



Certification UPDATE

Keeping BONENT Members Informed

First BONENT Regional Seminar - A Huge Success!

BONENT's first regional educational seminar was held on Sunday July 15th at the Marriott Oak Brook Hills Resort in the west suburbs of Chicago. "We thank the 125 participants from 16 states and Canada, some of whom drove up to five hours to attend," said Lyle Smith CNN, CPDN, chairman of the event.

A Diverse Group of Presentations

There was a phenomenal lineup of speakers who kept the audience enthralled throughout the day.

Dori Schatell, Executive Director, Medical Education Institute and author of the new book, "Help, I Need Dialysis" spoke on "Patient Care Technicians-Professionalism and Boundaries".

Diana Shelkov, a well-known and entertaining speaker, including at NANT National symposiums, presented "What's Wrong with

This Picture – Find It before CMS Does," as well as "Dealing with the Difficult Patient" presented later in the day.

Lynda Ball, Vascular Access Specialist for Fresenius Medical Care, presented "Access Management: The Art of Making Vascular Accesses Last" and "Troubleshooting the Button-hole Technique."

Gail Wick, a two-time ANNA President, former Vice-President for DaVita and Fresenius and President of Gail Wick Associates, full of energy and information, spoke on "Communicating at Work: Impact on Relationships and Quality of Care".

Nancy Spaeth, CKD patient since 1959, dialysis patient since 1967, and four-time transplant patient, presented on her life with CKD, titled "A Good Life with Kidney Disease".

Shane Simon, National Director of In-Center Nocturnal and Home Therapies for DaVita, presented "In-Center Nocturnal Hemodialysis: One Provider's Experience".

Attendees received eight hours of continuing education for the day-long event.

Also that weekend, BONENT exams were administered onsite on Saturday allowing professionals not yet certified to test for their certification.



Attendees at the seminar

Some Glowing Participant Comments

"I have been working in dialysis for 14 years and still learned things from this conference."

"Lunch was great!"

"The best seminar I have ever attended"

"I enjoyed all speakers tremendously!"

"Outstanding to hear a tech speak."

"I loved Diana!"

"Shane was extremely good and explains things well."

"We need more seminars like this."

"Very good content."

"Consider having this in more regions around the country."

"Everything was very educational."

"Great meeting - when are you going to have one in New York?"



Speaker
Lynda Ball

Speaker Shane Simon

Save the Date for February 17, 2013 in Orlando!

The BONENT Mid-West Dialysis Seminar exceeded all expectations and was so successful that BONENT has scheduled their second Regional Seminar for **Sunday February 17 in Orlando FL**. Check our BONENT site at www.BONENT.org for further details and future seminars.

BONENT
Continuing
Education
PROGRAMS

Certification UPDATE

The BONENT Certification UPDATE is published quarterly by:
**Board of Nephrology Examiners
 Nursing & Technology**



100 South Washington St.
 Rockville, MD 20850
 Phone: 202-462-1252
 Fax: 202-463-1257
 Web: www.bonent.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

RJ Picciano, BA, CHT, OCDT
 Stow, OH
President@bonent.org

Vice President & Update Editor

Carol Johnson, RNC, MSN, CS, FNP
 Jamaica, NY
Carrajon@aol.com

Secretary/Treasurer

Paulette C. Sheeley, RN, BSN, CNN
 Rock Creek, OH
psheeley22@gmail.com

Directors

Susan Critchfield, CHT
 Rosamond, CA
scritchfieldcht@sbcglobal.net

Zelma Griffin, BS, CHT
 South Holland, IL
griffinzelma@aol.com

Dennis Schell, CHT, OCDT
 Maumee, OH
schellfamily5@sbcglobal.net

Lyle Smith, BSN, CNN, CPDN
 Umatilla, OR
Lyle_BONENT@msn.com

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Executive Director Peter Anas

Phone: 202.462.1252, ext. #20
peter@bonent.org

Membership & Certification Director Laikisha Jeffries

Phone: 202.462.1252, ext. #15
membership@bonent.org

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A New, Big Step for BONENT

I hope everyone has had a great summer!!!!

As you saw on the first page, this past month, we hosted the first-ever BONENT Regional Education Seminar! Held at the Marriot Oak Brook Resort in a Chicago suburb, it was a huge success! The attendance was great. The speakers were superb! It was an excellent learning experience for the 125 nephrology professionals who attended.



Speaker Gail Wick, Conference Chair Lyle Smith and President RJ Picciano

The lead speaker was Dori Schatell from Medical Education Institute. She also signed copies of her excellent new book, "Help, I Need Dialysis" for some of the attendees.

More Seminars Coming to Orlando, NY & Ohio

Among the other speakers were Lynda Ball, National Access Manager for FMC and new ANNA Treasurer, as well as Shane Simon, National Coordinator of Home and In-Center Dialysis for DaVita. Gail Wick, former two-time ANNA President, spoke on Communication in the Dialysis Center. Her presentation will be available on the BONENT website for review in the next few months.

Comments gleaned from our attendee survey were extremely positive. We have a few growing pains to work out before the next seminar, but, we thank Lyle Smith, Seminar Chair for a great job selecting the speakers and topics. We also thank the BONENT Executive Office for coordinating all the administrative aspects of our first seminar.

Our second BONENT Regional Education Seminar will be held **Sunday February 17th in Orlando, FL**. Watch the BONENT website (www.BONENT.org) for details about the date, location, speakers, and more.

Board Elections: Cast Your Vote on Page 3

We are looking for a few BONENT members in Florida to help the day of the seminar. If you are available, email Lyle Smith, the new BONENT Director of Continuing Education Programs at lyle_bonent@msn.com. We are also planning future seminars in New York and Ohio in 2013.

