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News Release

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Much News at BONENT for 2018! Includes New Mission, Reduction of Minimum Work Experience, Board, Seminars & Website Updates

At the fall BONENT Board of Directors board meeting, many major items were discussed and finalized.

Mission Statement Updated

After much work in 2017, and in its 43rd year of operation, the BONENT Board of Directors agreed on an updated Mission, Vision and Values statement.

Mission: To promote excellence in nursing and technology globally through credentialing exams that enhance the care of patients with kidney disease.

Vision: All nurses and technicians working in the field of nephrology will be BONENT certified.

Values: Collaboration, Integrity, Excellence

- **Collaborate:** BONENT will collaborate with its certified members to create and foster a culture of excellence and innovation in their dialysis work environment.
- **Integrity:** BONENT will conduct its administrative, testing and business affairs by upholding the highest ethical values, principles and security.
- **Excellence:** BONENT will continually strive to produce and enhance its credentialing exams that are the highest regarded in nephrology.

Reduction of Technologist Minimum Work Experience from 12 months to 6 Months for BONENT Exam Candidates

The BONENT organization is excited to share the recently made changes to the CHT exam requirements. After listening to our members and ESRD partners and renal community, we have made the following changes.

Therefore, effective March 1st 2018, the qualifications requirement for hemodialysis technician candidates wills change to reflect the following:

- The minimum work experience to sit for the **CHT (Certified Hemodialysis Technologist)** exam has been changed from twelve months to six months. This also applies to LPN, LVNs sitting for the CHT exams.

- The minimum work experience as a BioMed Technician to sit for the **CHBT (Certified Hemodialysis BioMedical Technologist)** exam has been changed from twelve months to six months.

The BONENT organization is always in compliance with federal and state requirements. BONENT recognizes that CHT is an integral part of the dialysis team. The CHT ensures the patients safety through hands on care and the technical operations of each dialysis session. We recognize the contribution they make to care for this special population and we will continue to give them the support they need to practice safety.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) stipulates that Hemodialysis technicians who perform direct patient care must achieve national certification within 18 months of hire. Whether it's a free standing dialysis center, hospital based or a home dialysis program, the dialysis technicians must be adequately trained and remain competent to care for this growing patient population.²

New & Retiring Board Members

At its recent BONENT Board of Directors meeting in November in Clearwater Florida, RJ Picciano welcomed its newest Board member **Kay Gardner CHN**, of Loxahatchee Florida. She is currently the Director of Clinical Services for DaVita, overseeing 53 in-center hemodialysis centers and 14 home dialysis centers in Florida. Her industry knowledge is a valuable asset for the board.

Leaving the Board after 20 years is the BONENT Vice President of Operations, **Carol Johnson, PhD, FNP, CPDN** of Jamaica, NY. In presenting the President's Award to Carol, RJ Picciano "recognized her your many years of valued service & commitment to the BONENT Board of Directors and the nephrology profession." She will remain as a BONENT Presidential Advisor.

2018 Regional Seminar Dates Established

In 2017, BONENT Regional Seminars had a growth of 12% over 2016, having now completed its 17th seminar over the last 6 years. Lyle Smith BSN, CPDN, Chair of the Continuing Education Programs Committee and Vice President of Education & Examinations, announced the dates of the 2018 Regional Seminars:

Western Regional Seminar in San Jose CA area, April 22

Mid-West Regional Seminar in Chicago, June 10

Northeast Regional Seminar in NY/NJ, August 19

New Website Design

In its continuing efforts to stay current and communicate with its members and future exam applicants, BONENT will reveal a newly designed website www.BONENT.org in January 2018.

For More Information

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BONENT is an international organization of registered nurses and technicians dedicated to the promotion and advancement of excellence in the field of nephrology through highly specialized credentialing exams and continuing education programs. It has over 7,000 certified members in 11 countries worldwide.