

President's Corner



Dear Colleagues,

It's the middle of summer, the new academic year has started, pandemic restrictions are being lifted, and I see more happy and optimistic faces in person around me! Lest anyone be concerned that I will suddenly lose all the virtual platform expertise I have acquired, I did get to spend many hours over two days via Zoom at the end of June with more bright faces for the summer ASPN Council meeting.

During those discussions, ASPN Council reviewed in detail the goals of all the ASPN committees for the upcoming year, with attention to how these may mesh with the ASPN mission and the immediate needs of the pediatric nephrology community. As those of you who were able to join the business meeting in May can attest, the breadth of activity ongoing in the society is amazing, and the Council was repeatedly impressed by the diligence and enthusiasm of committee members and chairs and the number of new projects that are being planned for the rest of 2021 and into 2022.

I want to continue to emphasize that ASPN members should feel free to join any committee or interest group that is doing work that sounds appealing to them. Our ability to keep moving forward is a testament to how generous members are with their time and how original they are with their proposals. As you look through this issue of Kidney Notes, consider whether you might be interested in using some of your own energy and creativity to contribute to one of the columns or even volunteering to show off your editing skills.

Please find time over the next few months to relax and enjoy family and friends and to re-discover some of those activities that we had to put on hold for so long!

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Please send us (info@asneph.org) announcements and photos of pediatric nephrologists receiving awards, giving important lectures and news of other accomplishments so we can share them in *KidneyNotes*.



From the Editor's Desk

July, in medical education or academic circles for us here, is a time for new beginnings. As this time of the year rolls around, we see new trainees and colleagues, as well as reflect on our own journeys through our career stages- from novice to gaining varying degrees of expertise. "The beginning is the most important part of the work" is a quote attributed to Plato and can fit into various contexts for us- that of the critical work in a trainee's initiation into a specialty, or overcoming ones own inertia to begin a new venture, or kicking self-doubt to courageously move in a new direction at work or in life. Knowing oneself- our own non-negotiable core values, or what we stand for, gives us firm roots and refining our goals and identifying our own metrics for success helps to uplift our work to new heights; as we strive to do better for our patients, our trainees, our families, our communities and for ourselves. Having a simple framework in mind for any major and new undertaking makes this process easier. In this splendidly practical and thoughtful perspectives piece, Dr. Joseph Flynn gives us his insights and encourages us to be brave as we face new beginnings.

Please note that staying true to my own core value of advancing equity by providing opportunities to others, I am hoping to transition out of this role as the Editor of Kidney Notes by early next year, so please see the request for applications for this wonderful and fulfilling role.

My heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who has sent in your feedback, thoughts and encouragement, about this section. As always, we welcome your ideas as well as your own "perspectives" piece.

Wishing you all a happy summer and best wishes to everyone on the threshold of new beginnings!

Take care all,
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Application For Editor of KIDney Notes

We invite applications for the position of Editor of KIDney Notes, to begin in September 2021. You will have a few months of working with Dr. Roshan George- the current Editor, who plans to transition out of this role by early 2022, as well as the support of the fantastic team at ASPN and Degnon.

Please send in **your CV and a short paragraph** (upto 250 words) about your goals and specific interest with relation to this position. Please submit this **no later than Aug 9th, 5pm EST**. If you have any questions, please reach out to Roshan George, MD at roshan.punnoose.george@emory.edu or Sarah Duran at sarah@aspneph.org

Preparing for New Beginnings

Joseph Flynn

Taking on a new position, especially a leadership role, can be a stressful experience. Even if you have been selected after a competitive interview process, it's nearly guaranteed that on day one, you'll be nervous and plagued by self-doubts about your ability to fulfill the expectations of the people who selected you for the role. "Can I really do this?" "What if I fail?" "Why did they pick ME?" This is one manifestation of the 'Impostor Syndrome,' but it can be overcome with careful preparation.