Save \$\$\$ by Trying our Online Member Benefits Program

The other big news is that BONENT is having elections for two seats on the Board of Directors for members who hold the CHT certification. We have 3 candidates on the ballot (see page 3). We need all members (CHT, CHN, CPDN) to vote for their choice for the 2 members that will hold these 2 positions, which are so critical to the future of BONENT. The ballot and biographies of the candidates is included in this edition of the BONENT Certification Update.

The other thing that I would like to highlight is the one year-old BONENT Member Benefits Program. You can access it in the horizontal blue bar on the BONENT website. Make sure you read the info and take advantage of the opportunities of being a BONENT member (which means you can save a lot!) The following list of services and product area discounts are available to current, paid up members:

Electronics	ID Theft Protection	Pet Prescriptions & Drugs
Entertainment	Insurance: Auto, Home & Life	Restaurants
(Movie tickets & more)	Pet Health	Roadside Assistance
Groceries	Pet Insurance	Travel
	(See ad on page 4)	Vision



RJ Picciano
 President

Our Newest 25 Year Members

Congratulations for Maintaining Certification for 25 Consecutive Years Since 1987!



- Milton Barbee CHT
- Barbara Bondarchuk CHN
- Ronald Castillo CHT
- Estelita Denstedt CHN
- Anna Gray CHN
- Katherine Jones CHN
- David Leftridge CHT



BONENT Board of Directors 2012 Election Information & Ballot

Currently there are two CHT positions on the BONENT Board that need to be filled. The current list of board members is shown on page 2. The three candidates who have submitted their board application (published in the Spring newsletter) to the Nominating Committee are shown below with their biography. You are also able to add a "Write-in Candidate's name," who must be a BONENT member in good standing, meet the same published criteria and subject to board approval.

CHT



Susan Critchfield, CHT
Rosamond, California

I have been serving on the BONENT Board of Directors for the past 3 years. I want to serve another 4-year term to see through the new educational direction we are developing.

I have also proctored several exams and have enjoyed doing this, as there have been very few members in the Antelope Valley in the past. I have tried to schedule exams every month and I have increased our membership by doing this.

I feel that BONENT is the premier examination and it is important to our patients to have the best-qualified technicians and nurses. I think that our future educational programs will help to ensure this. For this reason I want to remain on the Board of Directors.



Nan S. Falk, CHT
Long Beach, California

I would like to become more active in the BONENT organization and ask to be considered as a Board member in the upcoming election.

I have been a Regional Representative and Exam Proctor for the past few years and have worked on two projects to assist in the test "revamping" process. I have also served on NANT Committees, received their "Torch Bearer" Award and help put the 2011 National Symposium together for Las Vegas. I served on the educational clinical panel presentation and narrated the main area programs. Completing tasks given in a timely, thoughtful and complete manner.

My work experience with ESRD patients stems from 1988 and covers over 22 years of patient care. I have volunteered and I participated in the National Kidney Walk and the Gift of Life Celebration in Minnesota. BONENT and California Dept. of Health certified. I am also a "full member" of NANT.

I love learning so I continue to enhance my abilities to care for ESRD patients by attending local, state and national conferences. Confident that if elected, I can assist BONENT in achieving goals set by the Board and to work on projects such as mentioned above and new ideas.



Zelma L. Griffin, BA, CHT
South Holland, Illinois

My name is Zelma L. Griffin and I have been a member of BONENT since the late 1990s.

As part of this organization, I have had the opportunity to serve in various areas to include, but not limited to the following:

- Policy & Procedures Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Regional Representative Committee Chair

I have also assisted with a team of individuals responsible for updating the CHT Exams as well as serve as a proctor for BONENT exams in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio and Las Vegas. I have enjoyed being a part of C.G.M. Dialysis Consultants, the Dialysis Technology Advisory Board of Sanford-Brown College, Skokie, IL, working as a CPR Instructor as well as being an instructor for Condensed Curriculum International for St. James Community Center, Chicago Heights, IL. Since the health care industry is one of the largest employers in the United States, I am inspired to encourage technicians and other professionals to continue expanding their educational pursuits and to sharpen their skills striving for the highest standard for quality patient care. Therefore, I would like to continue to give of my time to serve on the BONENT Board of Directors.

VOTE HERE



You must be a member in good standing (your certification has not lapsed or expired and your Annual Certification Fee must be paid to date).

CHT Position (choose two)

- Susan Critchfield, CHT
- Nan S. Falk, CHT
- Zelma L. Griffin, CHT
- I nominate a write-in candidate:

Your Information

Name _____ CHT CHN CPDN

BONENT ID# _____ Exp. Date _____

Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

- I am interested in becoming a BONENT Regional Representative in my area.

Please mail this ballot to the BONENT Executive Office postmarked before **September 24, 2012.**

BONENT, 100 S. Washington St, Rockville MD 20850



Board of Nephrology Examiners
Nursing & Technology
100 South Washington Street
Rockville, MD 20850

Certification Update: Summer 2012

INSIDE:

- **BONENT Mid-West Dialysis Seminar**
- **Board Elections Ballot**

Remember to:

Pay your Annual Certification Fees:

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

- *Employer*
- *Potential Employer*
- *State Board*

Pet Insurance for BONENT Members

healthypaws®
PET INSURANCE

**PAYS 90%
OF YOUR VET BILLS**

Dr. Max
Licensed Chihuahua

APPROVED

INSTANT QUOTE!

**BONENT Members can
START SAVING 90%
ON VET BILLS TODAY!**

As a Member you receive a 10% Discount on Healthy Paws for your pets!

- Accidents and illnesses happen when you least expect them.
- Take the worry out of pet care.
- Make it easy to get the best care possible.

Get your instant quote today



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