

2008 – 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Renal Dietitians (RPG) Dietetic Practice Group

MISSION: Renal Dietitians Dietetic Practice Group members are a valued source of expertise in nephrology nutrition.

VISION: Renal Dietitians Dietetic Practice Group is leading the future of dietetics by promoting and supporting ADA members working in nephrology practice.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

- Promote and increase an engaged, diverse membership that is actively involved with renal nutrition
- Encourage quality nutrition care in Chronic Kidney Disease by providing opportunities for professional education and development of effective patient educational materials
- Define scope of practice and standards of professional performance for dietitians in nephrology practice
- Stimulate, support, encourage and disseminate nephrology nutrition-related research
- Impact regulatory and legislative issues related to nephrology nutrition

Members are the
Renal Dietitians Dietetic Practice Group's
Greatest Resource!

Member Benefits Include

- Subscription to the Renal Nutrition Forum (RNF), a quarterly peer reviewed publication
- Access to the members only section of the Renal Dietitians Web site: www.renalnutrition.org which features current archived issues of the RNF, downloadable forms and applications,, CPE tracking for the *Renal Nutrition Forum* and other topics of interest to renal dietitians
- Access to the Lending Library which enables members to check out current texts and other materials free of charge except for shipping costs. The library contains texts that are recommended for review for the Certified Specialist in Renal Nutrition exam
- Educational scholarships for advanced degrees and stipends for attending professional conferences. See Award-Grants-Scholarships at www.renalnutrition.org for details.
- Networking opportunities through the Area Coordinators, RPG events at the Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE) and collaboration on projects within the RPG and with the National Kidney Foundation Council on Renal Nutrition
- Opportunities for involvement in RPG projects such as writing articles or as a peer reviewer for the RNF, providing technical expertise on projects or suggestions for new projects

2008-2009 Key RPG Projects

Awards: 2008 Outstanding Service Award recipient – Karen Basinger MS, RD, LD

Media

- Quarterly Renal Nutrition Forum
- Through our peer reviewed publication, the RNF, and the Web site, www.renalnutrition.org, members can receive professional development and continuing professional education units (CPEU)
- RPG is a recognized provider of CPEU by the Commission on Dietetic Registration. In the 2008 - 09 membership year, members had the opportunity to earn **10 CPEUs**

Electronic Communications

- The RPG Web site, www.renalnutrition.org features a variety of professional resources, including the opportunity to receive RNF continuing professional education hours online
- Member eblasts on RPG timely topics
- Member eblasts that provide a preview of the upcoming issue of RNF

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- Online Membership Survey
- Web site with 10 free CPEUs

Meetings with RPG Representation

- RPG Transitional Leadership Meeting
- ADA Leadership Institute
- ADA House of Delegates
- Priority session at Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE), 2008 – “Nutritional Management of the Patient with Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) and Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) was presented by Marcia Kalista Richards MPH, RD, CNSC, LDN
- Pre-FNCE 2008 Workshop on MNT: Train for the Chronic Kidney Disease Medical Nutrition Therapy Triathlon

Public Policy & Reimbursement

- ADA Public Policy Workshop
- Centers for Medicaid & Medicare (CMS) Stakeholder meetings
- National Kidney Disease Education (NKDEP) focus groups
- ADA Reimbursement Workshop
- Roundtable discussion conducted with NKDEP and renal dietitians on how to increase early nutrition intervention with CKD patients

Networking Membership Reception:

This networking event was held at the American Dietetic Association Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo in Chicago, 2008. The keynote speaker was Karen Basinger, Outstanding Service Award recipient who provided an update on legislative activities. Industry partners were also recognized

Professional Development Project

- **Certified Specialist in Renal Nutrition (CSR) Review Pre Conference Workshop:** March 25, 2009, Nashville, held prior to the National Kidney Foundation Spring Clinical Meeting
- **Nutrition Care Process** – Collaborated with National Kidney Foundation Council on Renal Nutrition on implementation of the Nutrition Care Process into Nephrology Practice. Initiated a series of articles published in the RNF on the Nutrition Care Process in Nephrology Nutrition Practice and will provide a webinar on the Nutrition Care Process October 2009.

Joint Projects with the National Kidney Foundation/Council of Renal Nutrition

Standards of Practice (SOP)/ Standards of Professional Performance (SOPP) to be published in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association, September 2009

A Clinical Guide to Nutrition Care in Kidney Disease 2nd Edition undergoing revision.

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Industry Sponsors

- Abbott Nutrition
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- Nephrotech

Networks with:

- National Kidney Foundation Council on Renal Nutrition
- National Kidney Disease Education Program

Financial Outcomes:

- Revenues totaled: \$100,112.00
- Expenses totaled: \$129,991.00

RPG ended the year with net assets of \$186,677.00

2008 – 2009 Executive Committee

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