

Chapter Update

Alabama

Hazel Taylor #239

Hazel Taylor had a busy start to 2023! On January 19, we had a great dinner meeting sponsored by Sanofi on *The Multiple Faces of Fabry*. Thanks to Marta Reviriego-Mendoza for arranging and to Dr. Eric Wallace from the University of Alabama at Birmingham for giving such a great presentation.

On February 28, Nephrology Vascular Lab and Mark Collins provided a great presentation on *Percutaneous PD Catheter Insertion and Vascular Access Assessment and Complications*. The speakers were Dr. Phillip Madonia and Dr. Tom Watson. On March 2, Crystal Traylor and Travers sponsored a dinner meeting reviewing the most recent changes with KDIGO.

On April 4, Natera and Liz Whipple will sponsor a dinner meeting on *Genetic Testing for CKD*. Dr. Eric Wallace will be the speaker.

All our incoming chapter officers plan to attend the LEAD officer orientation in Palm Springs, CA, held in conjunction with the ANNA National Symposium, so that they can learn new ways to assist chapter members.

Watch for the date for our *Annual Nephrology Update*, which will be held in October.

We are looking at ways to support our members who are further away. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

California

Nephros South #506

Our chapter started 2023 on a positive note. Last year we welcomed 14 new members into our chapter! Most recently, **Karynne Ednacot** and **Erika Ramos Yanez** joined our chapter. Each new member received a welcome letter with an introduction to the chapter officers and an invitation to join in our chapter events.

We hosted our first educational dinner event on January 26 at Seasons 52 Restaurant. Thanks to our sponsor Ultragenyx and speaker Margo Black from Vanderbilt University Medical Center who presented *Redefining Treatment of X-Linked Hypophosphatemia with a Targeted Therapy*, a sequel to a previous presentation discussing the pathophysiology of X-linked hypophosphatemia. Because of the generous support of vendors, we are



Hazel Taylor chapter members gathered in January for dinner and a presentation on Fabry's disease.

planning two more educational meetings in March and April, which will introduce topics about nutrition in CKD and peritoneal dialysis.

Chapter officers **Wendy Lester** and **Kathi Amarillas** look forward to attending the ANNA National Symposium in Palm Springs, CA, in May, where they will enjoy many educational sessions in specialty practice, abstract and poster presentations, and much more, while networking with other ANNA members. Hopefully, we will meet some of our colleagues from the Nevada contingency of Nephros South.

2022 was a transformational year for our chapter with the incorporation of members from the Silver State Chapter and the addition of new members. Our goal for 2023 is to inspire new leadership and new ideas to carry on the tradition of service and commitment that Nephros South has provided for more than 35 years. Join the fun and experience the satisfaction of volunteerism!

Chumash #528

Our chapter hosted an educational event on November 17, 2022, presented by NephU and PsychU. Drs. Marla Dallal and Erika Hefazi presented the topic, *Major Depressive Disorder in Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)*. Discussion focused

on depression as a common mental health disorder, which is prevalent in people with CKD. Special thanks to Otsuka Pharmaceutical for sponsoring this dinner event held at Larsen's Grill Oxnard. Attendees at this complimentary dinner presentation included nurses, dietitians, and social workers.

Join and follow our chapter on Facebook for networking and educational opportunities.

Colorado

High Country #502

Our chapter, which encompasses Colorado and Wyoming, held two successful Meet and Greet meetings on December 8, 2022. Thanks to all the members who came out for some quality time to connect with nephrology peers. Shout out to **Ray Yuro** who spearheaded the gathering in Loveland, CO. A dinner meeting was held in February to learn about anemia management in ESKD.

We are hoping for a great turnout for our first in-person full-day educational seminar in many years. The program will be held April 23 at the Aurora campus of the University of Colorado. The program

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will offer 6.0 contact hours and feature the following topics:

- New Insights into Inflammation and its Role in Chronic Kidney Disease and Heart Disease
- Peritoneal Dialysis Adequacy: A Paradigm Shift
- Endovascular AV Fistula Creation: A New Tool for Vascular Access
- Recent Advances in the Management of CKD-MBD
- Home Hemodialysis Patient Perspectives
- COVID 19 and the Kidney

Please visit our website for details and to purchase tickets: <https://anna-high-country-chapter-502.ticketleap.com/>

Florida

South Florida Flamingo #206

Welcome to our new chapter members: **Juanita Grillo**, **Marylou Muscillo Dascoli**, and **Holly Page**. Welcome and let us know if we can help you. We look forward to meeting you at our monthly live educational dinner events.

