

President's Corner

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. In this installation of President's Corner I wanted to remind you all about the importance of voting for the ASN council position. Providing a strong voice that helps represent Pediatrics is key to our engagement and ability to drive advocacy and provide a strong support network for our Patients and families. If you are an ASN member- please vote!

As we enter the fall, many of us will have increasing commitments in terms of conference attendance and networking opportunities. The upcoming Pediatric Nephrology Multidisciplinary Symposium in Washington (Oct 11-12) promises to be an excellent opportunity to get connected. Please consider supporting your staff so they can attend this wonderful meeting. Whether you will be attending the 2018 International Symposium on AKI in Children October 12-14, 2018 Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza.

Cincinnati, Ohio, USA or the upcoming ASN meeting in San Diego (Oct 23-28th) or both, there are some great opportunities to see the amazing impact that our specialty is having on current clinical practice and research.

As a reminder we will be having an ASPN council meeting in San Diego Wed. 10/24 Hilton San Diego Bayfront - Sapphire 410A from 8 AM- 6 PM. We will be posting the agenda and the schedule for our societal meetings on the ASPN website in the next couple of weeks.

Finally, I wanted to provide a quick update regarding the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting. Based on our membership's post PAS meeting survey, we (along with the Pediatric Endocrine Society and Pediatric ID societies) have developed an ongoing dialogue with the newly appointed PAS Board and forwarded some of our suggestions and insights so as to improve our ongoing affiliative relationship moving forward. Thank you all for your comments and thoughts. As we progress through this dialogue, I will provide regular updates.

Patrick Brophy, MD
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News and Announcements

Member of the Month (July and August 2018)

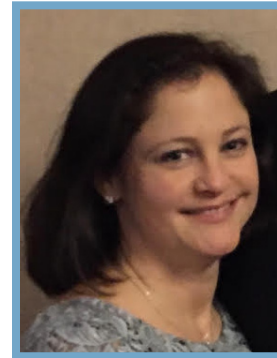
Congratulations to our Members of the Month for their service to ASPN. Send nominations for those who have gone above and beyond to Michelle Rheault (rheau002@umn.edu):

JULY



Dr. Ikuyo Yamaguchi
University of Texas Health Science Center
Chair of the Membership Committee

AUGUST



Dr. Kera Luckritz
Mott Children's Hospital / University of Michigan
Co-Chair Clinical Affairs

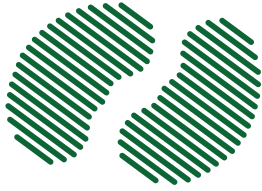


Please send us (info@aspneph.org) photos of pediatric nephrologists receiving awards or giving important lectures so we can share them in *KidneyNotes*.



ASPN Corporate Liaison Board





American Society of Pediatric Nephrology FOUNDATION

Contribute to the ASPNF

My annual donation in 2018 to the ASPN Foundation will fund an ASPN Travel Award that will enable pediatric residents to attend our next 3 annual meetings. These will be named travel awards honoring Bruder Stapleton, Vickie Norwood and Rick Kaskel. The resident will be able to list on his/her CV (e.g., "Bruder Stapleton ASPN Travel Grant") and have the opportunity to be personally mentored by one of the honorees.

I firmly believe that ASPN travel grants increase the number of pediatric residents entering fellowship. This is so important for our discipline. Moreover, attending the meeting and personal mentoring will introduce them to our supportive community of pediatric nephrologists. In the future, I plan to fund travel grants in my name and personally mentor residents.

Larry Greenbaum, MD, PhD
Emory University
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Support Pediatric Nephrology Trainees by establishing a named American Society of Pediatric Nephrology Trainee Travel Award

The American Society of Pediatric Nephrology Foundation offers naming opportunities for trainee travel grants to important educational venues related to pediatric nephrology. Supporting educational opportunities to young pediatric nephrology trainees offers new clinical, educational and research insights, introduces trainees to the latest innovations, provides connections to leaders in the field of nephrology and inspires career development.

