

## A fresh perspective

Within BC's renal community, Terry Satchwill is almost certainly unique.

Since January, Terry has managed Fraser Health's home hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis programs and chronic kidney disease clinics. But she has never been a nurse and is new to renal care. However, what she brings to her new role is an appropriately fresh perspective and strong management skills.



"When I looked at this position I thought there were lots of opportunities to learn and there were similarities to other work I've done," says Terry, who was previously a critical care manager with Fraser Health.

The decision to apply for a renal manager position was also influenced by her experience last summer when her management responsibilities briefly included some renal in addition to other areas of critical care.

"What really appealed to me were the people I met who worked in renal," says Terry. "From the interdisciplinary teams, to the managers – everyone was very supportive. And I was especially impressed with the renal physician group when I saw how enthusiastic, involved and connected they were with the program."

Since taking her new position, Terry has been further impressed by the connectedness of renal groups across the province, and by the collegial nature of the renal network. And then there's PROMIS, which she calls a phenomenal tool.

Terry started her career in health care as a respiratory therapist. After graduating from Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops in 1993, she worked at BC Children's Hospital, Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria and Burnaby General.

Terry's family includes her husband John, and Olive – her seven-year-old parrot, which she says is a highly intelligent and sensitive animal. However, as Terry describes life with her parrot, it's clear Olive is not what you would call a low-maintenance pet.

"Parrots like to fling their food; they're very messy creatures" says Terry. "I've had to let go of all my needs for complete cleanliness. When you have a parrot, you have to learn to live with it," she says, without regret.