



Certification UPDATE

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Keeping BONENT Members Informed

BONENT Joins Coalition to Make Dialysis Patients Safer

In the U.S., there are more than 400,000 people relying on hemodialysis care. These patients are at risk of getting serious infections. In fact, each year about 37,000 people get potentially deadly bloodstream infections related to their hemodialysis treatment.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has demonstrated that bloodstream infections in dialysis patients could be cut in half by implementing CDC's Core Interventions for Dialysis Bloodstream Infection Prevention.

The Board of Nephrology Examiners Nursing Technology (BONENT) has recently partnered with the *Making Dialysis Safer for Patients Coalition*, as organized by the CDC Foundation.

The coalition's mission is to reduce bloodstream infections among hemodialysis patients through the efforts of a broad range of stakeholders. BONENT's participation is critical to achieving the coalition's goal of reducing bloodstream infections in hemodialysis patients.

To help prevent infections in dialysis patients and increase the use of proven practices that cut infection rates in half, the Making Dialysis Safer for Patients Coalition has created

posters, checklists and fact sheets for use in providers' offices, dialysis clinics, training sessions, and work areas.

Watch for BONENT's use of *#DialysisPatientsFirst* on Twitter and Facebook, as well as links on the BONENT website to resources provided by the coalition.

"The Board of Nephrology Examiners Nursing Technology's partnership will be an important cornerstone of this important public health initiative and we look forward

to working with you and your colleagues as partners in the *Making Dialysis Safer for Patients Coalition*," said Alicia M. Freeman, Coordinator,

Making Dialysis Safer Campaign at the CDC Foundation.

Dialysis facilities that have implemented CDC recommendations were able to sustain infection reductions over several years. CDC provides dialysis facilities with a package of resources that includes checklists, audit tools, how-to videos, continuing education training, and patient resources to help facilitate adoption of CDC's evidence-based practices.

BONENT is doing its part to put **#DialysisPatientsFirst!**



The states below require BONENT Regional Representatives.

Alabama	Missouri
Alaska	Montana
Arizona	Nebraska
Arkansas	Nevada
Colorado	New Hampshire
Connecticut	New Mexico
Delaware	North Carolina
District of Columbia	North Dakota
Hawaii	Oklahoma
Idaho	Oregon
Iowa	Rhode Island
Kansas	South Carolina
Louisiana	Utah
Maine	Vermont
Maryland	Virginia
Massachusetts	Washington
Minnesota	West Virginia
	Wyoming

Interested in becoming a Regional Representative?

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Improving the Professionalism of Your Dialysis Facility

I keep hearing from our members asking:
"Why should I maintain my certification?"

The reasons are the same as before certification was required. You want to show everyone that you are a professional and that you have current knowledge of your profession. Dialysis patients deserve the peace of mind that professionals that are taking care of them know what they are doing and truly are concerned about their patients.

The best way to show this, is by being certified by the "Premier International Organization for Certifying Dialysis Professionals." That is BONENT! So, do your continuing education, stay current and recertify when the time comes. If you are having problems finding continuing education opportunities, check the CE Calendar page on the website or email the chair of the BONENT CE Program at lyle_bonent@msn.com for suggestions. Do it for your patients!



BONENT President RJ Picciano meets with members at a York PA NANT Chapter meeting.

It's Time for Everyone to Get Certified:

Nurses, Clinical Managers, Facility Administrators & Bio-Med Tech's

Now that patient care technicians need to be certified because of Medicare Conditions for Coverage, it is time that we encourage the other professionals we work with to step up and get certified!

That's right, talk with the charge nurse that you work with and talk to your Clinical Manager or Facility Administrator. **Challenge them to get certified.** Suggest that they take the BONENT CHN or CPDN! If you need to be certified, the professionals that manage your practice also need to be certified!

BONENT now has a certification for the Bio-Med Technicians who take care of our machines and ensure that they're safe for us to use. They, most of all, need to be certified. Tell them how to sign up for the CHBT.

Have them take our CHN, CPDN, or CHBT exams

CHBT Exam Now Available by Computer Based Testing (CBT)

After going through analysis of our new CHBT exam over the last year, it has now been programmed to be made available at a computer site. So, tell your Bio-Med Tech's that they can sign up and take the exam any time they want at one of the many Computer Based Testing (CBT) sites around the world. They can also sign up to take it at any of the paper & pencil sites. Look at the BONENT website for a list of up locations.

2017 BONENT Regional Seminar Locations Identified

BONENT has decided to do 4 Regional Education Seminars in 2017. They will each be on a Sunday and offer 8 CE's:

- **Southeast:** Pensacola, FL on March 26th
- **Western:** Sacramento CA on May 7th, with a track for Bio-Med technicians
- **Mid-West:** Chicago IL on June 11th
- **Northeast:** Newark NJ on August 20th with a track for Bio-Med technicians.