I have been in this situation a few times over the years – most recently in January 2021, when I became Co-Editor-in-Chief of **Pediatric Nephrology**. Now there's a high bar – my predecessors include some of the giants in our field, including Russell Chesney, Patrick Niaudet, Otto Mehls, Lesley Rees and Michel Baum. And the audience is the global pediatric nephrology community – how can one be sure to meet the needs of pediatric nephrologists in places like Indonesia as well as those in Europe and the United States? I had been an Associate Editor of the journal previously, but there was always Lesly or Michel to make the final determination of whether to publish what I thought was worthwhile. But now the decision would be mine – was I ready to take this on?

Well, history (and the journal's impact factor) will be the ultimate judge of whether I was ready to do this, and whether I did it well. But I still had to prepare myself. Here are some techniques that worked for me:

- **Learn what the role really entails.** Talk to the person whom you're replacing/succeeding. I guarantee they'll be more than willing to talk to you. Ask them about who THEY report to, what the metrics of success are, what resources are available – and lacking – and how did they incorporate the required tasks into their daily workflow. They will have unique and important insights that will help you shape your approach to the work.
- **Know your constituents.** When Hillary Clinton decided to run for the U.S. Senate, she famously went on a "listening tour." She visited every county in New York State to meet voters and local leaders and get a sense of the issues of importance in each region. I lived in New York when she was elected Senator, and at election time, she clearly had a deep understanding of where the problems were and what needed to be done. At its heart, the 'listening tour' approach is akin to scientific research – it's the data gathering phase of a study. You can do that! We're all scientists, and this approach has been so valuable to me as I have taken on different leadership roles.
- **Consult your mentors.** If you're going to be successful, whether it be as P.I. on a R01 or as Chief of a Nephrology division, you're going to need outside input. I have been so fortunate to have had mentors both within and outside of my institution who have provided advice when I needed it. You'll need a team of mentors – some might be specific to your area of research, some might be 'life coaches,' and some might be people who can cheer you on and tell you 'Go for it – I know you can do this.' Mentorship can be tricky – but so rewarding to both receive and give advice that results in successful personal and professional outcomes.
- **You're the expert.** Remember the first time that you had an abstract accepted for a platform presentation at a national meeting? Remember how nervous you were? What did your mentor tell you?: "You know the data better than anyone else in the room, no matter who they are." You know what you have done and what you want to accomplish.

They picked the best person. You can do this.



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In Memorium - Remembering Susan E. Thomas



Dr. Susan E Thomas, M.D., former Associate Professor of Pediatrics, passed away in early April after a lifetime of managing Cystinosis. She completed medical school at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine and pediatric residency at the University of Chicago. She pursued her Pediatric Nephrology Fellowship at Seattle Children's before joining the faculty at Michigan in 1999. Dr. Thomas served as Medical Director of the Kidney Transplant program until 2005 when illness forced her to leave clinical medicine.

Susan dedicated her life to helping children with kidney disease. She was inspired by the fine doctors at the University of Chicago who helped her as a teen with her own transplant. She was a fierce patient advocate and set her mind to easing the management of cysinosis for patients and families from all over. Even during her prolonged illness, she worked to improve the lives of children with kidney disease and contributed to publications in 2020 on myopathies in patients with Nephropathic Cystinosis. She contributed intellectually and financially to the pediatric transplant program, especially Camp Michitanki (now known as North Star Reach). She is remembered as an excellent clinician, colleague, and a courageous person. On a personal note, Susan had a brilliant wit and wicked sense of humor. She was a colleague, a friend and a very decent human being. I

will miss our conversations and her tweets.

She enjoyed traveling across the United States visiting national parks with her mother and a 25th birthday trip to London, Paris and Zurich. She is survived by her father James Thomas, mother Barbara Thomas, brother Jim Thomas, uncles Tim (Michelle) Thomas and Phillip (Nancy) Kucera and former husband Martin Schendel. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Cystinosis Research Network or University of Michigan Pediatric Transplant Camp Michitanki in her name.

