

President's Corner

Dear Colleagues

By now many of us are in the middle of the winter and looking forward to an approaching spring! As we move into what will be a fairly busy conference time for many of us, I wanted to remind you that our annual ASPN meeting at the PAS meeting will take place in May in Philadelphia. The ASPN programming committee has done a fabulous job putting together a very nicely integrated program for us and other interested PAS attendees. The keynote speaker this year will be Dr. Francis Collins. This promises to be an outstanding opening session for us all! We will be having our annual business meeting at the PAS (details to follow) and I will be passing the presidency to Dr. Michael Somers. In my role as past president, I hope to continue to work with our workforce committee to continue to address our professional growth. I have been humbled and it has been a real honor to have served as your president. It has been an exciting time of growth and engagement for our membership and I encourage you all to continue to be part of this vital organization!

I would also like to announce that several of our members will be receiving well-deserved awards at this year's PAS/ASPN meeting. Dr. Susan Furth- is receiving the Dr. Maureen Andrew Mentor Award (from the SPR), Dr. Vicky Norwood will receive the Henry Barnett AAP/ASPN award and Dr. Joseph Flynn will receive the ASPN Founder's Award! Congratulations! More award announcements to come!

AS A REMINDER THERE ARE SOME UPCOMING MEETINGS THAT IMPACT ON OUR MEMBERSHIP (SEE BELOW). FOR THE THE ASPN MEETING, SEVERAL TRAINEE TRAVEL GRANTS WILL BE AWARDED. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MANY COLLEAGUES IN PHILADELPHIA!

- **ASPN Pathology Webinar**
March 2 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST
- **Toronto Complement Conference**
March 6 - March 7
- **RPA Annual Meeting**
March 19 - March 22
- **Workforce Committee Webinar**
March 26 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm EDT
- **2020 PAS Meeting**
May 2 - May 5
- **ASPN Council Meeting**
June 25 - June 26

Thanks for all you do in caring for our community, patients and families!

Sincerely,

Patrick Brophy, MD, MHCDS
President, ASPN
Patrick_Brophy@urmc.rochester.edu

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

We are looking forward to our upcoming meeting in Philadelphia, PA. Please watch for updates from the PAS office. We are continually monitoring the news on the novel coronavirus COVID-19 as well as the guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). ASPN is committed to a safe environment for our meeting attendees.

At this time the World Health Organization is currently NOT advising travelers to change their plans. We will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available.

There are currently no restrictions on flying within the United States. Below are links for additional information.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>

<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

Protect others from getting sick



Avoid close contact when you are experiencing cough and fever

Avoid spitting in public



If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider



Protect yourself and others from getting sick

Wash your hands



- after coughing or sneezing
- when caring for the sick
- before, during and after you prepare food
- before eating
- after toilet use
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after handling animals or animal waste



Wash your hands

Wash your hands with soap and running water when hands are visibly dirty



If your hands are not visibly dirty, frequently clean them by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water



Protect others from getting sick

When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue



Throw tissue into closed bin immediately after use

Clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water after coughing or sneezing and when caring for the sick



ASPEN Corporate Liaison Board



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*.



Committee Updates

Certification Committee Update

To help simplify the MOC process, ASPN Certification Committee will begin a regular feature written by an ASPN member describing how they successfully obtained MOC credit. The majority of these will relate to MOC Part 4 – Improving Professional Practice – Quality Improvement.

MOC Credit For Dialysis Quality Improvement

Keia Sanderson, MD MSCR, University of North Carolina

There are many options for MOC Part 4 credit online sponsored by the American Board of Pediatrics. In last month's newsletter, Dr. Laura Hesemann reviewed the steps she took to receive MOC Part 4 credit for a local project completed in her clinic. To review, this option requires 3 sets of data points to include pre-intervention and post-intervention. There is a fee of \$75 per project submitted. Approved projects will earn 25 MOC Part 4 credits. Recall that ongoing MOC participation requires 40 Part 4 credits every 5 years.

There is also another opportunity to receive 25 MOC Part 4 credits for an activity that many pediatric nephrologists are regularly participating in. As the pediatric dialysis director in my institution, I am responsible for participating in monthly Dialysis Continuous Quality Improvement Meetings. As many know, these meetings involve measures to reduce line infections, maintain water quality, dialysis safety and hygiene. My institution has QI Project Managers sponsored by the North Carolina MOC Program Office. The QI Project Manager walked me through the process of applying for MOC credit for our Dialysis Continuous Quality Improvement Meetings. I simply entered selected dialysis quality data that we had already tracked and reported interventions and outcomes that we were already measuring in our dialysis quality improvement meetings. I spent less than an hour submitting the information and received notification in less than 30 days that my project was approved for MOC Part 4 credit.

Please see the link below to view the ABP Page on using your own QI project for MOC Part 4.

