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Welcome!

Welcome to Issue 9 of the Yorkshire and the Humber Renal Network News for 2015.

This month's bulletin is packed full of interesting articles for patients, clinicians and managers. We would like to draw your particular attention to the many upcoming forum meetings and events in our [Dates for your Diary](#) section. Everyone is welcome to attend the forum meetings and events and they offer a brilliant opportunity to come together to network, learn and share best practice across the whole of the kidney care pathway.

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ASSIST-CKD - New Initiative for the Doncaster and Bassetlaw Area

The Health Foundation is supporting a national project to extend and explore the benefits of implementing a community-wide chronic kidney disease (CKD) management system, based on the reporting of kidney function (eGFR) graphs to local GPs. A pilot in the Birmingham area over the past 10

years has led to a decline in the number of patients needing renal replacement therapy and the lowest percentage of patients referred late for dialysis in the UK.

This system is soon to be rolled out at the Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and with GP practices in the Doncaster and Bassetlaw area.

If you have any comments or queries on regarding the ASSIST-CKD project please contact [Angela Lumsdon](#).

BKPA Survey

The British Kidney Patient Association is looking at how they can develop their role to provide more relevant services and greater support to kidney patients and their families by conducting an online survey.

The survey can be completed by clicking here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T6K8XZJ> and will take no more than 10 minutes to complete. The survey will give you a chance to have your say on the charity at a really important phase in its development in their development. The survey is completely anonymous and BKPA will not contact people as a result of participating in the survey.

Guidance on Management of Repatriation and Immunosuppressant Switches in Transplant Patients

Efficacy and Safety of Prescribing In Transplantation (ESPRIT), an independent group of healthcare professionals, has recently produced a best practice guidance document on management of repatriation and immunosuppressant switches in transplant patients.

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

Medical Exemption Certificates for Prescriptions

Following recent discussions with patient groups we want to ensure that patients and clinicians are aware of changes to the process for free prescriptions.

Many patients with long term conditions are exempt from paying for prescriptions and have been advised that they are entitled to free prescriptions for life. Whilst this is entirely true it is important to note patients must have a medical exemption certificate and that this certificate needs renewing every five years.

We have been advised by patient groups that since the NHS Business Services Authority took over responsibility for checking for eligibility last September a number of patients have received fines for not having an up to

date medical exemption certificate.

To find out how to request a medical exemption certificate please click [here](#).

NICE Bites: Anaemia Management in People with CKD

The latest NICE Bites bulletin from the North West Medicines Information Service covers the management of anaemia associated with CKD NG8 in adults, children and young people.

The guideline can be downloaded [here](#).

Patient Safety and Antimicrobial Resistance

The British Renal Society has recently launched a new [Patient Safety Website](#) through which [Dr Paul Rylance](#) and his Patient Safety Project Committee will provide updates on key incidents to ensure risks are identified and solutions are shared.

An important patient safety issue is antimicrobial resistance and NHS England has released a Patient Safety Alert to consider the implementation of an antimicrobial stewardship programme. Read the alert in full [here](#).

Think Kidneys: New Publications and Blog

The national Think Kidneys programme has recently released two new publications:

1. [Communities at risk of developing acute kidney injury](#)
2. [Medicines optimisation toolkit for acute kidney injury](#)

Both documents are useful and relevant to all clinical staff and not just (renal) physicians so please share with the multi professional workforce across your organisation.

Additionally, a new renal blog post by Andrea Fox, teacher at the University of Sheffield's School of Nursing & Midwifery has been published. Check it out [here](#).

NEW Acute Care Toolkit from Royal College of Physicians

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) has recently launched [Acute Kidney Injury and Intravenous Fluid Therapy](#), the 12th in a series of Acute Care Toolkits.

The toolkit covers initial risk factors for AKI and its causes, to help the clinical team identify potential cases. The toolkit underlines the importance of accurate measuring of fluid intake, when to start giving the patient fluids intravenously and how much and what kind of fluids should be administered. It also covers diagnosis, ongoing care, discharge and follow up treatment.

Dates for your Diary!

Forums:

- Tuesday 22 September, 14:00-17:00 (lunch from 13:00), **Yorkshire & the Humber Home Therapies Forum**, The Strayside Education and Clinical Skills Centre, Harrogate
- Friday 9 October, 14:00-17:00, **Yorkshire and the Humber AKI Forum**, Hatfeild Hall, Wakefield.
- 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.

Events:

- Thursday 24 and Friday 25 September, 09:30-17:00, **The Eighth UK Annual Conference of Home Dialysis**, The Lowry Hotel, Manchester.

For more information and to book your place please contact [Diane Comer](#).

- Friday 25 September, 08:30-17:00, **AKI Fronteirs**, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 0AE

For more information and to book your place please click [here](#).

- Saturday 17 October, 09:00-16:00, **Motivational Interviewing Study Day**, The Ridge Medical Practice, Cousen Road, Bradford, BD7 3NX.

The day is available fully funded for anyone in the NHS in Yorkshire and Humberside. To book your place please click [here](#).

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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.
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