Submitted by Patrick D. Brophy MD, MHCDS

William H. Eillinger Professor and Chair

Department of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

Physician-in-Chief of the Golisano Children's Hospital at the University of Rochester Medical Center

Committee Updates

Certification Committee

Invitation for New Certification Committee Members

The ASPN Certification Committee would like to invite members to join our committee! What is the Certification Committee you might ask? It's a committee that works on facilitating training and certification of future pediatric nephrologists and supporting the ongoing certification needs of practicing pediatric nephrologists. We are establishing a collaboration with the American Board of Pediatrics to improve MOC Part IV access for our members! If you are interested in helping to lead these efforts and are looking for national leadership opportunities join us. Please email Sarah Duran (sarah@aspneph.org) to be added to the committee list.

ABP Volunteer Opportunities:

The ABP is looking for a diverse group of pediatric nephrologists to potentially serve on the ABP sub-board committees. There are several different volunteer activities/opportunities that are available (subspecialty sub-board, practical analysis panels, user panels and focus groups). A great opportunity for national leadership if selected. If interested in applying, please use the link to submit your CV!

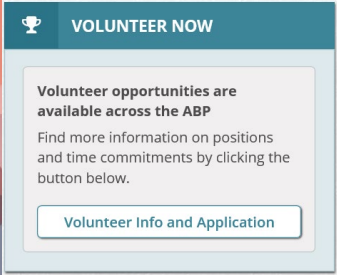
Keia Sanderson and Rima Zahr, Certification Committee Chair and Co-Chair

Know someone who would make a great subboard member?

Ask them to submit their CV online!


Two ways to upload a CV:

- Log onto their ABP Portfolio and use the **"Volunteer Now"** button (located on the lower right side)



OR

- Visit www.abp.org/volunteer



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Clinical Affairs Committee

The Clinical Affairs Committee has been adding useful resources to the ASPN website, including recent clinical practice guidelines and links to patient handouts. These resources are available at: <https://www.aspneph.org/clinical-toolbox/> (ASPN login required)



Public Policy Committee

President Biden Releases Full Budget Proposal

On Friday, May 28, President Joe Biden released the [Fiscal Year 2022 proposed budget](#) outlining his administration's policy priorities. The budget proposes significant investments in reducing [health inequities](#), including a proposed investment of \$153 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Social Determinants of Health program. President Biden also proposed \$52 billion in funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a \$9 billion increase over funding appropriated in Fiscal Year 2021. \$6.5 billion of this proposed funding would be allocated for a new program within NIH – the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H). ARPA-H is described as “actions to renew America’s commitment to research and development,” and will be modeled after the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. Unfortunately, the President did not recommend an increase for the Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education program, and instead, proposed the program be flat funded. While President Biden’s proposed budget is likely to be influential with Congressional Democrats, the House and Senate make final determinations about funds appropriated to government programs.

Kidney Care Partners Host Virtual Hill Day

On June 9, ASPN Washington representatives Erika Miller and Becca Branum participated in the Kidney Care Partners’ (KCP) virtual hill day to advance KCP and ASPN’s shared priorities. During the hill day, KCP advocated for the passage of the [Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act](#), the Living Donor Protection Act, and funding for KidneyX.

ASPN Submits Slate of Recommended Reviewers to CSR

On June 7, ASPN submitted a slate of thirteen recommended pediatric nephrologists to serve on study sections for the NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR). ASPN submitted these recommended reviewers in response to a lack of adequate pediatric nephrology expertise to review pediatric nephrology research proposals. ASPN thanks those who volunteered to serve as reviewers. We have requested a meeting with CSR leadership to discuss ways to improve the review of pediatric nephrology grant applications and follow up on the list of recommended reviewers.

Brooks-LaSure Confirmed as CMS Administrator

On May 27, Chiquita Brooks-LaSure was [sworn in](#) as Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Prior to serving as CMS Administrator, Brooks-LaSure served as Deputy Director for Policy at the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight at CMS and led implementation of the Affordable Care Act as Health and Human Services Director of Coverage Policy. Jonathan Blum has also rejoined CMS to serve as Principal Deputy Administrator, a position he previously held during the Obama administration.



