

American Society of  
Pediatric Nephrology

# ASPN Annual Report

**April 2023 - April 2024**

## **Mission Statement**

**To promote optimal care for children with kidney disease through advocacy, education and research; and to disseminate advances in clinical practice and scientific investigation.**



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# American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

## ASPN Membership

The American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN) primary goal is to promote optimal care for children with kidney disease. This is made possible through advocacy, education and research, coupled with dissemination of advances in both clinical and basic science. The ASPN urges all Pediatric Nephrologists, affiliate health care professionals, and basic scientists interested in children with kidney disease to join.

Active Member:

**Annual Membership Fee (US Resident/Citizen):  
\$395**

**Annual Membership Fee (Canadian  
Resident/Citizen):**

- Without IPNA dues: \$170
- With IPNA dues: \$145 (ASPN membership) + \$60 (discounted IPNA dues)
- [Click here](#) to download the Canadian Membership Discount Guide

Affiliate Member:

**Annual Membership Fee: \$50**

Associate Member:

**Annual Membership Fee: \$170**

Trainee Member:

**Annual Membership Fee: \$0**

Emeritus Member:

**Application Fee for Non-ASPN Members: \$100**

**Annual Membership Fee: None**

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## ASPN Membership Report

Membership	Apr-22	Apr-23	Apr-24
Active	414	445	471
Affiliates	130	135	132
Associates	6	9	6
Emeritus	38	42	52
Trainee	127	161	234
<b>Total</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>895</b>



# American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

## American Society of Pediatric Nephrology Committees

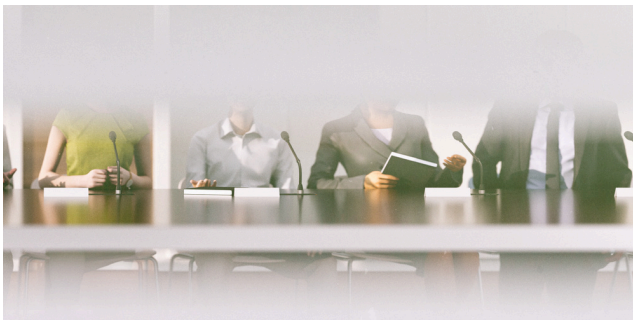
In the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN), committees are specialized groups composed of members who work together to address specific areas of focus within the organization. These committees are responsible for various tasks such as organizing educational events, promoting research, managing membership, advocating for public policies, developing clinical guidelines, facilitating communication, and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. Each committee plays a vital role in supporting ASPN's mission and objectives, contributing to the advancement of pediatric nephrology as a specialty.



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## American Society of Pediatric Nephrology Interest Groups

The Interest Groups in the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN) are specialized subgroups within the organization that focus on particular areas of interest or expertise within the field of pediatric nephrology. These interest groups provide a platform for members with similar interests to collaborate, share knowledge, and discuss relevant topics. Interest groups cover a wide range of areas, such as specific kidney disorders, research methodologies, clinical practices, or emerging trends in pediatric nephrology. Members can join interest groups based on their interests and expertise, allowing for networking opportunities and the exchange of ideas within their respective areas of focus.



- [Transplant Interest Group](#)
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## **Committee Reports**

# Certification Committee

## Leadership



Bakri Alzarka  
Chair



Melissa Muff-Luett  
Co-Chair



Brendan Crawford,  
Co-Chair



Siddharth Shah  
incoming Co-Chair



Laura Walawender  
incoming Co-Chair

### Meeting Dates:

March 23, 2024

April 29, 2023 at PAS

### Goals and Activities/Progress towards Goals:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Develop a new MOC Part 4 QI project-Improving ASPN Pediatric Nephrologists Professional Well-being.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This project aims to improve workforce recruitment and retention, and overall professional well-being through multiple interventions related to mentoring and increase workforce support</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meet in March 2024 before PAS and will meet again in June 2024 to follow up on progress.</li><li>Continue to coordinate with ABP on this project as the concept is novel (no previous similar ABP sponsored projects)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Explore new MOC opportunities and share information on current opportunities</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lunched new MOC Part 4 projects.</li><li>Remind members about current available MOC in Kidney Notes and new ASPN Kidney Briefs such as:</li><li>Pediatric Nephrologist Transition of Pediatric Care: A Quality Improvement Project Template (QIPT).</li><li>SCOPE</li><li>CLABSI committees at local institution</li></ul>