<https://www.abp.org/content/your-own-qi-project>



Clinical Affairs Committee Update

The Clinical Affairs Committee wants to provide you with useful clinical resources including practice guidelines and patient handouts. Please check out the 'Clinical Toolbox' in the Clinical Affairs Committee section of the ASPN website to see what is available (information is available under member's only content).

This section is a work in progress; if you feel that there is a Clinical Statement/Consensus Guideline or a patient handout that we should add to the website, please email a link to the guideline or handout to sarah.twichell@uvmhealth.org, and we will add the information to the site. We are currently unable to upload PDF files or Word documents, so please send a link to the website itself.



Program Committee Update

The PAS/ASPN 2020 meeting is quickly approaching and will be held in Philadelphia from April 29 to May 6, 2020. The program committee has been hard at work to bring you an exciting, diverse meeting full of educational opportunities. The schedule highlights symposia (green), workshops (blue) and poster sessions (yellow). New this year, on Sunday our education sessions we begin a little later to allow for networking opportunities and we will not have poster facilitators. Each session will be organized along "pathways" to help you navigate this large meeting. We have paired with our colleagues in critical care, neonatology, gastroenterology, and endocrine to provide range of great speakers with a wide range of expertise. We have attempted to reduce overlap as much as possible. Also new this year, we will host a fourth platform session: Neonatal Nephrology, in addition to our basic, clinical and hypertension platform sessions. Please join us in Philadelphia, [early registration](#) is open until March 11, 2020.

Committee Updates

Public Policy Committee Update

Congress Prepares to Introduce Integrated Care Model for Medicare Beneficiaries with ESRD

Senators Todd Young (R-IN) and Krysten Sinema (D-AZ) and Representatives Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and Jason Smith (R-MO) have released a discussion draft entitled the “Bringing Enhanced Treatments and Therapies to ESRD Recipients (BETTER) Kidney Care Act”. This legislation authorizes an integrated care model for Medicare beneficiaries with ESRD and is an updated version of the “Dialysis PATIENTS Demonstration Act”, which had been introduced in previous Congresses. Like the most recent version of the PATIENTS Act, pediatric ESRD patients with Medicare would be included in the model. The BETTER Act also includes the Government Accountability Office (GAO) study on pediatric ESRD costs that ASPN had first proposed to members last year.

Despite the inclusion of the GAO study in the bill, there are provisions that could negatively affect the patients treated by ASPN members. The Society will be submitting comments on the draft and continue to keep members updated in this space.

Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage Bill Introduced in Congress

On December 23, Representatives Ron Kind (D-WI) and Michael Burgess (R-TX) introduced legislation to extend immunosuppressive coverage past the 36-month cut-off currently in place to cover the medications for the life of the transplant. H.R. 5534, the Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act of 2019, will improve outcomes for kidney donations and save taxpayer dollars. ASPN joined with our colleagues in the kidney community to send a letter of support for the legislation.

Administration Releases Proposed Rules to Allow ESRD Patients to Enroll in Medicare Advantage

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released three items relating to the Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D programs on February 5, 2020: a proposed rule, Part II of the Advance Notice and Rate Announcement for Calendar Year (CY) 2021, and the CY 2021 Part C Benefits Review and Evaluation Memorandum (Bid Memorandum). The proposed rule includes provisions to allow individuals with ESRD to enroll in an MA plan beginning in 2021 which was authorized by the 21st Century Cures Act. Currently, although individuals with ESRD can remain in an MA plan through the end of the year if diagnosed with ESRD while enrolled in the plan, they could not newly enroll in a MA plan. The Public Policy Committee will be reviewing this proposal and developing comments.

President’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2021

The President’s Fiscal Year 2021 Budget requests \$94.5 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Health and Human Services, a 9-percent decrease from the Fiscal Year 2020 estimated level. The Budget provides an overview of the proposals that impact HHS; more details of the proposals will be included in the agency’s congressional justification document (CJ). The budget highlights the Administration’s Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative and ASPN will continue to engage with the Administration to ensure that pediatric issues are addressed by this initiative. A link to the President’s budget can be found [here](#), and a link to the HHS Budget in Brief can be found [here](#).

CMS Releases ESCO Data

CMS released [results](#) from the first two performance years of the Comprehensive ESRD Care Model. This model tests whether the creation of ESRD Seamless Care Organizations (ESCOs) can reduce Medicare expenditures while maintaining or improving quality of care. Each ESCO, which is made up of dialysis facilities, nephrologists, and other providers, is a specialty-oriented accountable care organization (ACO) that assumes responsibility for the quality of care and Medicare Part A and Part B spending of their aligned beneficiaries.



Research Committee Update

Follow us on Twitter! Keep up to date between KIDney Notes. The research committee now has a twitter handle [@AspnResearch](#) for timely announcements.