Research Committee Update

Summer is upon us and we are on the cusp of a new academic year! Despite the challenges associated with the COVID19 pandemic, our Research Committee remains busy. To further engage our committee membership moving into the 2021-2022 academic year, we are developing three [new research subcommittees](#): Research Mentorship, Collaboration and Outreach, and Research Education. These subcommittees will work in parallel with the committee at large and report back to the full committee on a regular basis.

Research Mentorship and grants workshops

The ASPN research mentorship program will be a core component of the research mentorship/grants subcommittee focus. This program provides trainees and junior faculty with an opportunity to seek mentorship outside of their primary institution when needed. The subcommittee will promote and continue to develop the longitudinal research mentorship program and administer the MOC Part 4 (QI) component of the research mentorship program. We continue to track the success of this program (critical for MOC credit) through participant surveys, annual requests for mentee NIH Biosketches, and successful mentee funding as tracked by NIH Reporter and Blue Ridge Institute. The research mentorship program wouldn’t be a success without the willingness of so many of our ASPN faculty membership. We are truly thankful for the time and effort provided by the mentors in this program.

To foster early career grant submissions, we continue to host a grant review workshop for junior faculty and trainees. In 2020, this was done virtually in parallel with ASN. We would sincerely like to thank **Dr. Kim Reidy** and **Dr. Samir El-Dahr** for graciously providing time and expertise as reviewers

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for our fall 2020 workshop. We anticipate holding a grant review workshop this fall – please consider submitting your work in draft for review. The review process is designed to be a *didactic, non-intimidating process* where we learn from the collective expertise of the group. We are always looking for faculty who would like to review grants for future grant workshops to reach out to the research committee at researchcommchair@aspneph.org.

Collaboration and Outreach

The Collaboration and Outreach committee will foster integration of the ASPN Research Committee with existing ASPN committees and ad hoc groups such as the Therapeutics Development Committee. Additionally, this subgroup will lead the efforts to update and maintain web content, archive committee materials for future co-chairs including funding opportunities, links to active research consortia, ancillary study opportunities, and research mentoring tools. Perhaps most importantly, a primary goal of this subcommittee will be to leverage social media to celebrate research successes (funding awards, high-impact publications) of ASPN members.

Research Education

The COVID pandemic has highlighted ways that the virtual environment can be leveraged for continuing education. A core focus for the upcoming year will be developing ongoing research educational opportunities for our membership. To address this goal, we offered a June 2021 webinar with Dr. Ericka Boone from the NIH Loan Repayment Program. We will host a “K-series” webinar with Dr. Tracy Rankin from the NIDDK in August 2021 – be on the lookout for this webinar! We welcome any ideas for ongoing research educational topics/webinars.

We are excited about the opportunity to grow the ASPN Research Committee via subcommittee involvement. However, we will need motivated members to implement and grow the subcommittees described, ranging from trainees to junior and senior level faculty. Please reach out to the Research Committee co-chairs (Brad Dixon, Michelle Denburg, and myself) at researchcommchair@aspneph.org if you are interested in participating in a subcommittee as a co-chair or member. Lastly, if you are interested in joining the ASPN Research committee, please reach out to us at the e-mail above. The only pre-requisite to join is an interest in research. New members are always welcome!

