

Welcome to the first ME & Kidney Care Study Newsletter. The newsletter will be produced quarterly for the project period until February 2018. We want to share information about the ME & Kidney Care Study, team member roles, and focus on our project partners.



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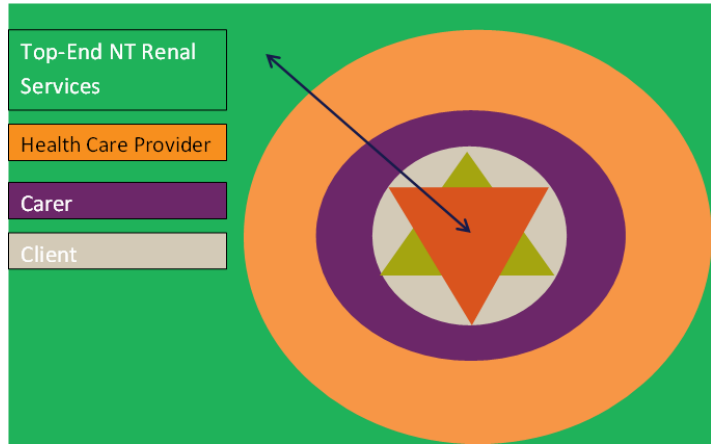
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ME & Kidney Care News

What is ME & Kidney Care?

The study was commissioned by TEHS Renal Services Integration Project Implementation Plan Steering Committee, chaired by Dr Christine Connors. The Study is aligned to national priorities in health care to focus on partnering with consumers, and began in February 2017.

ME & Kidney Care seeks to understand the range of experiences and satisfaction of users of kidney care delivered by and in partnership with Top-End Renal Services. We will be asking participants to be involved in either a case-study, in-depth interview, or focus group. This project has full ethics approval; participation is voluntary and confidential.



We recognise the diversity amongst clients of kidney care (the overlapping triangles in the picture (left)). This includes where people live and the reasons for accessing kidney care.

We will use a purposive sampling method to identify clients with a range of experiences and satisfaction with kidney care.

Introducing the Team : Natasha Freeman (Project Officer), Dr Renae Kirkham (Project Co-lead), Barbara Beaton (Project Officer), Dr Jaqui Hughes (Project Co-lead), and Mr Randall Hagenhoff (Project Support) as shown in photo top, left to right.

March Team member focus: Dr Renae Kirkham (PhD) is a qualitative researcher leading the interviewing arm of the study. Renae also works with A/Prof Louise Maple-Brown, learning about the concerns of women and health professionals in the Diabetes in Pregnancy Project.

Progress to date includes developing the ME & Kidney Care Patient Reference Group, engaging with stakeholders, staff training, and planning recruitment.

Kidney Health Week

Danila Dilba hosted a Kidney Health Week event at Casuarina Square on 9th March. Dr Hughes and Barbara Beaton enjoyed the event and opportunity to catch up with the Danila Dilba team including Dr Emma Fitzsimmons, Beth Hore and Dr Paul Lawton.



One message from Kidney Health Week was that dance is a great way to be active. The One Mob Different Country Dancers drew a crowd at the Danila Dilba Kidney Health Week Event.



Top End Renal Services Outreach News

Top End Renal Services have 48 outreach visits planned in 2017. Waruwi welcomed the kidney care team for its first renal outreach clinic in March 2017, providing kidney care closer to home for the Waruwi community and clinic.

Photos, clockwise from top left: Waruwi is a short flight over scenic West Arnhem Land; Waruwi mural;



Waruwi Renal Outreach team Fiona Rettie (CKD coordinator), Christine Cooper (renal dietitian), Dr Priyanka Subramani (registrar), Dr Hughes (nephrologist);

Sharing Knowledge

Professor Bart Currie is an international expert in Melioidosis and tropical and infectious illnesses. He has led the Darwin Prospective Melioidosis Study for 27 years.

The kidney health care team are working closely with the Centre for Disease Control, the Menzies Melioidosis team, and patients to reduce the impact of Melioidosis among patients.

Two Melioidosis video health messages were launched on 6th March 2017. They are intended to support conversations with clients who have diabetes and kidney disease about reducing exposure to Melioidosis.



Where are the videos? Menzies Facebook Page, or contact us.



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