Grant Opportunities in Pediatric Nephrology: Keep your eye out for announcements from our three Pediatric Centers of Excellence for opportunities to submit pilot grant applications. The most recent was from The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Pediatric Center of Excellence in Nephrology (CHOP PCEN) Call for Pilot and Feasibility Proposals for Clinical Trials in Pediatric Kidney Disease. Letter of intent is due 3/6/20, final application in May. Also remember to look at the Research Committee page of the ASPN website for additional grant opportunities.

Clinical Research Workshop at the PAS. When you are booking your travel to Philadelphia, consider staying through Tuesday afternoon this year at PAS! There is going to be a great workshop Tuesday 5/5 from 12:15-2:15 pm on “Developing and Sustaining a Clinical Research Program”.

Committee Updates

Longitudinal Research Mentorship and Grant Review Workshops: As a reminder, the research committee has a longitudinal research mentorship program. This is a great program to link fellows or faculty pursuing a research career with a mentor from outside your institution to provide external critique of grants and career advice. For additional details, go to the Research Committee tab on the ASPN. The research committee will be hosting an in person grant review workshop at the PAS Sunday 5/3/20 at 7:30pm (see separate announcement for more details). To sign up for either opportunity, contact ResearchMentoring@aspneph.org.

Improve clinicaltrials.gov: The NIH is looking for comments on areas to improve clinicaltrials.gov, which as you know is a search engine patients/physicians use to find clinical trials. This is a great opportunity for our membership to have our voices heard and help make this site more user friendly for the pediatric nephrology community, for our patients and for any future participants! So, **please consider providing comments in one of 3 ways:** directly by [clicking the link below](#), by [emailing researchcommchair@aspneph.org](mailto:researchcommchair@aspneph.org) (we will then collate responses and provide the comments on behalf of the RC) or by [discussing them during our call 3/9](#) (which we will then submit on RC behalf). <https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2020/01/07/celebrating-20-years-of-clinicaltrials-gov-and-looking-to-the-future/>

Reminder: Please join us on our next conference call on 3/9/20 (call in number to be emailed separately).

Interested in joining the research committee? We welcome all ASPN members regardless of level of training that are interested in research. Email researchcommchair@aspneph.org to join.

Submitted by Kim Reidy on behalf of the ASPN Research Committee



Membership Committee Update

ASPN Gift of Membership

As spring approaches, it's most likely your graduating fellows are thinking about their next steps in life. Fellows graduating in 2020 will be given complimentary active membership for the remainder of the dues year ending December 31. The Membership Committee encourages Section Chiefs & Program Directors to consider "The Gift of Membership" in ASPN. The 2021 year of membership may be gifted for \$175, a 50% discount on regular membership rates (\$350/yr).

Additionally, don't forget! For all new member referrals made by an existing member, you are entered into an annual drawing for a year of membership. This year's winner will be announced at the 2020 Spring Business Meeting.

Membership in ASPN includes affiliates - any person holding an MS, MPH, PharmD, RN, RD, MSW degree, or other professional degree who has demonstrated a major and continuing interest in Pediatric Nephrology - encourage & refer your local team to join today!

Welcome New Members!

Anwar AL-Omairi, MD

Blair Limm-Chan

Hadeel Badawi, MD, SPB

Melissa Myles, MSN, referred by Theresa Pak

Laura Betcherman, BSc, MD

Elizabeth Onugha, MD

Morgan Bily, BS, referred by Sonal Bhatnagar, MD

Karen Papez, MD

Rachel Buckle-Rashid, MD

Nicolle Quinn, MS

Sarah Burnett, DNP, referred by Victoria Norwood, MD

Courtney Risley, MS, RN, CPNP, referred by Theresa Pak

Cristina Farkas-Skiles, MD, referred by Ora Yadin, MD

Heather Stewart, MD

Peace Imani, MB ChB, MMED, MPH

Julie Tzeng, MD

Nicole Kelley, MSN

Caroline Walsh, BSN, referred by Theresa Pak

Camile Laroche, MD, referred by Véronique Phan, MD, MSc

Committee Updates

Workforce Committee Update

The Workforce committee would like to invite you to join us for our next webinar scheduled for Thursday March 26, 2020 at 1200 EST/ 1100 CST/ 0900 PST titled:

"Taking Control of Your Student Loans: Advice for the Pediatric Nephrologist"

This webinar is intended to provide education and address your concerns about student loans. The organizers would like to hear from you about specific questions you may have about loan repayment. Please submit questions to dkweidemann@cmh.edu by March 15, 2020.



ASPEN Pathology & Radiology 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 2017 webinar series has closed and we will move forward with the 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 academic year series, you must complete 10 webinars and answer a total of 50 question/answers (5 per webinar) via REDCap. For this series, unlike the previous one, 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). 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, and Ben Laskin, emails: rruebne1@jhmi.edu and LaskinB@email.chop.edu.