Trainee travel is a major educational initiative of the ASPNF. Donors who share our commitment to future nephrologists and wish to commit to the trainee travel initiative may establish an annual award in their name or in the name of someone whom they wish to honor. Travel awards are time-limited and may be renewed through future donations. A named travel award may be established for a contribution of either \$3000 to provide a three-year trainee award or \$5000 to support a five-year trainee award. These tax-deductible donations may be given in total at the initiation of the named award or through a pledge of annual giving during the life of the award.

Named Travel Awards will be prominently featured in all appropriate society publications. Trainees will be encouraged to acknowledge the award in their CV and to allow the ASPN and ASPNF to use their name in Society publications. Individuals for whom an award is named, either the donor or an honoree, will approve the use of their name for the award.

Donors, if so interested, are encouraged to meet and mentor the trainees who receive their grant.

Individuals interested in establishing a tax deductible named trainee travel award can contact Connie@aspneph.org

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We have recently joined Amazon Smile, which will donate 0.5% of what you spend on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) to the ASPN Foundation. This is a very easy way to support the ASPN while just going about your daily life.

AmazonSmile: You shop. Amazon gives.

Committee Updates

Member Education Committee

In the coming academic year, we will have an opening on the Renal Pathology Webinar team and give opportunity for another member to participate and help lead the series.

If interested, please contact Joann Spinale Carlson (jms978@rwjms.rutgers.edu), Ben Laskin (laskinb@email.chop.edu), and Adam Weinstein (Adam.R.Weinstein@Hitchcock.org) via email expressing your interest and a brief paragraph sharing your experience in education and your goals for taking on this role.

Submitted by Adam Weinstien on behalf of the ASPN Member Education Committee



Research Committee Update

KidneyX (Kidney Innovation Accelerator)

Accelerating innovation in the treatment, prevention, and diagnosis of kidney disease is the focus of this collaboration between the ASN and the U.S Department of Health and Human Services. Funding support that is awarded on a competitive basis (listed as “prizes” on their website) will encourage collaboration between different fields, including investors and technology companies. Patient feedback on research and product development and implementation are a key aspect of this exciting opportunity. Each “competition” will have a specific topic – first up, next-generation dialysis products. Future topics may focus on medications, patient-centered tools, and diagnostics, among others. For more information, visit www.hhs.gov/idealab/kidneyx/ and <http://www.kidneyx.org>

Grant Management Workshop Reminder

Are you preparing for an upcoming grant submission? Every year at ASN Kidney Week, investigators can receive feedback on their draft grant applications. Submission of a Specific Aims page is required, and drafts of Research Strategy (and Career Development Plan for K-awards) are encouraged. Experienced reviewers are paired with funded junior or mid-career scientists seeking to gain experience reviewing grants, and together will provide feedback in an NIH-style Mock Study Section (and everyone keeps things confidential). This year’s session will be held Wednesday, October 24 from 6:45-8:45pm, and it may not be too late to submit a draft grant or to volunteer as a reviewer. If you might be interested for early November 2019, mark your calendars and sign up early! Plan to distribute grants to reviewers 2-4 weeks before the workshop to get the best feedback.

Longitudinal Mentoring Program

Interested in helping to grow the field of pediatric nephrology research? Consider participating in the Longitudinal Mentoring Program as a mentor or mentee. Junior investigator mentees are paired with a research mentor outside of their home institution to provide research career advice, grant ideas, and grant application review. This highly successful program has a high satisfaction rate among both mentors and mentees and - there are 10 actively funded grants for participants of this program!

Those interested in the Longitudinal Mentoring Program or Grant Management Program, please contact Scott Wenderfer (sewender@texaschildrens.org), Tammy Brady (tbrady8@jhmi.edu), or Brad Dixon (bradley.dixon@childrenscolorado.org).