# Clinical Affairs & Practice Management Committee

## Leadership



Jillian Warejko  
Chair



Jason Misurac  
Co-Chair



Sandeep Riar  
Co-Chair



Avi Traum  
incoming Co-Chair

### Meeting Dates:

May 5, 2024 at PAS

April 30, 2023 at PAS

### Activities:

Webinars 2023-2024

- C3 Glomerulopathy in 2024(R. Smith)
- Billing and Documentation Compliance (A. Riley)

Webinars 2024-2025

- Updates from UNOS (TIG co-sponsored) – R. Formica – TBD
- Other hot topics (still in discussion): prenatal consults and integration with urology, latest in managing imaging contrast, other late breaking guidelines in NS, Alport, amongst others
- Possible shorter format webinars – 15-20 min meant to be consumed off the app.

App resources: gathering prior authorization letter templates and LOMN templates, guideline repository  
Plan for Zoom meeting in the fall

# Communication Committee

## Leadership



Sai Sudha Mannemuddhu  
Chair



Sudha Garimella  
Co-Chair



Shweta Shah  
Co-Chair



Wendy Hsiao  
incoming Co-Chair



Mugdha Rairikar  
incoming Co-Chair

### Meeting Dates:

September 12 and December 12, 2023, March 12 and May 5, 2024.

### Current Stats (Apr 2024):

- X: 9511 followers, increased by 9.6% (+838), compared to a 6.8% increase the previous year.
- Facebook: 11K followers, increased by 8.8% (+893), compared to a 0.5% increase the previous year.
- Instagram: 318 followers, increased by 33% (+107), compared to a 28% increase the previous year.

### Goals for 2024-2025:

1. Dissemination of #pedneph content from ASN 2023 and PAS 2024
  - Completed
  - Planning to continue for 2024-25
2. 'Meet the Expert' in collaboration with pFENa
  - Planning to continue for 2024-25
3. Training next-generation Podcast editors for 'The Sediment'
  - Emily Zangla joined the team and will be leading from next year under Sudha G's guidance for PAS 2025
4. Continuing 'Member of the Month'
  - Stella Shin and Emily Zangla for the year 2024-25
5. 'Know your KidneyBeans'
  - Under progress under the guidance of Shweta Shah and Emilia Maria Cadiz
6. Social Media ('X', FB, and Instagram) Goals for 2024-25
  - Cole has been using the free version of Buffer/Hootsuite to post on "X" and FB
    - Action Item: Consider switching to the paid version of Buffer/Hootsuite - need a quote to approve it through the council.
  - Consolidating into a single platform (e.g., "X" with maximum traffic) to decrease division of resources.
  - Cole and Sudha will work on a survey to be disseminated on X/IG/KIDney Briefs to determine:
    - Which social media platform is best to focus on?
    - How many users are actively using these portals, especially with the app now available?
  - Integrating "X" handles under a single umbrella and using common hashtags for ASPN conferences as well as general dissemination of information from ASPN.
  - Possible collaboration with IPNA/NSMC/NephJC for ASPNeph JC.

# Global Health Committee

## Leadership



Erica Bjornstad  
Chair



Asif Mansuri  
Co-Chair



Sabina Kennedy  
Co-Chair



Sangeeta Hingorani  
incoming Co-Chair

### Meeting Dates:

Virtually: August 14, 2023

Hybrid at ASN: November 2023

Virtually: January 31, 2024

In Person: May 2024 at PAS

### Goals:

- In collaboration with IPNA's Low Resource Countries Committee, we will continue an annual virtual symposium devoted to pediatric nephrology in low resource settings. Goal for next quarter is to obtain feedback from 2024 symposium, explore follow-up networking from the 2024 symposium, and begin to plan the 2025 symposium.
- We will increase opportunities for ASPN members to participate in pediatric nephrology education, clinical care, mentorship, and research in low resource settings in relation to the tri-lateral partnership between ASPN, IPNA, and Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO)
- We will continue to support the ASPN-IPNA-ALANEPE partnership to support pediatric nephrology in Haiti.