On January 14, our chapter collaborated with the Florida ANNA chapters, the Intermountain Chapter in Utah, and the Florida Society of Nephrology (FSN) on a collaborative event held during the FSN conference. One ANNA education day with contact hours was offered at this collaborative meeting. Chapter President **Debra Hain** presented *Involuntary Patient Discharged: How to Improve Communication to Establish Patient-Provider Partnership in Adults Receiving Dialysis*. Health Policy Representative and President-Elect **Pamela DePiola** presented *Best Practices for Adults with CKD During a Tridemic*.

On January 19, Dr. Cris Gibson hosted an educational dinner meeting at Capriccio's Ristorante in Pembroke Pines. It was well attended with 28 participants.

Congratulations to our new elected officers for 2023-2024: President **Jane Sapp Wallace**, President-Elect **Pamela DePiola**, Secretary **Karen Hill**, Treasurer **Linda Boucher**, and Health Policy Representative **Sherise Dawkins**.

We are looking forward to a great year and to attending the 2023 ANNA National Symposium in Palm Springs, CA.

Suncoast #213

Welcome to **Cheryl Cox**, a new member who joined in December.



South Florida Flamingo chapter members attended an educational dinner on "Advances in Understanding FSGS" at Lasso Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse on December 15, 2022. Dr. Arvin Madan spoke, and Joseph Anunciacion was the winner of the raffle.



South Florida Flamingo participated in a chapter educational dinner meeting at Capriccio's Ristorante on January 19. Congratulations to raffle winner, Barbara Ann Davis (left). Also pictured is Treasurer Linda Boucher.

Everyone was busy over the holidays, but now it is time to reach out to your coworkers and get them to join our chapter or encourage them to attend an upcoming meeting.

We held a dinner meeting on February 8 at Laishley Crab House in Punta Gorda, compliments of Fresenius. Another dinner meeting was held at

Bascom's Chop House in St. Petersburg on February 23 hosted by GlaxoSmithKline.

We are reaching out to members for suggestions for topics or speakers for our annual meeting. Please contact **Cindy Toombs** (cindy.toombs@me.com, 813-476-4141) or **Angie Garcia Da Silva** (angie2606.ad@gmail.com, 281-770-2725) with your suggestions. We also would like



The three Florida ANNA chapters and the Intermountain Chapter in Utah held a collaborative meeting in January in conjunction with the Florida Society of Nephrology Annual Conference. Attendees included Angie DaSilva, May Midel, Deb Hain, and Pam DePiola.

to hear from anyone who is planning to attend the ANNA National Symposium so we can plan to get together for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Please contact one of us!

The three Florida ANNA chapters collaborated with the Florida Society of Nephrology for a meeting in January. It was a great agenda, and we received positive comments about the networking opportunities and collaboration.

Mark your calendars for our annual meeting at the Safety Harbor Resort in Safety Harbor and bring a colleague! This is our primary event for the year. The meeting will offer 14-16 contact hours along with many mandatory requirements. Watch for more information via ANNA emails and on our chapter Facebook page.

Kentucky

Bluegrass #322

Our chapter had our first continuing education offering of 2023. The Kentucky Organ Donors Association presented *Organ Donation in Kentucky: Let's Hear from KODA* for 1.2 contact hours. The program was well attended and provided a general overview of organ transplants and what is being done to improve donation in Kentucky.

Michigan

MichigANNA #312

The month of May has many opportunities to connect and collaborate

with other MichigANNA members. It starts with the ANNA National Symposium in Palm Springs, CA, on May 7-10. Look for other members in the halls and special events.

The NKF Detroit Zoo Walk occurs on May 21 this year. There is still time to join the chapter team! Contact chapter officers at 312.michiganna@gmail.com

Additionally, the chapter needs assistance to manage our social media sites. It's virtual using Zoom meeting and calls to produce a greater presence of our chapter on the sites. Do you or another person have these talents? Contact us at 312.michiganna@gmail.com. Providing for the educational programs of the chapter is ongoing and requires a planning committee that encompasses many varied skill sets. We request for members to join our Education Committee. Again, contact an officer by email at 312.michiganna@gmail.com.

Minnesota

Greater Minnesota #329

Our chapter held a virtual meeting on January 19 with good attendance. We will be offering monthly meetings with educational components and plan to alternate virtual and live meetings every other month. Watch for notices in our chapter link in ANNA Connected or reach out to **Linda Lindberg** (lmlteapot@aol.com) for dates and topics.

