



WESTERN
CANADA

PD
DAYS

February 7th-9th, 2013

Northern Health Authority

Program Description

Thirty nine patients

Prevalence rate: 25.4 % PD

Staffing design

Three nephrologists rotate through Clinics

Nursing: 1.7 FTE

Social Work: .1 FTE

Dietician: .2 FTE

Pharmacist: .1FTE

Patients at a Glance

Geographic catchment area: Northern half of BC.

38% CAPD vs 62% CCPD

Average age: 61 yrs.

Unique characteristics (ie ethnic diversity): Usually there is a high percentage of First Nations patients.

Clinical Update

Peritonitis rates: Last six months: 1/37.5 months

The only method of catheter placement is surgical.

No availability of LTC facilities/unique settings to accommodate PD.

No PD Assist in home setting.

Areas of Focus/Success in the Past 12 Months

Patient home visits in all corners of Northern BC.

Education to nursing staff at outlying hospitals

Intensive training and retraining for medical nurses at UHNBC

Areas of Focus in the Next 12 Months

Explore potential for PD in Care Facilities.

Explore potential for respite for PD Caregivers.

Challenges and Frustrations

Our program lacks a Medical PD Champion.