ASPEN Renal Imaging Webinar

Date: April 6, 2020
Topic: TBD

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>

Transplant Update

OPTN/UNOS NEWS:

UNOS Public Comment: UNOS public comment runs January 22nd thru March 24th. For more information related to the proposals currently out for review and comment visit the Public Comment page of the OPTN website. The proposals will also be presented and available for discussion/questions/comment at your local UNOS Regional meetings (see schedule below). Regional meetings are open to all and are a great way to keep updated and get more involved in transplant related issues.

Date	Region	Location
1/30	4	Dallas, TX
2/05	6	Portland, OR
2/06	8	Kansas City, MO
2/13	5	San Diego, CA
2/14	2	Baltimore, MD
2/28	3	Atlanta, GA
3/02	1	Waltham, MA
3/03	7	Chicago, IL
3/12	10	Toledo, OH
3/13	11	Charlotte, NC
3/18	9	New York, NY

Pediatric Transplant Program Requirements: Application deadline was 12/3. As of mid-January, 102/147 program applications had been received by UNOS. 29 programs opted out and 16 programs did not submit an application. The denominator was any site that listed a child for kidney transplant within the prior 5 years. UNOS is reaching out to those 16 programs. Centers will be able to continue to function normally until the applications are reviewed by the MPSC (Members and Professional Standards Committee) and then voted on by the OPTN BOD in December 2020. If you submitted your application and you were short an observation of a pediatric transplant or a procurement, it is recommended that you submit an amendment to your application when you have completed what you were missing. It will be important for us to look at how many programs were “eliminated” by this application process and whether any geographic gaps in access were created by this policy initiative.

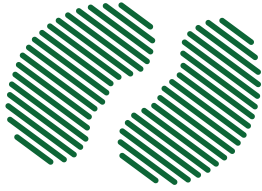
OPTN Pediatric Committee initiatives: The Pediatric Kidney Committee has completed an analysis of the effects of kidney allocation system (KAS) on children at the 4 yr mark and will be presenting the analysis at ATC next May in Philadelphia. Manuscript is near completion. Our major concerns related to the implementation of the KAS in December 2014 has been: a decrease in the DD transplant rates for the 0-5 yr olds and for pediatric candidates with cPRA

80-98, longer wait times to transplant for all children but particularly the 0-5 yr olds, and increased DGF rates for 6-18 yr olds. We also looked at pediatric donor kidneys to see where they are going. The vast majority of kidneys from adolescents are being allocated to adults, and since the implementation of KAS even fewer adolescent donor kidneys are allocated to children. In general our community would like to see more of these kidneys offered to children. We are attempting to “redo” the determination of the kidney donor profile index (KDPI) since the original determination did not include pediatric recipients. It is important for us to know with better precision the outcomes of adult kidneys that are transplanted into children as well as the outcomes of pediatric donor kidneys that are transplanted into children. Once we have this information, we can propose appropriate allocation changes that more accurately match and predict outcomes of DD kidneys to children. Additionally, we are in the process of beginning a **new project** to analyze the effect of multiorgan transplants on pediatric kidney transplant access. We know, or at least have the perception, that children may be “hurt” by the priority given to multiorgan transplants, which come ahead of all children as well as ahead of all highly sensitized patients. Without data, we are unable to proceed with any confidence or standing to ask for allocation sequence changes.

ASPN TIG (Transplant Interest Group). Our next TIG meeting by conference call is scheduled for Monday February 24th. The conference line 866-876-6756 / access code 2147290256 for any others not yet identified as interested in TIG to join. At our last meeting at ASN, we chose as priorities going forward 1) submission of a transplant session proposal for consideration for ASPN 2021 in Vancouver, 2) examination of current pediatric fellowship training in the area of transplantation, with the intention to create a recommended transplant curriculum for pediatric kidney fellowship training, 3) create a “plain language” list of current UNOS primary pediatric personnel requirements for pediatric kidney transplant programs for those who desire to be qualified, 4) notify TIG group of availability within TIG to seek mentorship as well as clinical consultations on transplant related topics/protocols/etc.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon M. Bartosh, MD smbartosh@wisc.edu





American Society of Pediatric Nephrology FOUNDATION

Leadership Development Program

Leadership development is critical to the success of professional organizations like the ASPEN and the satisfaction and flourishing of its members as professionals!

Leaders of professional societies such as the ASPEN needs specific skill sets to be able to negotiate the complex tasks of program development, personnel supervision, and dealing with internal constituencies and other organizations. These skills are also applicable to many aspects of academic medicine and are commonly acquired after years of experience, perhaps by specific training, or through trial and error. The ASPEN invests in intentionally developing future leaders of our Society by offering a year-long leadership development program that provides participants important skills they will can utilize in the ASPEN as well as at their home institutions.

This competency-based program has trained and graduated 49 pediatric nephrologists since inception of the program in 2012, and currently has 15 participants enrolled who will graduate in 2020. More than 80% of the graduates have served on and/or chaired ASPEN committees with several serving on ASPEN Council.