Let’s toot our own horn! How to promote pediatric nephrology research:

1. Celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments of the members of our community. Did a colleague receive an R01 or a major publication? Let us know so we can celebrate their achievements in the next edition of Kidney Notes.
2. Accept invitations to be a reviewer. We need more pediatric nephrologists on award committees, study sections, and editorial boards to advocate for pediatric nephrology research.
3. Members already serving on study sections are encouraged to recommend their junior colleagues.
4. Join the NIH Early Career Reviewer (ECR) Program. Early faculty in this program work with top researchers in their field to develop skills in peer review and grant scoring. Learn more and apply at <https://ctsicn.org/nih-ecr>
5. Participate as a mentor or mentee in the ASPN Longitudinal Mentoring Program or ASPN Grant Management Workshop

Submitted by Melissa Anslow and Jackie Ho, on behalf of the Research Committee

Washington Update

House to return from recess with full agenda before November midterm elections

The House is set to return from its August recess immediately after Labor Day with a full agenda. While members of the House were home campaigning, the Senate was busy addressing items on its to do list, namely addressing the FY 2019 spending bills.

The Senate passed the Labor-HHS/Defense minibus by a vote of 85-7. This was the first time the Labor-HHS spending bill was considered on the Senate floor since 2007. The bill included a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health and a \$10 million increase for the Children's Graduate Medical Education program. However, the path forward remains unclear, but must be determined before the end of the current fiscal year on September 30.

The House recessed for August without passing its Labor-HHS spending bill, but had already approved its Defense spending bill. It is unlikely that the House will consider its Labor-HHS bill as a standalone measure because it is likely to get derailed by policy issues, including funding for Planned Parenthood and the current migrant crisis.

If the House takes no further action on its Labor-HHS bill, passage of the bill puts the Senate in a strong negotiating position to retain its funding levels, which are generally higher than those in the House version. However, it seems unlikely this will all be resolved before the September 30th deadline, meaning a short-term continuing resolution will be needed for at least a short period.

Besides addressing FY 2019 spending bills, both the House and Senate continue to grapple with how to address prescription drug prices. The Senate still has yet to act on an opioid package despite the House passing legislation in June. On topics more directly related to kidney disease, we are expecting a revised version of the Dialysis PATIENTS Demonstration Act of 2017 to be released in the coming weeks that ASPN expects to comment on.

CMS actions interrupt summer vacations

While action on Capitol Hill were quieter with the House recessed for August, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) annual rulemaking process was in full swing keeping ASPN Public Policy Committee members very busy. ASPN is in the process of developing comments on two proposed rules: the ESRD prospective payment system (PPS) and Quality Incentive Program (QIP) and the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS).

For the PPS and QIP, comments are focusing on outlining the specifics of pediatric dialysis services and encouraging CMS to work more closely with ASPN to ensure the PPS and QIP meet the unique needs of the pediatric patient population. Specifically, two transplant measures are proposed to be added to the QIP. While ASPN supports the addition of transplant-specific measures, we are expressing concern that the two measures being considered are not appropriate, and the agency should

instead focus on developing different measures, potentially related to patient education about transplant, that are within the control of dialysis facilities.

In the proposed PFS, CMS outlined a plan to significantly revise how evaluation and management (E/M) codes are documented and reimbursed. The agency is responding to the concerns from physicians that the current documentation guidelines are overly burdensome. CMS proposed to allow physicians to document medical necessity and either medical decision making, time, or the current 1995/1997 guidelines for a level 2 office visit. To address the program integrity concerns associated with only requiring physician to document a level 2 visit, the agency also proposed to collapse level 2-5 new and established office visit codes and create a single payment level, \$135 for new patients and \$93 for established patients.

Once CMS evaluated the impact of collapsing the codes, they created two add-on payments, one for primary care related visits worth \$5 and other for complex specialty care worth \$13.70. However, nephrology services were not included in the list for the complexity add-on code. The agency also proposed a new prolonged E/M service for an additional 30 minutes of time spent with the patient worth \$67. However, the agency did not articulate how the time for the collapsed codes would be counted making it difficult to assess whether the prolonged add-on could be billed for typical patients.