Each of these will have a paper/pencil exam the day before on Saturday.

Watch for more details on the website as they become available.

We are still in the planning process for these seminars, so your suggestions on topics and speakers are welcome! Send them to Lyle Smith at lyle_bonent@msn.com.

Plan to Attend
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Mark Your Calendar
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Tell Your Co-Workers

BONENT Board Visits Seattle Dialysis Museum

Recently, prior to the start of their fall board meeting in Seattle, Washington, the BONENT Board of Directors had an opportunity to visit the Dialysis Museum at one of the Northwest Kidney Centers (NWKC).

They had the opportunity to meet with Nancy Spaeth, a retired Registered Nurse and one of the first patients dialyzed at home in the 1960s. She started on dialysis in 1967 at NWKC and is presently enjoying her 4th transplant.

Nancy gave the board a tour of the museum taking them through a lifetime of innovation started by pioneer physicians Belding H. Scribner and James Haviland. Dr. Scribner invented a Teflon tubing to connect the patient's artery to the vein to make dialysis possible. Together, doctors Scribner and Haviland started the first dialysis center out of a hospital setting.

The board also had a chance to see samples of the following:

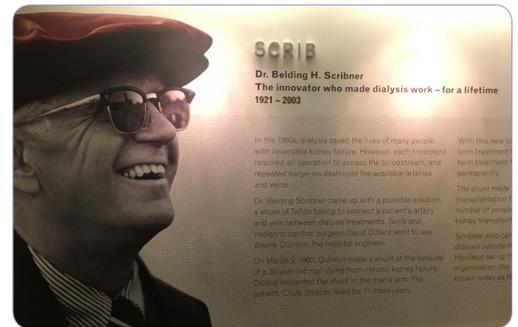
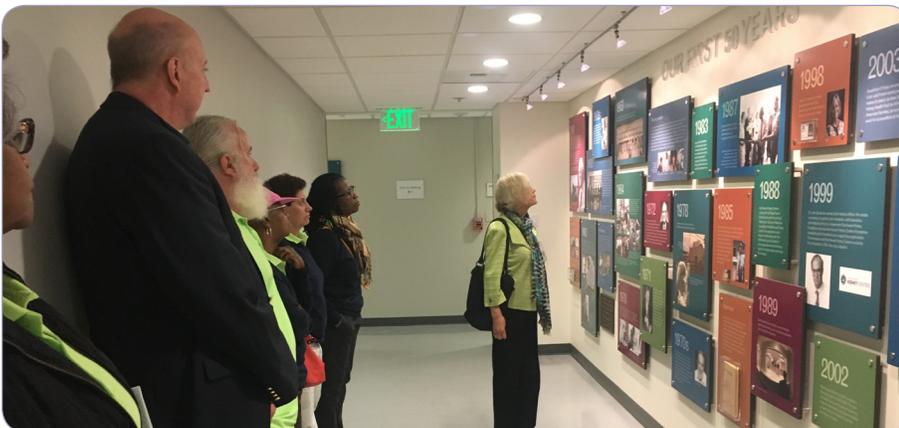
- Kolff-Brigham rotating drum kidney created during World War II;
- Monster and the Mini II that Drake Willock used in the 1960s;

- Drake Willock Parallel Plate and Low-Fluz hallow fiber dialyzer used in the 1970s;
- High Flux dialyzer;
- Cobe Centry 3 and the Cobe Centry 2 Rx with ultrafiltration control module used in the 1980s.

Peritoneal Dialysis, another modality of treating chronic renal failure, was developed in Seattle by Dr. Fred Boen, working with Dr. Scribner at the University of Washington. They developed the first successful peritoneal technique to treat patients in the hospital which was later adopted for long term home peritoneal dialysis.

The Boen home peritoneal dialysis cyclor was used in the 1960s, while the Physio-Control automated peritoneal dialysis machine was used in the 1970s and the Baxter's Home Choice Pro used in the 1990s.

The visit was enlightening for the group and all agreed that the display was a lifetime of innovation that has improved the quality of life for millions across the world. If you ever visit the Seattle area, please be sure to give the North West Kidney Center a call to visit this historic museum.



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DIALYSIS

Nurses • Technicians • Bio Med

BONENT Members & Non Members:

Get 8 CEs in 1 Day!



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BONENT is truly focused on improving caregiver education to improve patient care.”

“Very informative and very well organized!”

“It was very informative and interesting.”

“I’ll bring my colleagues next year!”

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Sunday, March 26, 2017
Pensacola, FL



Sunday, May 7, 2017
Sacramento, CA



Sunday, June 11, 2017
Chicago, IL



Sunday, August 20, 2017
Newark, NJ

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