

Hints on Finding Dialysis Facilities Elsewhere

Although the CANSW listserver may seem to be an easy way to find dialysis units, it does clog up the system unnecessarily with the search for our travelling patients. Try these following hints instead:

For Canadian Units

- 1) Download a current PDF copy of the CORR Directory at the Canadian Institute for Health Information site at http://secure.cihi.ca/cihiweb/dispPage.jsp?cw_page=RC_4_E. You will be asked to fill in a electronic form and then you can download a FREE copy of the 163 page document right onto your computer. You can even create an icon on your desktop (computer screen) to directly open the document ANY time you need. If you wish to purchase a hard copy of the CORR Directory, it is also on the website for \$30.00. The CORR Directory is updated yearly, has the name, address, phone number, contact persons and medical directors' names all at the click of your fingertips.
- 2) Go to the CANSW website at www.cansw.org and click in on the Members Only Section. Insert your user name and password, then go to the Membership where you will find the provinces listed. Choose your province then scroll down to see the city you are interested in. If your city isn't located, it may be helpful to check a map to see which city is closest then contact the CANSW member in that city. For even greater ease, print off a hard copy of all CANSW members by clicking off and printing "entire membership list". This list is updated yearly.

For International Units (and Occasionally Some Canadian Units)

- 1) The NKF's website has a great resource called Nephrology Social Work Archive (also found in a link on your own CANSW website). There is a section called "Renal Unit-Travel" which lists several websites to search for a unit. These links include the following:

www.nephron.com/statesinfo for Dialysis Units in the USA

www.medicare.gov/Dialysis/Home for a comparison of dialysis facilities in USA

www.dialysisfinder.com to search for US dialysis centers

www.eurodial.org to search for International dialysis centres (including Europe, South America, Asia and Australia)

www.globaldialysis.com to search for International dialysis centres

www.hditravel.com to search in Holiday Dialysis International

Hope this helps in finding the right dialysis unit!