
Preface

The 38th Annual Dialysis Conference (ADC) was held in Orlando, Florida, March 3–6, 2018. The conference convened on Saturday, March 3.

These are the award winners for this year:

- The Karl D. Nolph Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Jessica Chantelois (on behalf of her father, Henry Tenckhoff, MD)
- The Barbara Prowant Lifetime Achievement Award in Nephrology Nursing went to Gillian Brunier, RN(EC), MScN, CNeph(c)
- The Zbylut J. Twardowski Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Stephen Ash, MD, FACP
- The Best PD Abstract award was given to Andreas Vychtyl, MD, from the Medical University of Vienna, Austria, for the abstract “Prospective, Randomized, Multi-Center, Double-Blind, Controlled, Two-Period, Two-Treatment, Crossover Phase II Trial to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Alanyl-Glutamine in Peritoneal Dialysis”
- A Best Abstract award was presented to Jennifer Bragg-Gresham, MS, PhD, from the Division of Nephrology at the University of Michigan, for the abstract “Pre-ESRD Care, Self-Dialysis, and Maintenance of Employment Among Incident Dialysis Patients, 2006-2015”
- The Best Nursing Abstract was awarded to Veronica Oliver, MNP, RN, from the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Woolloongabba, Queensland, Australia, for the abstract “COMParE-HDF: Comparing the Effect of Mixed and Post Dilution Hemodiafiltration on Transmembrane Pressure and Hemodialysis Circuit Clotting”
- The Best HD Abstract was presented to Tej Singh, MD, MBA, from Mountain View, California, for the abstract “Application of a Novel Intermittent Pneumatic Compression Device Assists in Dilatation of Radiocephalic Fistulas”
- Best Pediatric Abstract awards were presented to Jessica Geer, MSN, RN, C-PNP, CNN-NP, for the abstract “Ultrafiltration Rate Greater Than 13 mL/kg/hr Is Associated with Decrease in Central Venous Oxygen Saturation Levels in Pediatric Hemodialysis Patients” and to Enrico Vidal, MD, PhD, for the abstract “Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy in Neonates and Small Infants: Data from the Carpediem Retrospective Registry”

Even before the opening ceremonies on Saturday, four full-day pre-conference symposiums had been held (Peritoneal Dialysis; Home Hemodialysis Symposium—Challenges in Home Hemodialysis Program Management; Fundamentals of Extracorporeal Therapy; The Fundamentals of Dialysis in Children). A full-day technician symposium was held on Sunday.

The present volume contains a collection of interesting peritoneal dialysis-related manuscripts from the 38th ADC. Manuscripts are solicited from invited speakers and from those selected to give slide and poster presentations during the conference. Advances in Peritoneal Dialysis is abstracted in Index Medicus and the Index to Scientific and Technical Proceedings, the ISI/ISTP +B online database, and PubsHub (<http://www.PubsHub.com>).

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