Your support of this program can help insure the future of ASPEN through ensuring our community can deliver the leaders essential to accomplishing our mission, as well as equipping our members to thrive in their carriers!



JELF Scholars Update

1. American Academy of Pediatrics 2020 Legislative Conference

JELF Scholars will be heading to Washington DC in April to join pediatric advocates from across the country at the AAP 2020 Legislative Conference. Attendees will participate in advocacy skills-building workshops, then put these skills to the test in meetings with congressional representatives on Capitol Hill. There are also opportunities to attend expert lectures on child health policy priorities, and the ins and outs of the legislative process. Conference dates are Sunday April 5th to 7th. To learn more, visit <https://shop.aap.org/2020-legislative-conference-washington-dc/>

2. ASPEN Hill Day

Pediatric nephrologists have their opportunity to advocate on behalf of kidney disease patients this Spring. The yearly ASPEN meeting will take place in Philadelphia, PA from April 29th-May 6th. Join us on a short train ride to Washington DC on May 6th to participate in the annual ASPEN Hill Day. There we will have the opportunity to meet with congressional representatives to share with them the impact of policy on the lives of our patients, and ways they can make a difference. To sign-up, please use the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTBsPKGX0v1TNTopi2sQrszL-Fe1drSzCu_MioSHVyEIA4_Q/viewform

3. The JELF Advocacy Scholars Program

The JELF Advocacy Scholars Program is thrilled to announce the tenth class of Advocacy Scholars. Please join me in congratulating these scholars on their acceptance in to the program. Dr. Judy VanSickle from Children's Mercy Kansas City, Dr. Sarah Twichell from the University of Vermont and Dr. Celina Brunson from Children's National. These scholars will begin the 2 year advocacy training program this July.

Becoming a JELF scholar signifies a commitment to advocacy for all children, especially those with kidney disease. Scholars receive formal training and hands-on mentored experiences focusing on governmental processes and pertinent health policies affecting children's health. Scholars go on to be leaders in the advocacy community. We thank you for your dedication to advocacy, and maintaining the legacy of John E. Lewy.

ASPN Foundation Named Travel Awards

Award Name	Awardee
The Ashoor Family Family Travel Award	Carol Shen
The F. Bruder Stapleton Travel Award	Chloe Douglas
The Rick Kaskel Travel Award	Katherine Mai
The Rick & Phyllis Kaskel Travel Award	Paras Shah
The Dr. Sharon Andreoli Indiana University Travel Award	Carlos Romero
The John Orak Memorial Travel Award	Yitong Albert Liu
The Dr. Stanley Hellerstein Memorial Travel Award	Xavier Gaeta
The George Schwartz Research Travel Award	Meghan McLaughlin
The Barbara R. Cole, M.D. Travel Award	Jennifer Chmielewski
The Kevin & Shiralee Meyers Travel Award	Alexandra Bicki
The Samuels Family Foundation Travel Awards	Rachel Buckle-Rashid & Edward Zitnick

A subset of ASPN Council members reviews the Travel Award applications and matches recipients with donors. For information on how to designate a named travel award, [click here](#).

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Do you care for a Military-Connected Child with Kidney Issues?



The U.S. military moves their people each summer, and orders are going out in April, which is the Month of the Military Child. There are 2.1 million children in the Military Health System, and over 2/3 are cared for by you and your colleagues. If you are caring for a military-connected child covered by TRICARE and they are moving to the greater Washington DC area (Maryland/Virginia/DC) this summer, please contact me so we can arrange a warm handoff. The Walter Reed service can also help with handoffs to other locations as a child with kidney disease will limit where the family can be stationed.

CAPT Greg Gorman (gregory.h.gorman.mil@mail.mil) and COL Brent Lechner (brent.lechner@usuhs.edu)
Phone 61-KIDNEY-62 and email renal@nccpeds.com



Research Committee Grant Review Workshop

Mark your calendars – on **Sunday May 3, 2020 from 7:30pm-9:30 pm** the ASPN Research Committee will be hosting its **Grant Review Workshop**. This is a great opportunity for anyone, particularly junior faculty, to get an expert review of grant materials prior to submission. So, if you are working on a mentored grant award for the NIH, a foundation grant, an institutional grant –any grant –and would like content experts and seasoned, funded clinician scientists to review and critique your proposal, we want to hear from you! To participate, we request at a minimum a Specific Aims page and a Career Development Plan, but the more grant materials the better (draft of Research Strategy is also encouraged). To provide the most thorough, thoughtful review the sooner we receive your materials the better. This gives us time to identify appropriate reviewers and gives the reviewers time to review your materials. *Please let the ASPN research committee co-chairs know of your interest in participating, your research topic/field, and any preliminary materials you may have by mid-March.* **Final grant materials for review should be submitted by the first week in April.**



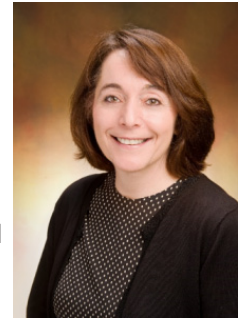
ASPN Research Awards

Congratulations to our two Research Awardees this year!

