

DNT Workshop 2021 - Key Themes

Cultural safety, workforce and Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

- Potential for the ANZSN to develop a cultural safety framework discussion paper and to work with the RACP regarding CPD and guides for training
- Review how the [CONSIDER](#) statement might best be used in the nephrology research sector
- Advocate for research funding and promote a flexible three year training program for advanced trainees as high priorities for RAC, with prevention of chronic kidney disease and improving outcomes seen as priorities for any new Research Collaborative.

Transplantation

- View on the need to improve equity of access to kidney transplantation with support for
 - formally consenting patients to go on the transplant waiting list using a nationally unified approach (as done in Queensland and Victoria)
 - live kidney donation from family members of Australian First Nations Peoples.

Dialysis: driving risk, rare events, environmental sustainability

- Consensus that driving poses a risk for some patients on dialysis and support for recognition by licensing authorities. A national reporting process for driving events was supported with the need for alternative transport options, particularly in rural communities
- ANZSN seen to have a role in disseminating learnings on rare adverse events through webinars, website updates and regular e-news
- The Green star program for environmental sustainability was popular with suggestions for ANZSN providing recognition, education and leadership in this area and for national recognition of involvement/achievements at meetings and seminars.

Supportive care

- An ANZSN consensus definition of Kidney Supportive Care was useful with support for a pilot registry (if adequately resourced) for routine data collection on all patients who were known to a nephrologist, had ESKD (eGFR<15) and were being managed conservatively
- Participants felt the biggest barrier to setting up a multidisciplinary decision making clinic similar to that from the Bay of Plenty would be resourcing.
- Participants were keen to understand more about the use of the [Serious Illness Conversation guide](#) in the nephrology space noting that lack of time may be a factor.

Research to practice

- A role for the Society in supporting clinicians and consumers to implement new practice through education programs (online, ASM) and through guidelines and policies
- MBS/PBS/PHARMAC data linkages the best way to measure success in implementation
- Physicians (primary care and nephrologists), consumers, CARI and the Society were all seen as having an important role in advocating for new therapies.

Data quality

- There was support for ANZSN to access unit identifiable data from the ANZSN designed ANZDATA quality indicator report with an annual ANZSN meeting to discuss results
- Reporting on a number of current and potential measures (patient reported experience, access to kidney transplantation, peritonitis, blood stream infections) was seen as helping to improve lives of people with kidney disease
- Participants saw a role for ANZSN in highlighting good practice and supporting units identified as outliers.