

Pacific Northwest Council on Renal Nutrition (PNW-CRN)

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The Pacific Northwest Council on Renal Nutrition (PNW-CRN) was awarded the 2022 National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Recognized Chapter Award.

PNW-CRN was created in 2019 with the merge of Washington State CRN (WSCRN) and Oregon State CRN (OCRN), and inclusion of additional states Idaho, Montana, and Alaska (previously not represented by a local CRN chapter).

The history of PNW-CRN is multi-faceted, beginning with WSCRN and OCRN in the 1980s. At that time, members of WSCRN and OCRN helped form the Renal Task Force after CMS Network II did the first nutrition audit. Members developed the first formal set of nutrition guidelines for renal patients, which became the American Dietetic Association's '*Guidelines for Nutritional Care of Renal Patients*.' Three editions later (and now published by Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics), these national guidelines continue to shape the way renal dietitians practice!

Today, PNW-CRN provides professional networking, education, and support via webinars and a website for members.

One of the most important reasons members give for participating in PNW-CRN is the networking and webinars.

In the future, the group hopes to hold more quarterly webinars, open discussions between renal dietitians, and extend our community of renal dietitians in the Pacific Northwest.