### Activities/Progress towards Goals: June 2023 – early April 2024

- Annual ASPN-IPNA Global Health Symposium
  - Lead: Erica Bjornstad, Assisting Lead: Asif Mansuri
  - 2023's symposium was published in Pediatric Nephrology: World Kidney Day 2023: preparing for the unexpected, supporting the vulnerable! Daga A, Bjornstad EC, McCarthy F, Bonilla-Felix M. 2023.
  - 2024's symposium occurred successfully on April 3, 2024. The largest to date with >170 attendants. We had several non-nephrologists in attendance as well.
  - Several ASPN and IPNA members served on the planning committee.
  - This year's theme was: Task Shifting Basic Nephrology to General Pediatricians: Beyond UTIs; with keynote speaker, Mignon McCulloch
  - We have begun planning for 2025 symposium and will begin formal planning in the coming months.
- ASPN-IPNA-HVO trilateral partnership (Cambodia)
  - Lead: Dorey Glenn, Assisting Lead: Anisha Gerber
  - Platform designed/curated by HVO, which allowed recording lectures, and other resources for future use. 31 virtual sessions occurred from 2021-2023.
  - Recruiting for inperson volunteering ongoing.
  - One ASPN volunteer traveling to 2 HVO sites in 2024
- Local-global Partnership (Haiti)
  - Lead: Ankana Daga, Assisting Lead: ???
  - Ongoing discussions with IPNA and ALANEPE on supporting Dr. Judith Exantus, sole pediatric nephrologist of Haiti, as they recover from recent natural and man-made disasters (hurricanes, earthquake, political unrest, gang violence).
  - Discussions have occurred and continue around short-term goals of sending supplies during recent hurricane and earthquake, and an ongoing needs assessment with Dr. Exantus
  - Plan to invite Dr. Exantus to give a talk to our group or at future ASPN/ASN meeting to gather more support and raise awareness
  - Overall, the political/violent situation in Haiti has only continued to worsen, despite the lack of news coverage. It has greatly limited these efforts but we remain committed to supporting our partnerships with IPNA, ALANEPE and Dr. Exantus. We have been able to continue to engage when internet/safety permits participation in our global health efforts.

# Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee

## Leadership



Shina Menon  
Chair



Yonique Petgrave  
Co-Chair

### Meeting Dates:

February 9, 2024

### Goals:

- Selection of New Century Scholar
- Pairing of mentor-mentee groups for ASPN Mentorship program
- Execution of JEDI symposium for 2024
- Planning tentative workshop on cultural awareness/upstander training
- Inclusion of EDI related holidays/special months into ASPN calendar
- EDI based symposium/workshop at ASPN/PAS 2025

### Activities/Progress towards Goals: June 2023 – early April 2024

- Selection of New Century Scholar
  - 2024 awardee is Rafaella (Rafi) Faria with Keia Anderson as primary mentor
- Pairing of mentor-mentee groups for ASPN Mentorship program
  - 3 mentor- mentee pairs selected for 2024 mentorship program, chairs will touch base with groups periodically throughout the year
- Execution of JEDI symposium for 2024
  - Tentative date set for early September/October
  - Anticipated topics ( 2-3 talks)
    - Future of EDI in academic medicine
    - EDI use in research
    - Integrating EDI in AI based applications in medicine
- Planning tentative workshop on cultural awareness/upstander training
  - Tentative winter 2024-2025
  - Plan to collaborate with existing program for training.
- EDI based symposium/workshop at ASPN/PAS 2025
  - Submission for next year's meeting done, currently under review for potential acceptance.
- Inclusion of EDI related holidays/special months into ASPN calendar
  - Not yet started.
  - Balancing measure of ensuring all holidays/celebrations included.

# Member Education Committee

## Leadership



Kevin Barton  
Chair



Roshan George  
Co-Chair



Sonia Solomon  
Co-Chair

### Meeting Dates:

January 19, 2024

**Goals:** Continue current education initiatives and progress new initiatives.

### Activities/Progress towards Goals:

1. Ongoing bimonthly webinar series still active. Feedback from committee members has changed speakers slightly to include “true experts” twice per year but still include mostly junior faculty and trainees. Attendance stable around 40-50 per session. Added tweetorials for webinars to augment attendance and efficacy. Will repeat survey to assess for more feedback and response to this year's changes.
2. Board Review Course: virtual for the first time this year. Awaiting feedback and results.
3. Factoid: urine in the know/twitter factoid. Still in process. Aim for implementation Summer 2024.
4. Meet the Expert virtual sessions: Two episodes so far. Well-received but more standard lecture series than planned conversational format. Will assess via survey similar to Webinars.
5. Educational Scholarship and Teaching Course: Planning continues with hopeful start in late 2024. Currently working on logistics and funding.
6. ASPN Mentorship: four mentees signed up. Meetings ongoing.

