Jinarc) as a possible treatment for people with autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease if:

- they have chronic kidney disease stage 2 or 3 at the start of treatment and
- there is evidence of rapidly progressing disease.

To read the guidance in full please click [here](#).

### **NIHR New Dialysis Trial**

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) has recently agreed to fund the SIMPLIFIED Registry trial. The research is being led by Dr Thomas Hiemstra and the Cambridge Clinical Trials Unit and aims to trial cholecalciferol (native vitamin D) versus standard care in patients on dialysis.

The trial intends to rely heavily on data from the UK Renal Registry to reduce the data collection burden on units.

Any centres interested in participating in the trial should contact Dr Hiemstra by email at [tfh24@cam.ac.uk](mailto:tfh24@cam.ac.uk).

### **Think Kidneys Latest Blog Post**

Think Kidneys has published its latest blog to ensure kidneys and kidney health is at the forefront of our thoughts. The blog is written by Andrea Fox a teacher at the University of Sheffield's School of Nursing & Midwifery with a special interest in renal.

The blog [Keep it Simple](#) has a focus on AKI and is well worth a read!

### **UK Renal Registry (UKRR) Update**

The UK Renal Data Collaboration (UK RDC) has recently announced that it will use SNOMED CT for diagnosis and procedures and LOINC for reporting lab tests, vital signs and anthropometry. ERA EDTA terms and codes will be used for primary renal diagnosis. Engagement with renal IT suppliers is ongoing and further information about the project can be found at [www.ukrdc.org](http://www.ukrdc.org).

The UKRR Patient Council has issued a statement advising that it has assisted in the production of five lay summaries of chapters of the [Registry Annual Report](#) including, incidence and prevalence, paediatric care, dialysis access, access to transplantation and infection. It is hoped that such summaries will be of use to commissioners as well as patients and carers and next year a lay version of the entire report will be produced.

The UKRR Patient Council has also worked with colleagues to develop opt out materials for patients who do not want their data collected by the Registry. UKRR has a Section 251 exemption from the NHS Health Research Authority (HRA) meaning individual patient consent is not required for them to receive patient data. However, patients do still have the option to opt out of data collection and all renal units must display opt out materials, which have recently been updated. Copies of the posters and leaflets will be issued to all renal units but can also be accessed online [here](#).

### **Website Launch: Transforming Participation in Chronic Kidney Disease (TP-CKD)**

The Valuing Individuals – Transforming Participation in CKD work programme is excited to announce the launch of its website which is accessible [here](#).

TP-CKD is a whole system programme being developed to build a patient centric pathway for patients with CKD and incorporates a programme around shared decision making. The website, which is part of the [Think Kidneys](#) brand, will be an excellent resource to find out more about TP-CKD and who is working on the programme. Check it out today!

### **Dates for your Diary!**

#### **Courses:**

##### **Sharing Haemodialysis Care Course Dates for 2016:**

- Are you interested in Shared Haemodialysis Care?
- Would you like the skills and resources to implement Shared Haemodialysis Care on your unit?
- Would you like to improve the quality of care you provide for your haemodialysis patients?

If the answer is **YES** to any of these questions, why don't you enrol on the Yorkshire & Humber Shared Haemodialysis Care Course? It's completely **free** to all NHS Staff!

The **course dates** can be found [here](#) and an **application form** can be downloaded [here](#).

If you require more details please contact Shared Haemodialysis Care Educator [Tania Barnes](#).

##### **University of Sheffield Distance-Learning Renal Nursing Degree:**

The University of Sheffield is running an interactive online course, which forms part of the renal degree pathway. The programme is suitable for health care professionals who are involved in the care and management of those with renal disease who wish to undertake online study on a part-time basis. Staff from Yorkshire and the Humber can receive funded places via the LBR contract for nurses.

For more information about this fantastic learning opportunity please click [here](#).

## Forums:

- Wednesday 11 November, 09:30-1200, **Yorkshire and the Humber Transplant Forum**, Waterton Park Hotel, Wakefield.

If you would like to attend any of the above, or require further information, please email [sarah.boul@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.boul@nhs.net).

## Events:

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 09:30-16:00, **Patient Safety Collaborative: Impact One Year On**, The Met Hotel, King Street, Leeds, LS1 2HQ.

To view the programme for the day click [here](#) and for further information please contact Shahima Begum on 01274 383966 or at [academy@yhahsn.nhs.uk](mailto:academy@yhahsn.nhs.uk).

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 10:00-16:00, **Division 2 Clinical Research Network Meeting**, Hatfeild Hall, Wakefield.

Save the date for all staff working in Division 2 (Cardiovascular, Metabolic & Endocrine, Renal and Stroke Specialties) to attend a Clinical Research Network Meeting. Agenda and programme to follow. For more information please email [comms.crn yorkshumber@nih.ac.uk](mailto:comms.crn yorkshumber@nih.ac.uk).

- Thursday 10 March 2016, **World Kidney Day**.

The theme of the 2016 World Kidney Day Campaign is: Kidney Disease & Children: Act early to prevent it. Put the date in your diary and get planning your World Kidney Day events to promote the fight against the increase of preventable kidney diseases and to treat children with inborn and acquired disorders of the kidneys worldwide.

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- British Kidney Patient Association. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Devices for Dignity - Renal. Click [here](#) for their website.

- National Kidney Federation. Click [here](#) for the website.
- NHS Improving Quality. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Sharing Haemodialysis Care. Click [here](#) for the website.
- The Yorkshire Kidney Research Fund. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Think Kidneys. Click [here](#) for the website.
- West Riding KPA. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Yorkshire and the Humber Strategic Clinical Networks. Click [here](#) for the website.
- Yorkshire and the Humber Clinical Senate. Click [here](#) for the website.
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