



Certification UPDATE

Keeping BONENT Members Informed

BONENT Mid-West Seminar

Learn From These Powerful Presentations & Get 8 CEUs in one day!

Dealing with the Difficult Patient

Dianne Shelkov, CHT

Certified Hemodialysis Technologist,
Fresenius Medical Care



Learn to identify difficult behaviors and have the proper response ready to calm down the event, share new ideas on old situations that occur during the day in any unit, and

explore and explain how to diffuse difficult patients during their dialysis treatment.

What's Wrong with this Picture? Find it before CMS does.

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Certified Hemodialysis Technologist,
Fresenius Medical Care

This presentation identifies recent changes in health care policy and advances in clinical and translational research and discusses how these may impact the care of patients with kidney disease; integrates new discoveries in dialysis and non-dialysis chronic kidney disease, transplantation, hypertension and general nephrology to improve clinical practice of patients with kidney disease; and enhances skills of the interdisciplinary team to improve care of patients with kidney disease

Patient Care Technicians: Professionalism and Boundaries

Dori Schatell, MS

Executive Director, Medical Education Institute



An author of hundreds of educational pieces for patients and professionals, Dori explains what it means to be a "professional," and how can becoming one help you?

Learn what professionals in health care do and don't do.

A Good Life with Kidney Disease

Nancy Hewitt Spaeth, RN

Dialysis Transplant Patient



Nancy gives a moving description of her long life with kidney disease. She talks about coping, re-framing, and feeling lucky.

Communicating at Work: Impact on Relationships and Quality of Care

Gail Wick, MHSA, BSN, RN, CNN

Consultant, ANNA Past President



The presentation will provide an overview of verbal and nonverbal communication and its importance in a healthcare setting, along with suggestions for improved communication in the work setting.

In-Center Nocturnal Dialysis: A Provider's Experience

Shane Simon MBA

National Director of Home & In-Center
Nocturnal Hemodialysis, DaVita



Beginning with a literature review of seminal studies, this presentation offers best-demonstrated clinical and managerial practices from a leading service provider on

how to install a Nocturnal shift for the clinical and social betterment of your dialysis patients.

Access Management: The Art of Making Vascular Accesses Last

Lynda K. Ball, MSN, RN, CNN

Vascular Access Specialist, Fresenius Medical Services



Lynda, an internationally recognized vascular access expert, will look at the importance of routinely managing vascular access in a way that minimizes damage

and prolongs the life of the access. A review of simple changes to cannulation practice will be reviewed utilizing the KDOQI Clinical Practice Guidelines.

For more info, see:
www.BONENT.org

Join Your Colleagues at the

Get

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BONENT Mid-West Dialysis Seminar

CEs in 1 Day For Your BONENT Recertification

BONENT
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PROGRAMS

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, July 15, 2012 – CHICAGO, IL

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is finally here!

We at BONENT have been very busy with new and exciting projects.

NEW CHT Exam Matches Dialysis Changes

The new fully revised CHT exam is ready (finally!). We have gone through an 18 month process to fully revise the exam so that it matches current technician practice nationally and internationally. I would like to thank the many volunteers that made this process happen, especially the BONENT exam chair, Lyle Smith. With so much change in dialysis, the new conditions for coverage, technician certification, in the past few years, this was necessary to keep BONENT and our exams ahead of these changes.

As soon as we start using the new exam, the outline on the website will change to reflect what is in the new exam.

Your Help Needed to Translate Exam into Spanish

Our next project involving the CHT exam will be translating it into Spanish, something that is long over due. This will allow BONENT to branch out into the Caribbean and Latin America. We need a few bilingual members that hold the CHT credential to review the translation and see if it reflects what the questions mean. So, if you are interested in helping, email the Exam Chair at lyle_bonent@msn.com.

July Regional Seminar in Chicago

Our next exciting project is our first BONENT Regional Education Seminar. It will be held in Chicago, IL on July 15th 2012. We have a great line up of speakers (see page 1 and our website for details). We are planning to have more of these in the future in other regions in 2013. And by the way, Hawaii is out – too expensive.

Board Elections Coming

Finally, I would like to announce that there will be 2 BONENT Board positions open for election this year. They are both CHT positions. So, if you would like to become more involved with BONENT, see the information on page 3 on how to run for these positions.

See you all in Chicago!



