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News Release

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A Dedication to Dialysis for 50 Years: *Proud & Passionate!*

In April 1974, an independent testing body in nephrology was established - BONENT - the Board of Nephrology Examiners Nursing Technology.

50 years later, over 30,000 dialysis nurses and technicians have taken a BONENT exam. Today, over 8,000 are currently certified in the United States and 11 other countries and growing.

Over those 50 years BONENT has evolved to now include 5 credentials in dialysis:

- **CHT:** Certified Hemodialysis Technologist
(English & Spanish)
- **CHBT:** Certified Hemodialysis BioMedical Technologist
- **CHN:** Certified Hemodialysis Nurse
- **CPDN:** Certified Peritoneal Dialysis Nurse
- **CHWS:** Certified Hemodialysis Water Specialist

Major Recent Developments

- **NNCO Joins BONENT:** In early 2021, The National Nephrology Certification Organization became part of BONENT, which agreed to accept all CCNT, CBNT, and CDWS certificants, as well as providing a path for their recertification to becoming BONENT members.
- **BONENT Adds CHWS Exam:** BONENT added to its four exams by offering the NNCO Dialysis Water certification, but the acronym changed to Certified Hemodialysis Water Specialist (CHWS). This addition brings the total exams offered by BONENT to five.
- **CHT Spanish Version:** This year we will be celebrating 10 years since we started offering a Spanish version of our CHT exam.
- **30th Seminar:** BONENT annually hosts 2-3 Regional Seminars and 1-2 Virtual Seminars to help its members obtain Continuing Education credits toward their 4-year recertification requirements. In 2021, we had our first, one-day Virtual Seminar. It was a great success, with over 300 attendees, followed by 4 total seminars in 2022, with over 700 attendees in total, including



BONENT and NNCO certified members, and non-members too! Our next seminar will be our 30th since 2012!

- **2024 Regional Seminar Dates Established:** BONENT recently announced the dates of the 2024 Regional Seminars:
 - **MidWest Regional Seminar** in Chicago IL, Sunday June 9th
 - **Northeast Regional Seminar** in Newark NJ, Sunday August 25th
 - **Virtual Seminar:** November 10th

- **A Growing Website:** In its continuing efforts to stay current and communicate with its members and future exam applicants, BONENT revamped its website to a completely new look, and continues to update with and easier-to understand content at www.BONENT.org with more than 170 web pages.

- **The BONENT Store:** BONENT promotional items are always a hot commodity at conferences and seminars. They have recently been made available for purchase on the BONENT website;

- **Minimum Work Experience Change:** After listening to our members, ESRD partners and renal community, in 2018, BONENT changed the minimum work experience to sit for the CHT (Certified Hemodialysis Technologist) and the CHBT (Certified Hemodialysis BioMedical Technologist) exam, from twelve months to six months.

- **Watch later in 2024: BONENT Online Continuing Education** will debut, where we will provide over 30 single-hour webinars to purchase and view to help our members gain CE hours for their recertification.

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Mission Statement

After much work in 2017, the BONENT Board of Directors agreed on an updated Mission, Vision and Values statement, which still holds today:

Mission: To promote excellence in nursing and technology globally through credentialing exams that enhance the care of patients with kidney disease.

Vision: All nurses and technicians working in the field of nephrology will be BONENT certified.

Values: Collaboration, Integrity, Excellence

- ***Collaborate:*** BONENT will collaborate with its certified members to create and foster a culture of excellence and innovation in their dialysis work environment.

- ***Integrity:*** BONENT will conduct its administrative, testing and business affairs by upholding the highest ethical values, principles and security.

- ***Excellence:*** BONENT will continually strive to produce and enhance its credentialing exams that are the highest regarded in nephrology.

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BONENT is an international non-profit organization of registered nurses and technicians dedicated to the promotion and advancement of excellence in the field of nephrology, through highly specialized credentialing exams and continuing education programs. It has over 8,000 certified members in 12 countries worldwide and growing.