The American Medical Association (AMA) estimated that the E/M proposal would result in a 13 percent reduction in reimbursement for nephrology related office visits. Members of the Public Policy Committee have also been estimating the impact of the proposal on their practices, finding that it would result in decreases in payment.

Besides the potential for significant reimbursement decreases, ASPN is concerned about other unintended consequences. If this proposal were to be implemented, CMS would consider level 2-5 office visits to all have the same number of RVUS, 1.9 RVUs for new patients and 1.22 RVUs for established patients. ASPN recognizes that RVU targets significantly drive income in some institutions, and institutions' targets would all need to be readjusted based on the new values. Also, private payers may adopt this policy, reducing reimbursement for privately insured patients. If these payers do not adopt the policy, physicians will be forced to document visits using two separate sets of requirements until the policies harmonized creating additional burden.

ASPN is working closely with RPA and ASN, as well as other medical specialties, to urge CMS not to adopt this proposal. Instead, we are encouraging CMS to implement documentation changes that are not tied to payment on January 1 and work with physician specialties to develop an alternative payment proposal that can be considered in the CY 2020 rulemaking.

Submitted by Erika Miller

Global Health Experience

Erica Bjornstad Studies Epidemiology of Acute Kidney Injury in Malawi



Erica Bjornstad, MD, MPH, a third-year pediatric nephrology fellow in the UNC Department of Medicine, is studying the epidemiology of acute kidney injury (AKI) in a Malawian trauma cohort at Kamuzu Central Hospital, in conjunction with UNC Project Malawi and the UNC Department of Surgery's Malawi Surgical Initiative.

Trauma is the number one cause of death in young people across the continent, and AKI occurs in approximately 30% of South African trauma patients.

"We know that for people in Malawi, there are a lot of injuries from road traffic accidents, burns and falls, particularly children," said Bjornstad. "When muscles break down from such injuries, toxins are released that gum up the kidney, and this can lead to renal failure. What we don't know is how many of these traumas are leading to AKI or renal failure due to limited diagnostic tests."

Laboratory blood testing is the standard for diagnosing AKI, but in places like Malawi, laboratory technology is expensive. Bjornstad says dipsticks can offer a rapid diagnosis. She is investigating the viability of two novel diagnostic dipstick tests that she hopes will enable a quicker diagnosis in limited resource settings. One test measures the diagnostic performance of a dipstick in urine for a novel biomarker, NGAL.

"If we can prevent kidney disease upstream, then we can potentially prevent the downstream effects, as well as the need for dialysis and transplants. At this time, only 80 patients throughout Malawi can have access to dialysis treatment, based on hospital capacity. There is no ability for transplants in the country or even in neighboring countries."

AKI can be treated with IV fluids and careful management that avoids medications that make it worse, preventing patients from having acute kidney failure altogether. But the higher the injury, the harder it is to manage. The more episodes a patient has, the higher the risk for renal failure.

"We know that after the recent hurricane in Puerto Rico, there was a long delay before routine laboratory facilities were back online. Having a method for diagnosing AKI in such settings will be extremely valuable."



Dr. Erica Bjornstad with a study nurse, obtaining a saliva sample from a patient.



Pediatric Nephrologist Dorey Glenn Pursues Kidney Health in Bhutan

Pediatric nephrologist Dorey Glenn, MD, MPH, from the UNC Department of Medicine, is working with Jigme Dorji Wangchuck Hospital in Bhutan to provide nephrology training and clinical support to pediatricians, residents and staff.

Glenn is working with pediatric resident Dr. Dinesh Pradhan on a project to streamline management of children that present with glomerulonephritis. This includes a decision support tool that can help pediatric staff stratify patients who need more extensive work up, from those who need less. It will facilitate more uniform care across the spectrum of patients, and at the same time help physicians become more time and cost efficient with testing, giving those patients at high risk or with atypical presentations more directed work up. Pradhan presented a poster abstract about it at an Asian conference in Malaysia last year.