- Basic Science, Hua Sun, MD, PhD Abstract: “*Dysregulated dynein mediated vesicle trafficking is a new mechanism and therapeutic target for FSGS*”
- Clinical Science, Alexander Kula, MD, Abstract: “*Major Adverse Kidney Events after Acute Kidney Injury in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit: A Propensity Score-Matched Cohort Study*”

Dr. Susan Furth Honored with SPR’s Maureen Andrew Mentor Award

Susan Furth, MD, PhD, is this year’s recipient of the Maureen Andrew Mentor Award, which recognizes pediatricians with outstanding records of mentor leadership. Dr. Furth is chief of the Division of Nephrology and vice chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, where she is an expert in chronic kidney disease in children. Committed to pre-doctoral and post-doctoral training, Dr. Furth has personally trained dozens of post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty. Read more about [Dr. Furth here](#).



Susan Furth



American Society of Pediatric Nephrology 2020 Founder’s Award Recipient

The ASPN Founder’s Award Committee is proud to present the 2020 Founder’s Award to Dr. Joseph Flynn.



Joseph Flynn

Dr. Flynn is the Dr. Robert O. Hickman Endowed Chair in Pediatric Nephrology, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Washington, and Chief, Division of Nephrology, Seattle Children’s Hospital. He completed his pediatric nephrology training at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, PA, and later received an MS in Clinical Research from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY. During his fellowship training, Dr. Flynn obtained experience in clinical research under the guidance of Drs. Bruce Kaiser and Jorge Baluarte and worked in the laboratory of Dr. Bonita Falkner at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. He is an internationally recognized expert in the treatment of hypertension in children, and recently chaired the AAP Subcommittee that developed the updated clinical practice guideline on high blood pressure in children and adolescents.

Dr. Flynn served on ASPN Council from 2004-15, and as ASPN President in 2012-14. During his tenure on Council, he oversaw an expansion of ASPN’s activities, most notably increased member participation ASPN’s various committees. He was instrumental in developing and implementing ASPN’s first two Strategic plans. His guidance during this long-term process was critical in shepherding the ASPN to its current status, and his influence continues today under the next generation of Council and Committee leaders. Other important contributions to ASPN include creation of the Leadership Development Program and foundation of JELF and the JELF Advocacy Scholars Program. He has ably represented ASPN on Capitol Hill and at CMS, and served as ASPN liaison to other organizations such as Kidney Care Partners and the Renal Physicians Association. While an ASPN officer, he represented our Society as North

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American Regional Secretary of the International Pediatric Nephrology Association, and then served as an IPNA Councilor, bringing his expertise in strategic planning to that organization.

As was highlighted last year with his recognition by the AAP with the Henry L Barnett award, Dr. Flynn has been a dedicated educator and mentor. He has published over 140 peer-reviewed papers and over 110 textbook chapters, invited reviews and editorials. He has been the chief editor of the last three editions of Pediatric Hypertension, and sends out a weekly “Article of the Week” email with the latest updates in childhood hypertension and cardiovascular disease. He has trained over 50 nephrology fellows, most of whom have faculty appointments at academic institutions, and several who currently hold leadership positions within the ASPN – including its current President. Dr. Flynn will receive the award during the ASPN Award Luncheon on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 11:30am. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Flynn on this achievement!



American Academy of Pediatric Section on Nephrology 2020 Henry L. Barnett Award Recipient

The AAP Section on Nephrology (SONp) recognizes one individual yearly for lifetime achievement in the field of pediatric nephrology. The SONp Executive Committee is pleased to present the 2020 Henry L. Barnett Award to Dr Victoria Norwood.

Dr Norwood is the Robert J Roberts Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, a distinction she has held since 2009. She served as the Chief of Pediatric Nephrology at UVA from 2000-2017 and the Vice Chair for Academic Affairs in the Department of Pediatrics from 2012-2017. In 2017, she was elected as an Affiliate Member of the University of Virginia Center for Health Policy. She currently serves as a Master Assessor and member of the School of Medicine Entrustment Committee and has served on the Promotion and Tenure Committee of the School of Medicine. Her excellence in leadership is also clear from her many awards: she is a member of Distinguished Educators at the University of Virginia, the recipient of the Sharon L. Hostler Leadership Award in Women in Medicine, a fellow of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM), and she was awarded the Castle Conolly Exceptional Women in Medicine Award.