Sincerely,

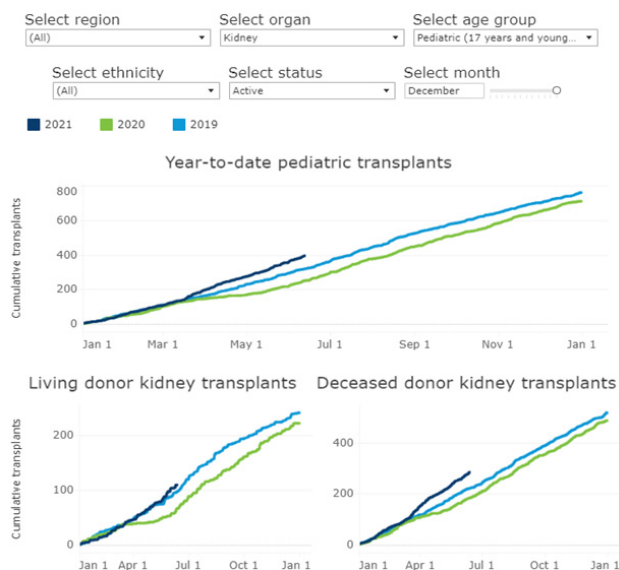
Lyndsay Harshman, MD (University of Iowa) – on behalf of myself and co-chairs Brad Dixon, MD (Children’s Hospital Colorado) and Michelle Denburg, MD (Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia)



Transplant Interest Group Update

OPTN/UNOS NEWS:

Major changes to Kidney Allocation with removal of DSA and Regions went into effect on March 14, 2021. Early reports of the use of circles around the donor hospital are of **increased organ offers to sensitized and pediatric deceased donor kidney candidates** and an early look at volumes below would suggest these anecdotal reports are correct. This is exceptionally important since, the pediatric kidney transplant volume for both LD and DD decreased in 2020 during COVID and did not recover which is unlike the adult transplant volume which did recover.



Transplant hospitals have 24 hours to report a transplant to the OPTN. This data reflects a two day lag. Pancreas islets and VCA transplants omitted. Based on OPTN data as of 6/14/2021 03:00. Data subject to change based on future data submission or correction.

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You can visit this site <https://unos.org/covid/> and see how children in your Region are doing under the new circle based allocation.

UNOS/OPTN Public Comment

Public comment closed on 3/23/21. The link to review the proposals is <https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/governance/public-comment/>. Of particular relevance and interest to the pediatric nephrology community include to **Clarify Multi-Organ Allocation Policy**, to **Revise General Considerations in Assessment for Transplant Candidacy** and to **Update Transplant Program Key Personnel Training and Experience Requirements and 2021-2024 OPTN Strategic Plan**. The BOD will vote on the proposals at their meeting 6/13-6/14/21.

Upcoming for mid 2022 will be public comment regarding MultiOrgan Allocation. There is an **ad hoc MultiOrgan Allocation Committee** that has been formed to discuss heart-lung, lung-liver, heart-kidney, lung-kidney, as well as prioritization of kidney pancreas and solid organ transplants. This will all need to be coordinated with ongoing work to move toward a continuous distribution allocation policy. There are pediatric representatives on this ad hoc work group.

American Society of Transplantation NEWS

ATC 2021 was held virtually and was a success. They did a very nice job with the virtual format. If you attended, you will have access for the entire year. If you did not attend you may still register to have access for one year to view at your leisure <https://atcmeeting.org/registration>

ASPN TIG (Transplant Interest Group)

The TIG has 3 goals; **Education, Advocacy** and **Mentorship** in the area of Pediatric Kidney Transplantation. In the area of *Education*, we have completed a survey of current and recent peds nephrology fellows and junior faculty (manuscript in progress) and we have created an outline of a *pediatric kidney transplant training curriculum* for pediatric nephrology fellowship programs. This includes clarification of UNOS requirements for the primary pediatric nephrology physician. We are in the process of soliciting feedback from the program directors regarding this document which is meant to be guidance and not mandatory. Our end goal is to develop a library of educational resources for trainees to be housed on the ASPN website. Additionally, our group is working on increasing participation and access for ASPN members to UNOS/OPTN Regional meetings as well as UNOS Committee meetings. If you are interested in listening to one of the UNOS Pediatric Committee meetings (currently virtual) or attending a Regional meeting (currently virtual) please reach out to smbartosh@wisc.edu, or Jodi.smith@seattlechildrens.org, or amarals@email.chop.edu. We will also be planning a Webinar for ASPN members to review the implications of recent passage of the "Immunobill". If you are interested in joining the TIG, please reach out to smbartosh@wisc.edu and we will add you to the membership!