# Membership Committee

## Leadership



Jens Goebel  
Chair



Marisa Juarez-Calderon  
Affiliate Liaison



Judith VanSickle  
incoming Chair



Rim ElChaki  
incoming Co-Chair



Ana Cortez  
incoming Co-Chair

### Meeting Dates:

In Person: May 2023 at PAS

The committee experienced a relatively stagnant year. While we continue to consider ways to maintain and enhance membership in our society, actual initiatives have been few and far between. We have recruited new members through individual efforts, but there has been a lack of broadly discussed and agreed-upon strategies to advance membership across the board. We welcome ideas from both within the committee and outside sources. In line with this, we are ensuring that all graduating pediatric residents entering pediatric nephrology fellowships are encouraged to take advantage of their ASPN membership options.

Additionally, the committee has discussed and agreed upon an initiative to collaborate with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to create an annual "contest" to acknowledge the pediatric (and pediatric/internal medicine combined) residency programs that graduate the most residents into pediatric nephrology fellowships nationwide. Recognizing these programs at our annual meetings should encourage the "winners" and motivate other programs to enhance their efforts in attracting residents to our subspecialty.

As chair, I have come to realize the lack of active initiatives within our committee this past year. This realization was compounded by several personal and professional challenges that limited my involvement. Thankfully, these challenges have been largely resolved, and I look forward to a year filled with more initiatives to ensure our committee remains a valuable and productive contributor to ASPN's overall efforts.

# pFeNa Committee

## Leadership



Carlos Becerril-Romero  
Chair



Anna Williams  
Co-Chair



Claudia Mosquera Vasquez  
Co-Chair



Melissa Zhou  
Incoming Co-Chair

### Meeting Dates:

7/17/2023

11/16/2024

4/5/2024

### Strategic Plan Goals:

- Promote and disseminate research related to pediatric kidney disease.
- Used pFeNa twitter account to support our co-fellows' scholarly activities.
- Partnered with the Communications committee to disseminate and highlight our co-fellows' scholarly activities with "Know your KIDney Beans."
- Hosted "Meet the Expert" session with Dr. Guay-Woodward (planned two sessions per year)
- Increase transparency of organizational structure and processes
- Summarized ASPN activities in our monthly pFeNa blast
- We will send a pFeNa blast after PAS summarizing what occurred during the meeting.

### pFeNa Goals:

#### ASPN/Leadership

- Summarized ASPN activities in our monthly pFeNa blast
- We will send a pFeNa blast after PAS summarizing what occurred during the meeting.

#### Education

- Hosted "Meet the Expert" session with Dr. Guay-Woodward in the Spring 2024
  - Plan to host two sessions per year
- Partnered with Communications Committee to highlight our co-fellows research with "Know your KIDney Beans."

#### Social

- Facilitated networking among pediatric fellows by organizing fellows' social events at national conferences
  - Happy Hour at ASN Kidney Week 2023
  - Dinner at PNRC 2024
  - Will host Happy hour at PAS 2024
- Supported fellow, resident, and medical student events at national pediatric conferences to spur interest in pediatric nephrology.
  - ASN 2023 Trainee breakfast and poster walk.
  - Will provide support during the PAS 2024 Trainee breakfast and post walk.
- Featured fellows from different programs every month in pFeNa email blasts.