Congratulations to **James Thoms** for receiving the "FMC Cares" award, which

won him participation in the 2023 ANNA National Symposium. Several other chapter members also are planning to attend the symposium. We hope to see you there!

We are working hard to bring life back to our chapter and remotivate our members to actively participate in chapter activities after the effects of COVID-19 and other major events brought our activities to a halt for a while. Looking forward to a great year and to eventually reviving our annual fall symposium next year.

Mississippi

Magnolia #249

Our chapter hosted our first Community Renal Awareness Event on December 11, 2022. Conference faculty include T.J. Mayfield, Mississippi Kidney Foundation Executive Director; Sgt. Brian Carter, CHEP Supervising Security Officer, Hazmat Coordinator; Christina Williams, Certified Mental Health Educator; Dr. Yoshitsugu Obi, Assistant Professor, University of Mississippi Medical Center; and **Dr. Rowena Elliott**, Nurse Practitioner, Emory University. The event was held at the Hilton Jackson Hotel with 25 attendees.

Missouri

St. Louis Metro #307

Our chapter is striving to make advocacy our focus this spring. Chapter Health Policy Representative **Andrew Wasson** has a special place in his heart for this type of service. We are participating in opportunities throughout March, celebrating World Kidney Day on March 9 and culminating in walking in the St. Louis NKF Kidney Walk on March 26. Every year, our chapter raises awareness and money through our walk team. Our chapter spans much of Missouri and Illinois, so many of our members participate in NKF walks in other cities in our region as well.

Welcome new chapter members! Please plan to join us at one of our many get-togethers this year for opportunities to network, associate with others sharing your passion, learn more about nephrology, and serve our community. Our chapter communicates through ANNA Connected, so please make sure your email is up to date with the ANNA national office. We

have a relatively new chapter website – www.stlmetroanna.org – where you can find information anytime.

For our “Minute with a Member,” we are proud to introduce you to Francine Graham. Francine became a nephrology nurse 11 years ago. She started out as a patient care tech in the surgical ICU where she encountered transplant and dialysis patients. This is where she first learned there was a special machine that could sustain life until a transplant could be attained. Curious, she went to observe in the dialysis unit and has been hooked on nephrology ever since. Dialysis nursing satisfies Francine’s deep love for serving people, educating patients and staff, and helping others become their best selves. Her superpower is compassion. She is a member of ANNA to keep her finger on the pulse of nephrology nursing. She enjoys the opportunities to network and meet other nurses in our area, and she is constantly seeking to broaden her knowledge. When things are tough, Francine looks for the humor in the situation. She says a smile or laughter can really turn a situation around. If all else fails, a great day at the beach or some fine Italian food (pasta) is in order.

Francine has worked as a dialysis nurse at Cardinal Glennon Children’s medical Center and took the kids to Kidney Camp each summer, worked as a manager for Fresenius Kidney Care and Missouri Baptist Hospital’s acute unit, and currently serves as a case manager. Her greatest nursing achievement is the development of her leadership skills.

Francine says she is lucky to be in love with her best friend and husband of 24 years, Jock. She is super proud of the four amazing young men they have raised. They are all productive citizens, but most importantly, they are all pursuing their dreams.

Nebraska

Platte River #324

The chapter education planning committee is busy planning our fall distance learning education day to be held in Omaha in September. The education day once again will be offered both in person and virtually. Now is the time to send us any topic suggestions or speakers you think would be of interest for the education day. Use ANNA Connected, send an email, or call any of us. Also, if



Members of the St. Louis Metro Chapter attended an educational meeting provided by Pentec Health at Helen Fitzgerald’s Irish Grill on January 24.



Members of the Platte River Chapter attended the 2022 Nephrology Nursing Practice, Management, and Leadership Conference in San Diego.

any members are interested in becoming an education planning committee member, please let us know. We hold the planning calls via Zoom early evenings and welcome any member from anywhere in Nebraska or Iowa.

Monthly education meetings are being planned. As details are finalized, updates will be sent out via ANNA Connected.

The chapter officers would like to remind chapter members that currently the chapter does not have a treasurer-elect and will need a treasurer. Training is available! An eligible person will be sent to the leadership orientation at the ANNA

National Symposium. Several charter members also are happy to provide mentorship. Meetings are held via Zoom in coordination with educational planning. It can be fun and rewarding.