The tool differentiates patients who have typical presentation of disease and those who are more worrisome or at higher risk. Glenn is also introducing UNC Kidney Center clinicians, who give teleconference lectures to the dialysis unit and house staff. Talks include a variety of general pediatric nephrology topics, dialysis complications and quality improvement.

"We are providing more in-depth education into nephrology issues and how to manage them. Similar to the project with Dinesh, we plan to institute interventions to help standardize and streamline care, while also working toward additional therapies, like being able to provide acute peritoneal dialysis or kidney biopsy."

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Global Health Experience

Global Health Experience, continued



Dr. Dinesh Pradhan presented a poster in Malaysia.



Jigme Dorji Wangchuck Hospital, named for the dynasty that replaced Buddhist rule in 1902.

Pediatricians, residents and staff receive nephrology education.

Submitted by Dorey Glenn

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JELF Update

In September, the JELF Scholars and other ASPN members are planning a Hill Day for the 2018 Kidney Community Advocacy Day in conjunction with the ASN and other kidney advocacy groups. We will report back with photos and a summary of what happens in the next Kidney Notes. For those interested in becoming JELF Advocacy Scholars, stay tuned. We will be soliciting applications for next year's class in September and will have an informational webinar about what the program entails for those interested in applying.

You can contribute to the Perlman Program for Perpetual Participation and the John E Lewy Fund at: <https://aspneph.org/JohnELewyFoundation/howtodonate.cfm>

To learn more about the John E Lewy Fund, the Advocacy Scholars Program, or the Perlman Program for Perpetual Participation, contact David Hains (dhains@iu.edu) or visit: <https://aspneph.org/JohnELewyFoundation/JELFMain.cfm>

Submitted by David Hains



Transplant Pharmacy Recognized as a Pharmacy Specialty

The Board of Specialty pharmacies has recognized solid organ transplantation as the thirteenth pharmacy specialty. ASPN's public policy committee wrote a letter of support and encouraged ASPN membership to support the creation of this new specialty. Please congratulate your transplant pharmacist!



Choosing Wisely® in Pediatric Nephrology

As part of the Choosing Wisely® campaign*, the AAP Section on Nephrology and the Clinical Affairs Committee of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN) produced five targeted evidence-based recommendations in "Five Things Physicians and Patients Should Question." The list includes specific nephrology tests and procedures that are commonly ordered but not always necessary when treating children for kidney-related conditions. Unnecessary testing often generates false positive findings that can lead to more testing, expense, inconvenience for patient and family, and even to painful invasive diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.

The Choosing Wisely recommendations in pediatric nephrology include:

- Do not order routine screening urine analyses in healthy, asymptomatic pediatric patients as part of routine well child care.
- Do not initiate a work up for hematuria or proteinuria before repeating an abnormal urine dipstick analysis.
- Avoid ordering follow-up urine cultures after treatment for an uncomplicated urinary tract infection in patients that show evidence of clinical resolution of infection.

- Do not initiate an outpatient hypertension work-up in asymptomatic pediatric patients prior to repeating the blood pressure measurement.
- Do not place central lines or peripherally inserted central lines in pediatric patients with advanced (Stage 3-5) chronic kidney disease/end-stage renal disease without consultation with pediatric nephrology due to goals to avoid adverse events, preserve long-term vascular access, and avoid unnecessary and costly procedures.

The list, "Five Things Physicians and Patients Should Question," is available through the Choosing Wisely website.

The following members of the ASPN Clinical Affairs Committee contributed to this project: Annabelle Chua, Jerome Lane, Kera Luckritz, Mini Michael, Mike Moritz, Asha Mougdil, Hiren Patel, David Sas, Rita Sheth, Cynthia Silva and Larisa Wickman. The Executive Committee of the AAP Section of Nephrology, led by Doug Silverstein, also contributed to this project (Don Batsky, Vikas Dharnidharka, Larry Greenbaum, Stephanie Jernigan, Teri Mauch, Brian Stotter and Amy Wilson).