RJ Picciano
President

Picciano Receives Two NANT Awards



BONENT President RJ Picciano proudly shows one of the NANT Torchbearer Awards presented to her at the NANT 2012 Annual Conference in Las Vegas. The award is for her dedication to the practice of nephrology. In the photo (left to right) are BONENT members Kazim Naqvi, RJ, Zelma Griffin and Mike Morales.



President Picciano also received the NANT Mark Rolston Award for outstanding support and dedication in the education of technicians and technologists (with Mark Rolston).



President Picciano with BONENT members Karen Evans and Marlene Wilson.

We're Moving! Effective June 1st
BONENT Executive Office is moving to:
100 S. Washington St.
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Board of Directors Elections This Summer

Nominations Deadline June 30, 2012

The annual election of members of the BONENT Board of Directors is upon us once again. BONENT is seeking qualified candidates who wish to run for two available technician positions on the BONENT Board.

Technologist's Position Requires:

- One year of managerial or administrative experience in either a nursing or technical area;
- Must be registered by BONENT as a Certified Hemodialysis Technician (CHT);
- A minimum of three (3) years experience in Nephrology Technology;
- Have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.

Are You Qualified?

If you are a CHT, CHN, or CPDN, have served BONENT in the past, and wish to be considered for a position on the Board of Directors, you should ask yourself these questions:

- What do I feel I can contribute to BONENT?
- Do I have time and energy to be a working member of the Board, or will I end up being too busy to be of much assistance?
- Am I a team player?

- How do I handle work that is delegated to me? Do I get it done promptly or do I procrastinate?
- Do I need a lot of encouragement and reminders to complete a task, or am I a self-starter (and finisher)?

Who do you know that is qualified to be a board member?

Who is the ideal Board of Directors member? They are individuals who are willing to work towards promoting BONENT's mission of quality patient care through certification of caregivers. BONENT needs members who are willing and able to serve the organization and their profession with time and energy. All Board members are required to proctor two examinations per year, perform committee functions, participate in periodic conference calls, attend two annual board meetings, and delegated assignments.

If you feel that you meet the qualifications and want to be placed on the ballot, please fax, e-mail, or mail a copy of your resume and a letter of your intent to the BONENT Executive Office by Friday, June 30, 2012. As always, we welcome your questions and requests for additional information. You may contact Peter Anas at the BONENT Executive Office by calling 202-463-1251 (ext 20), or via e-mail to peter@bonent.org.

BONENT Exam Proctors - 2011

Thank you to the following BONENT members who were Paper & Pencil Exam (PPE) proctors from January 2011 to December 2011. They gave of their time to oversee a BONENT exam and help their peers reach the status of "BONENT certified member."

Auckland, New Zealand
Fredric Doss, CHT

Australia
Jodie Morgan, CHT

California
Susan Critchfield, CHT

New York
Kazim Naqvi, CHT
Armani Rashad, CHT

Ohio
Barbara Guthrie, CHT, OCDT
Dennis Schell, CHT, OCDT
Paulette Sheeley, RN, BSN, CNN, CHN
Marla Simonitis, CHT, OCDT
Helen Trunick, CHT, OCDT
Lucinda Withrow, CHT

South Carolina
Kimberly Kerns, RN, CHN

Texas
Rosa Watson, CHT

Washington
Kim Lightfoot, RN, CHN

Wisconsin
Carol Cunningham, CHT

Application for Board of Directors

Applications must be postmarked by **June 30, 2012**

Please complete the form below and mail with a copy of your CV or resume to:

BONENT Executive Office
100 S. Washington St.
Rockville, MD 20850

Please type and attach a brief statement about why you would like to be a member of BONENT Board of Directors, and what qualities you feel you have which would benefit our members. Statement must not exceed 300 words.

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed to all BONENT members in July, with a return date of September 1, 2012. Candidates will be notified of election results by mid-September, and will assume their new positions on the Board in October 2012.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (work): _____ Phone (home): _____

E-mail: _____

BONENT Certification #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Employer/Facility Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Supervisor/Director/Administrator: _____

Phone Number to verify employment: _____



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Make Plans to Attend the **BONENT Mid-West Dialysis Seminar**

See page 1 for details

Remember to:

Pay your Annual Certification Fees:

If you have not paid, BONENT cannot verify your certification to you:

- Employer
- Potential Employer
- State Board



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- No predetermination of benefits

Visit www.BONENT.org and click on the Member Benefits Program link

This program is not available in Montana, Connecticut, Washington, Alaska, Vermont, New Hampshire and Idaho.