Victoria Norwood

Dedication to teaching nephrology: Dr Norwood is also an outstanding educator, having received the Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence, and was elected to her institution’s Academy of Distinguished Educators. Dr Norwood is dedicated to teaching nephrology to trainees and families at every educational level. She has encouraged undergraduates to shadow her during clinical activities, taking the time to teach despite a busy clinic schedule. Dr Norwood has been the director of the Pediatric Nephrology Fellowship Training Program for 20

years, supervising the training of 20 fellows during that time span. She has published these education and fellowship training experiences in prestigious journals such as Pediatrics and Journal of Pediatrics. Her national leadership in the area of education is further evidenced by her service on the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) for more than 10 years, first as the Chair of the Pediatric Nephrology sub-board, then as a member of the Board of Directors of which she is Chair for 2020. She was also a founding member and Chair of the Council of Pediatric Subspecialties (CoPS), generating position papers on resident duty hours and transition from residency to fellowship.

Distinguished service to the field of pediatric nephrology: Dr Norwood is a nationally recognized clinician and renowned clinical investigator. She is an active clinician caring for children with all forms of kidney disease, from hypertension to end stage renal disease. Dr Norwood has also excelled in laboratory investigation, with the publication of a number of important papers, including one co-authored by Nobel laureate Oliver Smithies. She pursued basic research for the first 15 years of her career and then in 2007, she shifted her career emphasis to clinical research. Since that transition, she has been the site Principal Investigator of over 32 clinical trials, including many multicenter studies. She was elected to the Society of Pediatric Research, the American Pediatric Society, and as a Fellow of the Council for High Blood Pressure Research. She also served as President of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology for two years.

Contributions to advocacy for children: Dr Norwood has worked tirelessly to enhance the quality of care for children with kidney disease across the nation. Part of this work has led to her strong advocacy for trainee education. She is a founding member of the John E Lewy Foundation for Children’s Health and director of the John E Lewy Fund. One of the goals of the foundation is to train “the next generation of leaders in pediatric nephrology with specific expertise in governmental and regulatory processes affecting children’s health care and advocacy for pediatric nephrology, and to educate future leaders in the conduct and application of advocacy”. She has been an active participant in ASPN sponsored Capitol Hill Days and has repeatedly visited the NIH to meet with various funding agencies critical for pediatric nephrology research.

Dr Norwood will receive the award during the ASPN Award Luncheon on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 11:30 am in conjunction with the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Please join us in congratulating Dr Norwood on this achievement!

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-submitted by Priya Verghese (ASPEN Liaison to the ESPN)

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April 29-May 1 • Pre-Conference Events | May 2-5 • PAS Meeting | May 6 • Post-Conference Events

American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN) Schedule at a Glance

Saturday, May 2	Sunday, May 3	Monday, May 4	Tuesday, May 5
<p>7:00 am–8:00 am ASPN Resident/Student Membership Breakfast with Pediatric Nephrology Fellows and Faculty</p> <p>8:00 am–10:00 am The Use of “Intra”-Corporeal Diagnostics and Extracorporeal Therapies in Critical Care Nephrology</p> <p>10:00 am–10:30 am PAS Welcome Coffee Break</p> <p>10:30 am–12:00 pm PAS Opening General Session (Includes presentation of the Joseph St. Geme Leadership Award)</p> <p>12:00 pm–1:00 pm PAS Complimentary Opening Luncheon</p> <p>12:00 pm–1:00 pm ASPN CPC Fellows Luncheon: Battle of the Brains</p> <p>1:15 pm–2:30 pm* Nephrology Poster Session I</p> <p>2:30-4:30 pm Coming Up Short: Improving Access to Kidney Transplant in Children</p> <p>Original Science Abstracts Platform Presentations Nephrology IV: Neonatal Nephrology</p> <p>4:45-6:45 pm The Chesney Memorial Session: (en)Trust me: Understanding and Surviving Competency-Based Medical Education</p>	<p>7:30 am-9:00 am Expert Roundtables Breakfast & Networking</p> <p>8:00 am–10:00 am PPC Legislative Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 am–11:30 am Is It Something I Ate? Exploring the Relationship Between Gastrointestinal and Kidney Health</p> <p>IPHA Scholarly Session: The Role of ABPM in the Assessment of Children and Adolescents</p> <p>10:15 am – 11:45 am APS Presidential Plenary and Awards</p> <p>11:30 pm–1:00 pm ASPN Awards Luncheon</p> <p>1:00 pm–3:00 pm Lupus Nephritis: Beyond the Beans to Bad Bones and Brains</p> <p>1:00 pm-4:00 pm AAP Presidential Plenary and Annual Silverman Lecture</p> <p>3:30 pm–5:30 pm ASPN Presidential Address & Business Meeting</p> <p>3:45 pm–5:45 pm APA Membership Meeting APA Debate</p> <p>5:45 pm–7:30 pm* Nephrology Poster Session II</p>	<p>7:00 am–7:45 am ASPN Pediatric Nephrology in a Small Group Setting Breakfast</p> <p>8:00 am–10:00 am IPHA Workshop: Coming Ashore: Early Results From the SHIP-AHOY Study</p> <p>Adherence to treatment: Barriers to making it stick</p> <p>Original Science Abstracts Platform Presentations Nephrology II: Basic Science</p> <p>9 am–1 pm SPR Presidential Plenary and Awards (9-11:30/11:30-1)</p> <p>10:30 am–12:30 pm Are the Kids Really Alright? A Life-Course Evaluation of the Long-Term Kidney Effects of Childhood-Onset Diseases</p> <p>1:00 pm–3:00 pm Urine in the Know Advocacy: Past, Present, and Future Perspectives</p> <p>3:30 pm–5:30 pm Original Science Abstracts Platform Presentations Nephrology III: Clinical Science</p> <p>5:45 pm–7:30 pm* Nephrology Poster Session III</p>	<p>7:30 am-9:30 am* Nephrology Poster Session IV</p> <p>PAS Lab: ASPN Scholarly Session Rare but Not Forgotten: Innovations in Rare Genetic Kidney Diseases</p> <p>9:45 am–11:45 pm Using TOD²AY to Improve Tomorrow’s Renal Outcomes in Childhood Diabetes</p> <p>12:15 pm–2:15 pm Secrets to Developing (...and Sustaining) a Clinical Research Program that Every Institution Wants</p>