Please consider promoting these five recommendations to your local pediatric colleagues:

- Place in your hospital or Department of Pediatrics newsletter
- Send to your pediatric residents
- Request that it be publicized by your local AAP chapter

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ASPEN Founders' Award – Call for Nominations

In 1996, the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPEN) began bestowing a Founders' Award at the annual ASPEN meeting. The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals who have made a unique and lasting contribution to the field of pediatric nephrology. Nominations are received from the membership. The recipient is selected by an Awards Committee composed of the ASPEN President, two past presidents, who are not currently on the Council and three at large members appointed by Council. In addition to being recognized at the annual meeting, the recipient of the Founders' Award receives an honorarium to be used at his/her discretion, 2 nights lodging, free registration and roundtrip airfare to the annual meeting.

Nominations must be received from any active member of the ASPEN no later than October 31.

Candidates must fulfill the following conditions:

- Must be an active or honorary member of the ASPEN
- Must be greater than 55 years of age
- Must have made significant clinical, scientific and/or leadership contributions to the field of pediatric nephrology
- Must have contributed significantly to the ASPEN by promoting its activities to assure a continuing role for its members in science as well as in specialized health care for children with kidney disease.

Nominations should include curriculum vitae from the nominee and a letter describing the individual's contribution.

Nominees will be reconsidered for the Founders' Award, without the need for re-nomination, for five years after their initial nomination.

Nominations should be emailed to the ASPEN Office, info@aspeneph.org.

ASPEN Founders' Award Recipients

2018 H. William Schnaper, M.D.
2017 Sharon Perlman, M.D. and Sandra Watkins, M.D.
2016 Ellis Avner, M.D. and Frederick Kaskel, M.D., Ph.D.
2015 Aaron L. Friedman, MD
2014 Robert L. Chevalier, M.D.
2013 William Harmon, M.D. and José Strauss, M.D.
2012 Julie R. Ingelfinger, M.D.
2011 F. Bruder Stapleton, M.D.
2010 Eileen D. Brewer, M.D.
2009 Jean Robillard, M.D. and Fred G. Smith, Jr., M.D.
2008 Robert L. Vernier, M.D. and Clark D. West, M.D.
2007 Richard N. Fine, M.D.
2006 Barbara R. Cole, M.D. and Adrian Spitzer, M.D.
2005 Russell W. Chesney, M.D.
2004 Billy S. Arant, Jr., M.D.
2003 Alan B. Gruskin, M.D.
2002 Norman J. Siegel, M.D.
2000 John E. Lewy, M.D.
1999 Jay Bernstein, M.D.
1998 Chester M. Edelmann, Jr., M.D.
1997 Malcolm A. Holliday, M.D.
1996 Ira Greifer, M.D.

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Call for Nominations: 2019 AAP SONp Henry Barnett Award

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Nephrology (SONp) will recognize one individual for lifetime achievement in the field of pediatric nephrology. Any pediatric nephrologist meeting the following qualifications can be nominated for this award:

Dedication to teaching nephrology
Contributions to advocacy for children
Distinguished service to the field of pediatric nephrology

Access the nominations form [here](#) and additional information is on the [website](#). Please submit the necessary information to Suzanne Kirkwood at skirkwood@aap.org by **September 28, 2018**.

Previous Henry L. Barnett Award Recipients

2018 – Sharon Andreoli, MD
2017 – Isidro Salusky, MD
2016 – Barbara Fivush, MD
2015 – Bradley Warady, MD, FAAP
2014 – Denis Geary, MD
2013 – Robert Chevalier, MD, FAAP
2012 – Sandra Watkins, MD
2011 – James Chan, MD, FAAP
2010 – Aaron Friedman, MD, FAAP
2009 – Julie Ingelfinger, MD
2008 – Ellis D. Avner, MD
2007 – William Harmon, MD
2006 – Jose Strauss, MD
2005 - Adrian Spitzer, MD
2004 – Russell Chesney, MD, FAAP
2003 - Richard N. Fine, MD, FAAP
2002 – Alan B. Gruskin, MD
2000 – Shane Roy III, MD
1999 – John Lewy, MD
1998 – Malcom Holiday, MD
1997 – Jay Bernstein, MD
1995 – Clarke D. West, MD
1994 – Wallace McCrory, MD
* Note – Name changed to Henry L. Barnett Award
1993 – Robert L. Vernier, MD
1992 – Henry L. Barnett, MD and Ira Griefer, MD
1991 – Jack Metcoff
1990 – Section on Nephrology establishes “The Kidney Award”

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American Society of Pediatric Nephrology FOUNDATION

It's a Raffle!