New Jersey

Garden State #125

We held our annual post-holiday event on January 15 at The Breakers. We had a nice afternoon mixing pleasure with a little business.

Enice Joannis, our chapter secretary, has resigned from the role but will

continue as an ad hoc member of the chapter leadership committee. We have designated the duties of that role until we find a new secretary.

Kudos to **Isabella Kocienski**, our chapter corporate liaison! Her abstract, "Does Steroid Use in Patients Impact Incidence of Intertriginous Dermatitis?" was accepted for presentation at the International Council of Nurses 2023 Congress in Montreal, Canada, on July 1-5.

We are planning a dinner meeting sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline in our more southern region. Details are pending.

In addition, we are planning our annual all-day meeting scheduled for May 18 at The Breakers in Spring Lake, NJ. Watch for more information via Instagram, Facebook, ANNA Connected, chapter member email, and for anyone who is on our conference email list.

Jersey North #126

By the time you are reading this issue, we will be having our annual all-day conference, *Renal Issues 2023*, on March 30 at Ravello's in East Hanover, NJ. Join us for a wonderful day filled with interesting topics, great speakers, vendor exhibits, and networking opportunities. View the brochure and register on our website at annajerseynorth126.nursingnetwork.com. Be sure to check our article in the next *ANNA Update* for all the details of the event.

Please contact Chapter Secretary **Cathy Picarelli** (catherine.picarelli@hmhn.org) if you will be attending the ANNA National Symposium in Palm Springs, CA, on May 7-9. We would love to hold a get-together for all chapter members in attendance.

New York

Northeast Tri-State #120

Our chapter held three virtual educational offerings in February and March. The topics were *Acute Kidney Injury* on February 9 offering 1.0 contact hour; *Palliative Care* on February 16 offering 1.0 contact hour; and *Home Dialysis* on March 2 offering 1.5 contact hours. The chapter was able to offer the sessions free to registrants.

Our chapter is looking for members to get involved. Please contact any officer via ANNA Connected for information and to ask any questions you may have.



Members of the Greater Charlotte Chapter enjoyed a dinner meeting sponsored by Vifor featuring a presentation on "A Clinical Update on CKD-Associated Pruritis."

North Carolina

Greater Charlotte #202

Our chapter started off 2023 with an educational dinner meeting sponsored by Vifor on the topic, *A Clinical Update on CKD-Associated Pruritis*. Thank you to speaker John Williams, Senior Science Director at Vifor. Our next educational dinner meeting was held on February 23. Dr. Prince Anand, a transplant nephrologist from MUSC, presented *A Novel Approach to the Treatment of IgA Nephropathy*.

Please make plans now to attend the ANNA North Carolina State Symposium on May 24-25 in Cary, NC, at the Embassy Suites. The meeting will offer 10.5 contact hours and will feature many vendors, networking opportunities, and fun. Some very interesting topics to be discussed will be CKD and optimal starts, incremental peritoneal dialysis, transitional units, mentoring, end-of-life issues, depression screening, impact of obesity on dialysis, vaccinations, and transplant drugs. Registration for the meeting opened on March 1.

Ohio

Tri State Ohio #317

Chapter officers are planning educational and CE events for 2023 and are encouraging members to get involved. Please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/annatristateohio or email annatristateohio@gmail.com for more information or to get involved. We are looking forward to a great 2023!

Cleveland #343

We are very excited to welcome all our new members! We look forward to all the exciting opportunities ahead for our chapter, such as education, innovation, fun, and camaraderie. We held our first education dinner for 2023 on February 28. The event was sponsored by Outset, the manufacturer of the TABLO machines. Watch for information about our upcoming events in April and May.

Welcome to our new officer: Secretary **Amy Hazel**. We are excited that she is taking on this role.

The chapter is calling for volunteers to help with planning for this year's *All-Day Education Summit* tentatively scheduled for October/November. Please contact President **Tracy Coates** at coatest@ccf.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Pennsylvania

Keystone #110

Welcome to our new members who joined in November and December: **Casey Lam, Oliver Powell, and Carol Ann Bernard**.

As we head into the slow season, our chapter hopes to provide regular live educational opportunities, including new topics and dinner locations. Recently, we enjoyed a delicious meal while hearing a presentation about improving renal outcomes in patients with lupus nephritis patients. We enjoyed getting together during the cold weather months to chat about recent nephrology experiences.