# pFeNa Committee

## Advocacy

- Multi-center Advocacy project promoting basic nephrology and dialysis education to our chronic hemodialysis patients using modified games. Closely collaborating with ancillary services, Child Life and Therapeutic Recreation: Chloe Capuano and Kristin Whaley at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Nephrology fellows from: Nationwide Children's Hospital, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Duke Children's Hospital and Health Center, Children's National Hospital and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, working on first phase of program.
  - Guess Who?: nutrition focused
  - Candyland/Sorry: basic dialysis and nephrology knowledge
  - Jenga: basic nephrology and dialysis knowledge, introspection and sharing emotions, feelings, bonding and getting to know our patients.
- Connected pediatric nephrology fellows with advocacy projects (i.e. Hill Days, JELF, volunteering opportunities)

## Communication

- Created pFeNa twitter to highlight and support our co-fellows.
- Continued GroupMe to maintain quick communication and create a place where we share more about our lives as fellows and commiserate with each other.
- Continued to include announcements about educational, volunteer, and advocacy opportunities for the fellows in our monthly pFeNa email blasts.

## **Future Goals:**

### Social:

- Develop a standard way to connect fellows during national conferences.

### Advocacy:

- Involve pediatric nephrology fellows to support one of ASPN policy goals as a group.
- Expand project to promote basic nephrology and dialysis education to our chronic hemodialysis patients using modified games

### Education/Social/Communication:

- Support C.A.K.U.T. Committee to help plan the first fellowship training conference for 1st year fellows!

# Program Committee

## Leadership



Michelle Denburg  
Chair



Katherine Dell  
Co-Chair



Danielle Sorrano  
Co-Chair



Amrish Jain  
Incoming Co-Chair

# Public Policy Committee

## Leadership



Jesse Roach  
Chair



Zubin Modi  
Co-Chair



Kiri Bagley  
Co-Chair



Jill Krissberg  
Incoming Co-Chair

### Goals:

- Engage new topics including Medicaid reform and care for undocumented children
- Continue education on cost reporting to prepare centers for submission of this year's cost reports
- Revisiting coverage of immunosuppressive drugs
- Build on the work we did with the KICC to expand support for pediatric kidney disease research at NIDDK
- Monitoring the OPTN Modernization Initiative and continuing to advocate for the needs of children
- Finding more virtual advocacy opportunities for members

# Research Committee

## Leadership



Chia-Shi Wang  
Chair



Caroline Gluck  
Co-Chair



Jason Greenberg  
Co-Chair



Meredith Schuh  
Incoming Co-Chair

### Meeting Dates:

In-Person: April 2023 (PAS 2023), Nov. 2023 (ASN 2023), April 2024 (PAS 2024)

Virtual: April 2023, May 2023, July 2023, October 2023, Feb. 2024

### Goals:

1. Develop and disseminate opportunities and resources for workforce development.
2. Develop a diversified communications plan for society membership.
3. Collaborate with external organizations to enhance ASPN's profile.
4. Ensure ASPN activities and leadership reflect the diversity of our patients and membership.
5. Promote and disseminate research related to pediatric kidney disease.
6. Create an environment that fosters diverse and inclusive member engagement.
7. Provide mentorship in leadership, advocacy, and professional development.
8. Develop robust educational resources and enhance opportunities for collaboration.

### Activities/Progress towards Goals:

1. We continue to organize webinars for ASPN members on topics pertinent to promoting research success. Next webinar will be given by NIDDK PO as well as a senior researcher on achieving a successful biomedical research career.
2. Fall 2023, we organized a first mentorship mini-course for ASPN members to foster mentors in our community. The course was recorded and placed on ASPN as a resource for all members. We continue to update our toolkit for mentorship.
3. We continue to offer grant review workshops with volunteer content experts. New in the past year, we no longer restrict grant review to the summer only, but instead work around applicant schedules to best fit their needs. In the past year, we reviewed one trainee application in Fall 2023. We shall send out calls for grant review at least 1-2 times a year.
4. We have updated the listing of grant opportunities and also plan to make timely announcements of grant opportunities via the new ASPN mobile app.
5. We continue to promote member achievements and committee/ASPN opportunities through social media, ASPN emails, and committee emails to communicate with members. We plan to also adopt the ASPN mobile app as well.
6. Beginning in August 2023, we were invited to the NIDDK-led Kidney Interagency Coordinating Committee (semiannual meetings). We worked with ASPN President, Dr. Jodi Smith, to promote pediatric kidney research priorities that were solicited from our committee members.