Upcoming Transplant meeting:



Respectfully submitted,
Sharon M Bartosh, MD
June 16, 2021

Committee Updates

Workforce Committee Update

I. The Pediatric Nephrology Workforce Crisis: A Call to Action

We are excited to share the white paper generated by members of the ASPN Workforce Summit Action Groups and recently published in the Journal of Pediatrics. Full text can be found here (subscription required): [https://www.jpeds.com/article/S0022-3476\(21\)00271-7/fulltext](https://www.jpeds.com/article/S0022-3476(21)00271-7/fulltext). This is the first step towards realizing the recommendations generated from the in-person ASPN workforce summit held at the ASN 2019 kidney week meeting. Kudos to all who have contributed and be on the lookout for a recruitment call to join the action groups this summer to keep up the momentum and work towards a better future for our specialty!

II. Pediatric Nephrology Workforce Shortage Resources:

The ASPN workforce committee would like to highlight the message below from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) regarding recently released advocacy resources on workforce issues facing pediatric subspecialists.

“The AAP partnered with the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) to produce a series of **fact sheets on pediatric subspecialty shortages**. The 50 state-specific fact sheets estimate how far children in each state need to travel to see different types of pediatric subspecialists. The fact sheets also contain a vignette about the impact of pediatric subspecialty shortages on children with special health care needs and discuss the economic disincentives to pediatric subspecialty training. This spring is an important time for advocacy to encourage Congress to fund the **Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program**, which will offer loan repayment for pediatric subspecialists who serve children in underserved areas. The AAP is putting resources together to assist pediatric subspecialists in advocacy for this program.”

III. Webinar Recording

Pediatric Nephrologists on FIRE (Financial Independence and Retiring Early).

Here is the recording from the Workforce Committee Webinar that was held on April 27, 2021: https://aspneph.s3.amazonaws.com/ZoomRecordings_2021/GMT20210427-180331_Recording_1760x900.mp4

After watching the webinar please fill out the feedback survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M7T8HMR>

IV. Pediatric Nephrology in a Small Group Setting

The ASPN workforce committee has begun a “*pediatric nephrology in a small group setting*” sub-committee. The goal of this group is to establish a community and share resources, which can enhance the quality of patient care and self-care in small practices (3 physicians or less). We aim to have clinical discussions, obtain second opinions, and focus on challenges faced by nephrologists working in a small group setting. This might be particularly beneficial to early career physicians who have embarked upon this scary-exciting journey. Please email Dr. Ashley Rawson at ashley1027@gmail.com if you would be interested in joining the small group sub-committee or participating in events and surveys related to the small group setting.

Sincerely,

Co-chairs: (Sai) Sudha Mannemuddhu, MD, Ashley Rawson, MD, and Joann Carlson, MD

Submitted by Isa Ashoor, MD on behalf of the ASPN Workforce Committee

ASPEN Foundation Update



American Society of
Pediatric Nephrology
FOUNDATION

The ASPEN Foundation offers a unique means of honoring colleagues and friends in nephrology, as well as establishing a family legacy through the creation of a "Named trainee travel award". This program is a three or five year pledge of \$1000 per year for the support of trainee travel. Each award supports two trainees to one of our major pediatric nephrology meeting venues.

Currently, the Foundation has Fourteen travel awards. Please consider this program in your philanthropic plans. Individuals interested in establishing a tax deductible named trainee travel award can contact Connie@aspneph.org. Current travel awards include:

- The Ashoor Family Travel Award
- The Victoria Norwood Travel Award
- The F. Bruder Stapleton Travel Award
- The Rick and Phyllis Travel Award
- The Sharon Andreoli Indiana University Travel Award
- The John Orak Memorial Travel Award
- The Jose Strauss Pathway Travel Grant
- The Dr. Stanley Hellerstein Memorial Travel Award
- The Hymavathi Travel Award
- The Michael Somers Travel Award
- The John Mahan Travel Award
- The Craig Langman Travel Award
- The George Schwartz Travel Award
- The Barbara Cole Travel Award
- The Kevin and Shiralee Meyers Travel Award

ASPEN Webinars

We are continuing the Nephrology Part II pathology and imaging webinar series, which allows members to have the opportunity to claim MOC 20 Part II points. Please note, claiming credit for the 2019 webinar series has closed and we will move forward with the 2020-2021 Academic Year webinar series. ASPEN members will continue to have access to the content through the ASPEN website.