South Carolina

Palmetto #203

We held our first educational event this year on January 19 at Laura Alberts Restaurant. Thanks to our speaker John Williams with Vifor Pharma. We had excellent attendance with great dialogue on his presentation titled *Clinical Update on CKD-Associated Pruritus*.

Watch for upcoming announcements on ANNA Connected about educational offerings and events. We look forward to meeting you in person or virtually.

We would love to hear from you! Please feel free to suggest any topics of interest for future educational offerings. Contact a chapter officer for questions or information:

- President **Glinda Stricklin**, glindastricklin@yahoo.com
- Secretary **Deb Brooks**, brooksdeb@icloud.com
- Treasurer **Carrie Fabel**, carriedf2@gmail.com
- Adjunct Member **Amy Perry**, perrya219@hotmail.com

Texas

Gulf Coast #204

Our chapter officers and members participated in the National Kidney Foundation Houston Chapter on December 11, 2022. We also had our winter educational meeting at Eddie V's Steakhouse in the Houston area and talked about *Targeting Lupus Nephritis with Lupkynis*. Thank you to Aurinia Pharmaceuticals, Inc., for sponsoring this event.

For our new year's educational meeting, we had a collaborative meeting with the Council for Responsible Nutrition

(CRN Set) on the topic of *Hyperkalemia: Causes, Consequences, and Care*. The meeting was held at Steak 48 and sponsored by AstraZeneca.

On February 23, we hosted another educational dinner in collaboration with CRN Set and Travele Therapeutics. Dr. Sreedhar Mandayam, a prestigious nephrologist in the Houston area, discussed *IgA Nephropathy*.

Our newly elected chapter officers for 2023-2024 are: President **Bindu Simon**, President-Elect **Manjusha Thomas**, Secretary **Tiffany Ruizo**, Treasurer **Veronica Washington**, and Health Policy Representative **Sandra Luna**. Our chapter officers are planning to attend the ANNA National Symposium in Palm Springs, CA, in May.

If you have questions or would like to be involved with the chapter, please reach



Keystone chapter members enjoyed networking during a recent dinner meeting.



Palmetto chapter members enjoyed an educational dinner and presentation on "Clinical Update on CKD-Associated Pruritus" on January 19.



Palmetto chapter members attended an educational dinner sponsored by Vifor Pharma on January 19.

out to a chapter officer via ANNA Connected and watch your ANNA Connected emails for further updates.

Alamo City #205

Our chapter started the new year off with a bang. Thanks to Abby Bassett and Sanofi Pharmaceuticals for sponsoring our January dinner at Silo's Restaurant. Dr. Dorry Segev, Director of the Center for Surgery & Transplant Applied Research (CSTAR) at NYU Langone Health, presented *Evolving Landscape in Kidney Transplantation: Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic*. The dinner was a huge success with 40 attendees and plenty of time for questions and answers.

Thank you to Korsuva and Veltassa for sponsoring our February dinner. We had a great turnout once again.

Education dinners are planned through June 2023. Our chapter is already in the planning stage for a 1-day seminar in September. Alamo City also is giving back to the community with planned food drives, volunteering at the food bank and homeless shelter, and participating in annual walks.

The chapter elections were a success. Our officers are President **Gail Dewald**, President-Elect **John Thompson**, Co-Secretaries **Darlene Caruso** and **Gail Papayanopolus**, Treasurer **Dolly Baker**, Historian **Esme Guerra**, and Health Policy Representative **Roland Garza**.

Thank you to our chapter members for their hard work and contributions to nephrology nursing in 2022. We would not be as successful without you and your hard work. We would like to announce that we gained seven new members in the past 2 months.

Virginia

Tidewater #241

We started the new year with a chapter executive board meeting and luncheon. There was so much energy in the room as we plotted out the ANNA calendar year for our fantastic chapter. President **Janyce McLin** led the strategic planning session for 2023. Initial educational topics were spelled out for the year and included multiple NCPD opportunities to help maintain licensure status in Virginia and certification status. As plans are finalized, there is always a space for fun and interaction among members. Please reach out to a chapter officer if you have



Gulf Coast Chapter President Marichelle Espiritu (far right) participated in the Houston Kidney Walk with the Council for Responsible Nutrition (CRN Set).



The Gulf Coast Chapter hosted an educational meeting in January. Pictured (from left) are Dr. Horacio Androque, nephrologist and guest speaker; Marichelle Espiritu, chapter president; Aelyn Abardo, past chapter president; and Dr. Sreedhar Mandayam, nephrologist.