# Workforce Committee

## Leadership



Arwa Nada  
Chair



Keri Drake  
Co-Chair



Caitlin Carter  
Co-Chair



Alex Kula  
Incoming Co-Chair

### Meeting Dates:

November 2023, May 2024

### Mission:

The ASPN Workforce Committee will continue to support and promote the pediatric nephrology workforce via three primary goals:

- M1: Support the sustainability of pediatric nephrologists in the workforce.
- M2: Recruit and engage trainees and promote diversity within our field.
- M3: Characterize and understand trends in our diverse workforce.

Strategic Planning items:

- S1: Ensure clarity of fair compensation and advocate for the value of a pediatric nephrologist.
- S2: Develop and disseminate opportunities and resources for workforce development.
- S3: Strive to achieve a diverse, inclusive workforce that reflects the patient population for whom we care.

### M1, S2: Support the sustainability of pediatric nephrologists in the workforce

**A. Goal:** Continue ongoing short and long-term action items developed at the 2019 and 2023 ASN Workforce summit.

### Summary of Activities:

- Presenting Workforce Committee efforts within associated societies (ASN, COPS)
- Ongoing work of the Workforce Committee includes:
  - Webinars
    - Financial Literacy Webinars – 1-2/year
      - Fall 2023: “Working with a financial planner” by Dr. Elizabeth Bonachea, organized by Arwa Nada
    - New: Business of Medicine Webinars organized by Arwa Nada. First session June/July by Dr. David Hains
    - New: How I got here Webinars organized by Arwa Nada. First session August/September by Dr. Kartik Pillutla
  - Continue the informational emails and guidance provided to ASPN members regarding the deadline for Public Student Loan Forgiveness program. (Darcy Weidemann)
  - Survey on training duration: Survey finalized, approved by council, new time of dissemination March 2025 (Arwa Nada)
  - Career in Pediatric Nephrology: active submission (Brian Stotter)
  - The ASPN Workforce Committee is participating in the Mentorship Program. The goal of this program is to facilitate faculty development/coaching/work-life mentorship by aligning junior and senior faculty at different institutions.

# Workforce Committee

## **M2, S3: Recruit and engage trainees and promote diversity within our field**

### **A. Continue recruiting trainees to consider a career in pediatric nephrology.**

#### **Summary of Activities:**

- We continue outreach to medical students and pediatric residency programs via emails to invite them to consider pediatric nephrology careers, offer research or professional mentorship, and invite them to seek pediatric nephrology electives.
- Committee advertises the ASPN Travel Grant program to ASPN members (Keri Drake)
- Continue to engage ASPN members to participate in the ASN STARS mentorship program (Keri Drake)
- Continue to assist the Resident-Student Program at ASPN (Keri Drake)

**2024 Goal:** Continue to support ASPN Resident-Student Program at ASN and PAS meetings.

B. Continue to mentor Pediatric Nephrology fellows looking for jobs and highlight career opportunities in

### **Pediatric Nephrology. (S2)**

#### **Summary of Activities:**

- PAS Trainee Events Committee (Keri Drake, Abby Bauer, Adam Weinstein, and Isa Ashoor) - Continue support for speed mentoring sessions for fellows at ASPN annual meetings, trainee breakfast, and continue faculty-sponsored mentored poster viewing sessions for trainees.

**2024 Goal:** Continue trainee sessions/speed-mentoring for students/residents/fellows at ASPN annual meetings and continue the mentored poster-walk sessions.

C. Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within our workforce. (S3)

- Collaboration with JEDI Committee on efforts to promote diversity within our community.
  - Planning stages of "Speakers Bureau" to promote speaking opportunities highlighting URM/female/underrepresented faculty regarding potential talks/Grand Rounds that can be used within membership to promote academic activities of URM.
  - Support establishing IMG interest group: Led by Dr. Elif Erkan and Shruthi Mohan, in collaboration with JEDI.