If you are interested in claiming MOC 20 Part II credit in the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year series, you must complete 10 webinars and answer a total of 50 question/answers (5 per webinar) via REDCap. For this series you will be required to remit payment of \$50 (credit card or cash) to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (to cover the cost of managing the MOC points). [Click here for payment instructions](#). The REDCap link will be available on the webinars as well as the ASPEN website in the Members Only version of the Member Education Committee page. Please address any questions to Rebecca Ruebner, rruebne1@jhmi.edu.

ASPEN Pathology Webinar

Date: Monday, July 19, 3-4pm ET

Topic: 8 yr old with history of blood stools and abdominal pain presents with new hematuria and proteinuria

**Please Note: this month's webinar was moved to later in the month.*

All pathology and imaging webinars can be viewed online on the ASPEN website under the Member Education Committee page. You can earn up to 20 Part II MOC points by participating in the webinars! You can either participate live or watch online. Then answer 5 questions on the REDCAP Database (link below). You can earn 20 MOC points if you answer a total of 50 questions from 10 webinars. <https://redcap.chop.edu/surveys/?s=WAEWFTLPD9>



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Announcements



Leadership Development Program

The next ASPN LDP Cohort (cohort 6) will be launched in the Spring of 2022 and we anticipate that the training will be done mostly through live sessions (linked to annual meetings like PAS and ASN) with some additional virtual sessions.

Leadership development is critical to the success of professional organizations like the ASPN and can augment the satisfaction and flourishing of its members!

Leaders of professional societies such as the ASPN need specific skill sets to negotiate the complex tasks of program development, personnel supervision, and dealing with multiple constituencies and other organizations. These skills are also applicable in many areas of academic medicine and may be acquired through hard-earned experience and/or specific training. The ASPN invests in developing future leaders of our Society by offering a year-long leadership development program that addresses important skills that participants can utilize in the ASPN as well as at their home institutions.

The ASPN LDP competency-based program has now trained and graduated 63 pediatric nephrologists from 40 different programs since its

inception in 2011. More than 80% of graduates have served on and/or chaired ASPN committees with several serving on ASPN Council.

Look for the Request for Application that will be distributed this Fall and considering joining this unique national leadership development program.

ASPN LDP Steering Committee

John D Mahan
Joseph Flynn
Barbara Fivush
Craig Porter
Vicky Norwood



AAP Section on Nephrology Executive Committee Updates

The AAP Section on Nephrology Executive Committee welcomes two new executive committee members. Dr Kimberly Reidy, Associate Professor, Pediatric Nephrology, Children's Hospital of Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, began her first term on the SONp Executive Committee in November 2021. Dr Carol Shen was appointed to a 2-year term starting July 2021 as the SONp Executive Committee Training Fellow Liaison. Dr Shen is beginning her second year of fellowship training in pediatric nephrology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York.

Meeting & Lecture Announcements



Due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 Pandemic, the **47th Miami Pediatric Nephrology Seminar: Challenges for the Next Decade** will take place November 19-21, 2021 at the historic Royal Palm Hotel in Miami Beach. It is a unique international forum for pediatric and adult nephrologists, renal pathologists, pediatricians, pediatric urologists, transplant surgeons and other health professionals from all over the world. The **Pediatric Nephrology Critical Care Workshop** will follow on Sunday afternoon at the Holtz Children's Hospital. Please follow us closely and we will keep the tradition going!!

