

BC Kidney Days poster winners

Clinical Research

There were seven submissions in the clinical research category, with first place awarded to a poster titled *Multiple wait listing: the advantage and the advantaged*, submitted by Caren Rose, James Dong, and Drs. Jagbir Gill and John Gill.

The study reviewed the practice of wait-listing prospective patients for deceased donor kidney transplants in multiple centres and found this resulted in more equitable access for all patients to organ transplantation. The study suggests similar policies might be beneficial for Canadian patients.

The second-place winner, submitted by Judith Marin, Marianna Leung, Nicole Tsao, and Drs. Clifford Lo and Dan Martinusen, outlined a systematic review of the efficacy and safety of subsequent entry biologic drugs for renal patients. The review concluded that to date there is no advantage to using biologics in place of conventional medications for renal care.

Quality Initiatives

Twelve posters were submitted under this category. The first place winner was a poster outlining an evaluation of Interior Health's CKD telehealth initiative, submitted by Marg Daum, Lianne Berst, Marilyn Grandbois, Hayley Bentley, Lynn Lyall, Lauren Kembel and Christine Topley.

As detailed in the poster, the Williams Lake-based telehealth facility, with support from the Kamloops renal program, has been successful in improving access to care for CKD patients in remote communities in the northern area of Interior Health.

The second place winner in this category, submitted by Gary Kwan and Dr. Clifford Lo, outlined the results of patient-specific heparin dosing in Fraser Health dialysis units. Gary and Cliff concluded the practice offers a potentially safe and effective waste reduction strategy for BC hemodialysis units.

Viewers' Choice Award

A poster about the Renal Foot Care Project at Abbotsford Regional Hospital, submitted by Sarah Lacroix, Dr. Shaoyee Yao and Ruth Burns, received the Viewers' Choice Award.

The project provided a streamlined process for dialysis patients to receive timely care for the prevention and treatment of ulcers, infections and wounds occurring on their feet. The project goal is to reduce the rate of hospitalization and lower limb amputations related to complications from these conditions.

Abstracts from all poster submissions are available on the [BC Kidney Days website](#).
