

British Columbia Renal Dietitians Practice Group

Terms of Reference

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Purpose

The British Columbia Renal Dietitians Practice Group (BC RPG) provides a forum for supporting evidence-informed nutrition, advancing renal dietetic practice, and promoting optimal nutritional health for people with chronic kidney disease in British Columbia.

Composition

The BC RPG is open to both practicing and non-practicing registered dietitians (RDs) working renal dietitian roles in the province. Members come from each health authority in British Columbia. Meetings are held monthly by telephone or virtual platforms.

Various executive roles and subcommittees exist within the RPG.

Role Description	Dietitian Responsible
Provincial Group Lead	Dani Renouf (PHC)
RPG Roles	
Chair	Rotates between health authorities
Core Group Treasurer	Lai-Lin Harvalias
Education Fund	Jennifer Zinetti (VIHA), Dani Renouf (PHC), Simone Cormier (FH)
RD Contact List Master	Shelley Pallot (NHA)
RPG sub-committees	
Nutrition Handout Coordinators	Yvonne McIntosh (PHC) Winphia Koo (PHC)
Peritoneal Dialysis Group	PD Dietitians from each Health Authority
PROMIS Clinical Design Working Group	Dani Renouf (PHC) Eileen Carolan (VIHA)
Workload/ Funding	Eileen Carolan (VIHA) Karen Parinas (VCH)

BC Renal Committees	
Hemodialysis Committee Representatives	Beverley Lau (PHC)
Home Hemodialysis Committee Representatives	Julie Aviani (IHA)
Peritoneal Dialysis Committee Representatives	Katie Duff (VIHA) Shelly Messenger (FH)
Kidney Care Clinic Committee Representatives	Dani Renouf (PHC)
Media Liaisons	Dani Renouf (PHC) Tanya Choy (PHC)
Pharmacy and Formulary Representatives	Dani Renouf (PHC) Mich Upton (PHC)
Executive Committee Representative	Dani Renouf (PHC)
BC Kidney Days	
BCKD Planning Committee	Eileen Carolan (VIHA) Karen Parinas (VCH)
Affiliations	
Canadian Association Nephrology Dietitians	Eileen Carolan (VIHA)
International Society of Peritoneal Dialysis	
Northwest Renal Dietitians (NWRD)	Dani Renouf (PHC)
Western Peritoneal Dialysis Days	Jesse Colbeck (IHA)

Goals

1. To provide patients with chronic kidney disease access to evidence-based, up-to-date and accurate renal diet information.

2. To optimize nutrition status of chronic kidney disease patients through the BC Renal Nutritional Supplement Policy.
3. To promote standardized nutritional care of patients with chronic kidney disease.
4. To support member participation in research that benefits patients with chronic kidney disease.
5. To advocate for essential levels of RD staffing for optimal patient care

Deliverables

- Develop and revise provincial patient nutrition education materials, including, but not limited to, handouts and videos. Emphasis on providing culturally relevant, current, reliable information. Advocate for and facilitate translation into multiple languages that reflect the diverse populations served.
- Contribute to the development and revision of clinical algorithms and practice guidelines
- Participate in the development of BC Renal Provincial Supplement Policy
- Evaluate nutritional supplements and make recommendations for inclusion in the BC Renal Nutritional Supplement Policy
- Align BC practice standards with Canadian Association of Nephrology Dietitians (CAND) national standards
- Participate in conference and workshop organization for renal dietitians
- Participate in research activities/projects/food analysis
- Advocate for appropriate funding levels for RDs based on current job functions
- Advocate for RDs to be working at the top of their scope as a vital members of the renal care team

Communication

The RPG meets hosts teleconferences or virtual health meetings 10-12 times per year; email communication is conducted between meetings for projects and goals. Meeting minutes are circulated to all RDs in BC and email and phone communication is conducted between meetings for projects and goals.