American Society of Pediatric Nephrology Pediatric Nephrology Board Review and Refresher Course



Online Registration Now Open!

Please [click here](#) to register online.

Online Course Includes:

- ◆ Virtual lectures, case-based discussion, and board-style question sessions led by expert faculty
- ◆ Study material formatted to the content specifications
- ◆ Question bank
- ◆ Available for two years

Course Fee

- ◆ ASPN Fellows-in-Training Member: \$325
- ◆ ASPN Member: \$745
- ◆ Non-Member: \$955

Questions:

info@aspneph.org or 703-718-6022

Overview

Designed to prepare candidates for their pediatric nephrology board examinations, the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology Board Review and Refresher Course will provide a review of pertinent topics in pediatric nephrology. The course is also suitable for those seeking a general review of pediatric nephrology and a resource for MOCA pediatric nephrology recertification. The program includes lectures and slides presented by a distinguished panel of experts in the field of pediatric nephrology. In addition, participants will receive over 400 board review sample questions and study guide content geared to the American Board of Pediatrics Content Specifications.

Target Audience

The course is targeted to pediatric nephrology fellows and practicing pediatric nephrologists.

Dates

The 2021 Board Review and Refresher Course will take place during two weekends in the fall of 2021 from 1:00-5:30pm ET each day:

Weekend 1:

Friday, September 10 – Sunday, September 12, 2021

Weekend 2:

Friday, October 15 – Sunday, October 17, 2021

Six additional monthly 1 hour virtual review sessions will be scheduled and available live and in online recorded format to those who subscribe to the Course!



American Society of
Pediatric Nephrology

This program is supported by a restricted medical education grant from the American Society Pediatric Nephrology.



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Save the Date!



American Society of
Pediatric Nephrology

9th Annual ASPN Multidisciplinary Symposium

November 18-19, 2021



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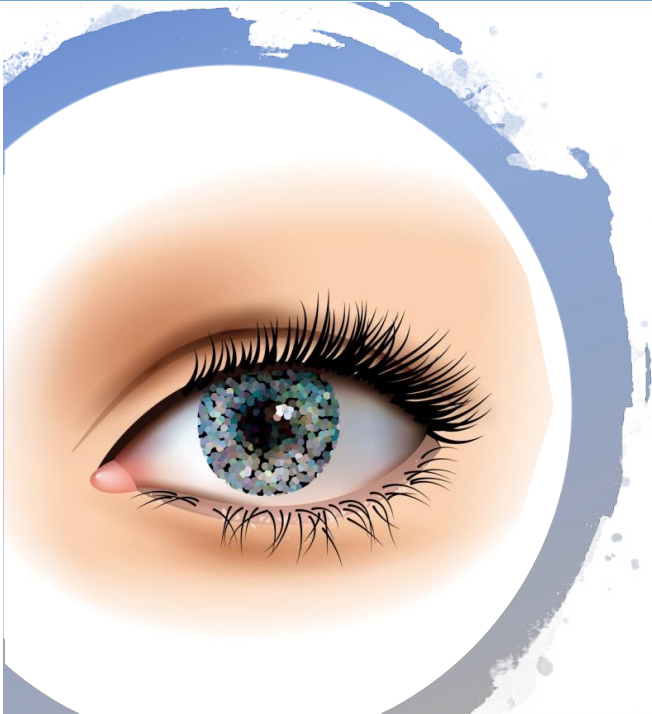
- ETHICS
- The Inherent Racial Bias in Pediatric Nephrology
- Multidisciplinary Transition of Care Program
- HTN - Obesity
- Night Time Enuresis
- Gender Identity - Limitations and Ethical Constraints
- Transplant and Ethics
- "Challenges of the Renal Restrictions for Growing Teens" Kidney Friendly Cookbook for Teenagers
- Weight Management for Children with Kidney Problems
- Planning for Pediatric Transplant Recipients with Disability

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DATE: Wednesday, July 28th, 2021

TIME: 3:00 PM – 4:15 PM EST including time for Q&A

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