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ASPEN Committee and Non-Scientific Meetings at PAS					
Meeting	Day	Date	Start	End	Location
ASPEN Leadership Development Program	Friday	5/1/2020	8 a.m.	5 p.m.	Loews Anthony
ASPEN Program Committee	Friday	5/1/2020	8 a.m.	6 p.m.	Loews Jefferson Boardroom
ASPEN Council Meeting	Friday	5/1/2020	8 a.m.	6 p.m.	Loews Adams
ASPEN Resident/Student Membership Breakfast with Pediatric Nephrology Fellows and Faculty	Saturday	5/2/2020	7 a.m.	8 a.m.	Loews Washington Room C
ASPEN Communications Committee	Saturday	5/2/2020	12 noon	1 p.m.	Loews Jefferson Boardroom
ASPEN Member Reception	Saturday	5/2/2020	7 p.m.	9 p.m.	Loews Howe
ASPEN Member Education Committee	Sunday	5/3/2020	7 a.m.	8 a.m.	Loews Washington Room A
ASPEN Public Policy Committee	Sunday	5/3/2020	7 a.m.	8 a.m.	Loews Lescaze
ASPEN Therapeutics Development Committee	Sunday	5/3/2020	7 a.m.	8 a.m.	Loews Adams
ASPEN Transplant Interest Group	Sunday	5/3/2020	7 a.m.	8 a.m.	Loews Washington Room B
ASPEN Membership Committee	Sunday	5/3/2020	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	Loews Jefferson Boardroom
ASPEN Awards Luncheon	Sunday	5/3/2020	11:30 a.m.	1 p.m.	Convention Center TBD
ASPEN Presidential Address and Business Meeting	Sunday	5/3/2020	3:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	Convention Center 113 AB
ASPEN Fellow Job Search Speed Mentoring Event	TBD				
ASPEN Pediatric Nephrology in a Small Group Setting Breakfast	Monday	5/4/2020	7 a.m.	8 a.m.	Loews Adams
ASPEN Research Committee	Monday	5/4/2020	7 a.m.	8 a.m.	Loews Congress Hall A
ASPEN Certification Committee	Monday	5/4/2020	11:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	Loews Washington Room C
ASPEN Workforce Committee	Monday	5/4/2020	11:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	Loews Washington Room B
ASPEN Clinical Affairs Committee	Monday	5/4/2020	12 noon	1 p.m.	Loews Washington Room A
ASPEN Global Health Committee	Monday	5/4/2020	12 noon	1 p.m.	Loews Congress Hall A
ASPEN Training Program Directors Committee	Monday	5/4/2020	12 noon	1 p.m.	Loews Congress Hall B
ASPEN Foundation Board Meeting	Monday	5/4/2020	11:30 a.m.	1 p.m.	Loews Jefferson Boardroom
ASPEN CPC Fellow's Luncheon: Battle of the Brains	Monday	5/4/2020	12 noon	1 p.m.	Loews Congress Hall C
Research Committee Grant Review Workshop	Sunday	5/3/2020	7:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	Loews Adams

Upcoming Meeting Dates*

Meeting	Place	Meeting Dates	Abstract deadline	Online registration opens	Early bird registration ends
PAS 2020 meeting	Philadelphia, PA	April 29-May 6, 2020	Jan 6, 2020	Nov 5, 2019	March 5, 2020
American Transplant Congress (ATC) 2020	Philadelphia, PA	May 30- June 03, 2020	Dec 6, 2019, 11:59 PST	Jan 2020	April 29, 2020

*Please verify dates on the individual meeting websites as they are subject to change.

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