The ASPN Foundation is holding the annual raffle to raise funds to support the work of the Foundation. This year the Foundation is supporting the ASPN 50th Anniversary, the JELF Advocacy Scholars Program, the Affiliate Member Multidisciplinary Symposium, trainee education at the PAS and other excellent pediatric nephrology training venues, and ASPN's Leadership Development Course.

The raffle prize has been generously donated by ASPN: PAS registration (valued at \$550)

The raffle will be open between now and **October 31st**. Tickets can be purchased online at: www.aspneph.org/secure/raffle/.

The winner will be announced at the ASPN Business Meeting at the ASN Meeting in San Diego. You do not need to be present to win.

And You Can Increase Your Odds!

The more tickets you buy, the greater your chance of winning. We're even offering a deal on bulk purchases:

- 1 for \$20
- 4 for \$60
- 8 for \$100

Looking for content experts

The member education committee is looking for help for their monthly webinars. During each webinar, there is a content expert who delivers a 10-15min powerpoint presentation on the topic with a few multiple choice questions. This webinar is for physician learners at all levels of experience from fellows to experienced full professor faculty so we are looking for innovative and updated information on the topics. These conferences are typically held on the first Monday of every month at 3PM EST. There is usually one practice session one week before the conference. Below are the next few topics for both pathology and radiology. If you are interested in being a content expert, please email me at Joann.Carlson@rutgers.edu.

Next Pathology webinars will cover HSP, transplant, and obesity related glomerulopathy.

Next Radiology webinars will cover ADPKD/tuberous sclerosis, nephrocalcinosis and renal tumors.

Meeting & Lecture Announcements

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 8 - 10, 2019
46TH MIAMI PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY SEMINAR

We are happy to invite you to our **46th Pediatric Nephrology Seminar** which will take place at the Miami Beach Resort in beautiful Miami Beach from **March 8-10, 2019**. The Seminar will have another exciting scientific program covering a wide range of topics, including **Genetic/Developmental and Rare Disorders of the Kidney, New Frontiers in Pediatric Nephrology, Practical Nephrology for the Clinician, Recent Advances in Glomerular Disorders, CKD and Hypertension, Bone Disease, FGF23 and the Kidney, Growth and Nutrition in CKD (Workshop), Progressive CKD, Dialysis and Transplant Challenges**. In addition, at the end of the Seminar we will offer a workshop for **Pediatric Critical Care Nephrology** with live CRRT procedures conducted at Holtz Children's Hospital for selected participants. We hope you will enjoy attending this unique, international, interactive scientific meeting. For details regarding the full program, speakers, registration, grant applications for fellows and pediatric residents and hotel reservations contact our Web page at <http://pediatrics.med.miami.edu/nephrology/seminar>.



MIAMI BEACH RESORT
4833 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33140

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SAVE THE DATE – October 11-12, 2018

The **6th Annual ASPN Multidisciplinary Symposium** will be held in **Washington DC**. Come experience and explore our nation's capital while increasing your knowledge in all things pediatric nephrology. Topics include rare disease, drug implications on the pediatric population, bariatric surgery and obesity, and resources for uninsured patients, just to name a few. After 5 years, my favorite part of this conference is meeting and learning from colleagues from across the country. This conference is different from any other pediatric nephrology conference around because we cover the spectrum from diagnosis of CKD to Dialysis to Transplant. We look forward to seeing you in DC!