Gulf Coast chapter officers and members attended the chapter's collaborative educational meeting with CRN Set in January.



Tidewater chapter officers for 2023 include Gayle Derouen, Janyce McLin, Beverly Grier-Smith, Jenny Steed, and Nicole Hopper (seated).



Pacific Northwest chapter members networked at the ANNA fall meeting in San Diego. Pictured (from left) are Nancy Colobong Smith, Irene Krall, Jenae Stout, and Amanda Haug.

suggestions for topics, speakers, or meeting locations. Our goal is to meet the needs of our chapter members.

Keeping in mind that our members work regular jobs – and even our retired members are very busy – our chapter will continue to use technology to communicate and educate via Zoom meetings, conference calls, and in-person dinner meetings. Meeting notifications come through ANNA Connected, so

please check your profile on the ANNA website to be sure your email address is up to date and correct.

Our chapter is proud to welcome our new chapter secretary, **Nicole Hopper**. Officers for 2023 are President **Janyce McLin**, President-Elect **Gayle Derouen**, **Jenny Steed**, Secretary **Nicole Hopper**, and Treasurer **Beverly Grier-Smith**. We are all looking forward to another exciting and productive year.

Washington

Pacific Northwest #503

Our chapter provided multiple events for local members and nonmembers. On March 3, we presented *Renal Update 2023*. The program offered in-person and virtual registration options and provided 7.2 contact hours to attendees. Thank you to the following presenters and exhibitors for making this such a great event: **Kristin Larson**, Dr. Alexander Rinedahl, **Barbara Dommert-Breckler**, Christine Logar, Christina Logalbo, Dr. Yoshio Hall, Sherronda Jamerson, and Dr. Peter Gregory. Thank you also to the planning committee: **Lynda Ball**, **Deanne Dey**, **Naomi DeVega**, **Barbara Dommert-Breckler**, **Irene Krall**, **Judy Mallon**, **Perminder Minhas**, **Kristin McNeill**, **Lulu McManigal**, and **Nancy Colobong Smith**.

Our next virtual Meet and Greet is scheduled for April 6 at 5:00 p.m. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ANNAchapter503 for details.

We hope to see you at the ANNA National Symposium in Palm Springs, CA, in May where we hope to hold a chapter dinner meeting. Let us know if you plan to attend. We would love to get to know you and introduce you to our chapter officers. Reach out to us via Facebook or on ANNA Connected.

Puerto Rico

Caribbean #210

Our chapter ended 2022 by giving hope to patients affected by Hurricane Fiona with gift cards donated by ANNA chapters. We appreciate your donations and words of encouragement. These gift cards were allocated in the dialysis center of the Puerto Rico Public Health System and in a private dialysis unit in the northern area of Puerto Rico. Patient selection was done in collaboration with the social worker on each unit.

We elected our 2023 chapter officers. **Veronica Acevedo** will serve as secretary. We appreciate her leadership and performance as a volunteer and interim in the past year. We also congratulate our president-elect, **Emily Martinez Millan**. Leaders in the other positions will remain the same: Treasurer **Alexandra Briso**, Health Policy Representative **Marien Saade**, and President **Yaritza Pizarro**. Thank you for your leadership, commitment, and hard work.



Caribbean Chapter President Yaritza Pizarro (left) gave gift cards to a social worker at the Puerto Rico public hospital dialysis center. The gift cards were distributed to patients impacted by Hurricane Fiona.

In January, our chapter and the Puerto Rico Kidney Foundation began planning for the patients' and nephrology professionals' encounter. This activity has been held annually since 1990 except for the past 2 years due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our chapter will celebrate its 35th anniversary at this event this year.



Caribbean chapter officers – President Yaritza Pizarro and Treasurer Alexandra Brioso – delivered gift cards to a private adult dialysis unit in northern Puerto Rico. The gift cards were given to patients impacted by Hurricane Fiona.

Dialysis of Drugs Available for Institution-Wide Use

Dialysis of Drugs 2022 is the essential clinical reference guide for concise, easy-to-use information on the dialyzability of drugs in patients receiving hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis. Using a simple tabular format for literature-based information, this resource is available as a mobile app, a pocket-sized booklet, and a wall chart. Institutional site licenses permit posting of the pdf format on an institution's or organization's internal library or clinical resource page, allowing access by all employees. Learn more and access this resource at renalpharmacyconsultants.com.

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