Lynn Puma, LCSW and Ewa Elenberg, MD –Co-Chair of Symposium Planning Committee

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Kidney Week 2018: Meeting Overview

ASN Kidney Week 2018 registration, scientific exposition, plenary sessions, educational sessions, poster sessions, and Early Programs will be held at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA. Industry-supported educational symposia will be held at the San Diego Marriott Marquis and Marina and non-ASN sponsored Ancillary Meetings will be held at nearby hotels.

Kidney Week is comprised of:

- **10 Early Programs:** Tuesday, October 23 and Wednesday, October 24. Each is a one- or two-day program that addresses a specific topic in nephrology and requires separate registration.
- **Annual Meeting:** Thursday, October 25 through Sunday, October 28. By registering for the Annual Meeting, participants receive full access to the scientific exposition, plenary sessions, educational sessions, poster sessions, industry-supported educational symposia, and welcome reception.

Meeting & Lecture Announcements



American Society of
Pediatric Nephrology

6th Annual

MULTIDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM

OCTOBER 11-12, 2018

**DoubleTree by Hilton
Washington, DC -
Crystal City**

*300 Army Navy Drive
Arlington, Virginia 22202*



Meeting & Lecture Announcements

2018 ASPN MULTIDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM

PROGRAM AGENDA (as of 8/1/18)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018

6:00 - 7:00 PM	REGISTRATION AND WELCOME RECEPTION	
7:00 - 8:30 PM	DINNER AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS Living Donation in Minority Populations	<i>Jennifer Verbese, MD</i>

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

7:00 - 8:00 AM **REGISTRATION, POSTER EXHIBITS, AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

GENERAL SESSIONS

8:00 - 8:10 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks	<i>Asha Moudgil, MD, FASN; Ewa Elenberg, MD, MEd; and Lynn Puma, LCSW</i>
8:10- 9:00 AM	FDA Insight: Pediatric Drug Approval and Supplement Regulation	<i>Lynne Yao, MD</i>
9:00 - 9:50 AM	Nutrition and Psychosocial Aspects of Obesity	<i>Angela Boadu, RD, LDN, LD and Kaushalendra Amatyia, PhD</i>

9:50 - 10:00 AM **BREAK**

10:00 - 10:50 AM	Bariatric Surgery Before and After Kidney Transplantation	<i>Evan Nadler, MD</i>
10:50 AM - 11:40 AM	NIH Rare Disease Program	<i>William Gahl, MD, PhD</i>

11:40 AM - 12:40 PM **NETWORKING LUNCH**

12:40 PM - 1:30 PM	Patient/Parent Session: Transplant Patient Panel	<i>DC families</i>
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AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1:30 - 2:20 PM	Nursing: Practical Aspects of Immunosuppressive Therapy Psychosocial: Resources for Uninsured Patients Dietitians: Micronutrient Management During CKD and After Transplant	<i>Christy Petyak, CPNP-PC Heidi Colbert, LICSW, CCTSW, NSW-C Christina Finotti, RD</i>
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2:20 - 2:50 PM	Nursing: Voiding Dysfunction Psychosocial: Internalizing Psychological Disorders in Pediatric Renal Patients Dietitians: Nutritional Challenges and Enteral Supplementation in CKD	<i>Marlo A. Eldridge, DNP, CPNP Kaushalendra Amatyia, PhD Asha Moudgil, MD, FASN and Kristen Sgambat, PhD, RD</i>
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2:50 - 3:00 PM **REFRESHMENT BREAK/EXHIBITS**

GENERAL SESSIONS

3:00 - 3:50 PM	Understanding CMS Regulations	<i>Bonnie Greenspan, BSN, RN, MBA</i>
3:50 - 4:40 PM	Neurocognitive Development in Children	<i>Carisa Perry-Parrish, MA, PhD</i>
4:40 -5:00 PM	Concluding Remarks	<i>Asha Moudgil, MD, FASN; Ewa Elenberg, MD, MEd; and Lynn Puma, LCSW</i>

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