**2024 Goal:** Continue collaboration with the JEDI committee and work on advancing diversity within our community.

## **M3, S1: Characterize and Understand Trends in our Workforce**

### **A. Collaboration with AAP and AAP Section of Nephrology on AAP Workforce Survey (S1)**

#### **Summary of Activities:**

- Continue ongoing collaboration with AAP Section of Nephrology:
  - The Pediatric nephrology workforce survey (completed)
  - PAS 2024 abstract presentation: Pediatric Nephrology Workforce: Results from the 2023 AAP-ASPN Workforce Survey. Darcy Weidemann, Sudha Mannemuddhu, Jodi Smith, Holly Ruch-Ross, Lauren Barone, Adam Weinstein
  - Ongoing activities: The section is working on new collaboration with pediatric urology to establish collaborative nephrology-urology sessions at PAS.
  - Other publications: Child health needs and the pediatric nephrology subspecialty workforce: 2020-2040. Weidemann DK, Orr CJ, Norwood V, Brophy P, Leonard MB, Ashoor I (Feb 2024)

### **C. The 2023 ASPN Workforce Summit 2.0**

#### **Summary of Activities:**

- Committee participated in the 2023 ASPN summit 2.0 and in the first white paper: "Responding to the Workforce Crisis: Consensus Recommendations from the Second American Society of Pediatric Nephrology Workforce Summit."

**2024/2025 Goal:** Continue working within the summit framework on studying salary, cFTE trends, and the institutional value of the pediatric nephrology community. Establish an archive including workforce publications and plan for future publications.

D. Create a new "data" subcommittee within ASPN (S1)

- Idea broached to Council in Fall 2022 and Fall 2023. We would like to continue to advocate for this as part of the current Strategic Planning, as this would likely require resources and support for a data scientist to maintain data. The goal would be to support informed, strategic decision-making and implementation of ASPN initiatives and programs by collecting, managing, analyzing, and synthesizing data relevant to pediatric nephrology. Would likely be significant cross-over with multiple other committees interested in data collection/surveys and analysis (membership, DEI, Workforce, etc.)
- Continue the work on defining a description of 1.0 FTE in various career paths as a pediatric nephrologist (i.e., clinician educator, medical director, physician scientist, program director, etc.)

**2024 Goal:** Identify an ASPN lead for data requests, data intake, and data distribution and continue working within the ASPN summit 2.0 framework on defining the 1FTE and cFTE.



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## **Interest Group Reports**

# Acute Care Interest Group

## Leadership



Shina Menon



Weiwen V Shih



David Askenazi

Out-going



Aadil Kakajiwala

Incoming

### Meeting Dates:

1. Last formal meeting- Jan 2024; had a social gathering at PAS but no meeting
2. Upcoming meeting on 8/29/24

### Goals:

1. Develop educational webinar to be conducted twice a year through ASPN on topic related to pediatrics AKI/CRRT
2. Conduct a survey to better understand the resources, challenges, and landscape of acute care kidney support therapy across the top 50 hospitals in the United States
3. Develop a resource library for protocols, guidelines, educational information on topics related to pediatric AKI/ Kidney Replacement therapy.
4. Develop a document that highlights benchmarks for programs who care for children who need acute kidney replacement therapy.

### Activities/Progress towards Goals:

1. 2 webinars per year. Last one on ECMO + CRRT
  - Upcoming- Dysnatremias on 9/23/24
  - Led by Kyle Merrill, Vivian Shih, Karen Papez, David Selewski
2. Completed survey to better understand the resources, challenges, and landscape of acute care kidney support therapy across the top 50 hospitals in the United States
  - Keri Drake, David Selewski, Shina Menon, Katie Plomaritas, Kara Short
  - Presented as posters at AKI CRRT conference in San Diego; Poster at PAS
  - Physician/program structure manuscript submitted and under review
  - Nursing manuscript under preparation
3. Active resource library for protocols, guidelines, educational information on topics related to pediatric AKI/ Kidney Replacement therapy.
  - Brynna VanWyck NP, and Abby Basaley MD
  - Neonatal CRRT protocols uploaded
  - TPE protocols added

# Advanced Practice Providers Interest Group

## Leadership



Tamara Hill



Alison Schoch



Brynna Van Wyk

### Meeting Dates:

The last quarterly meeting was held April 24, 2024.

### New Goals/Planning:

1. Planning for ASPN Multidisciplinary Symposium APP SIG 2024 topics and speakers:
  - Hypertension and ABPM- Discussion Panel: Christina Michels, CPNP, Emily Neeld, RN, Jessica Edmondson, CPNP, Christy P. Taylor, RN
2. Planning for ASPN APP SIG presentations for meetings:
  - The APP roll in Pediatric Dialysis Program: Kathleen (Kat) Mallett, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, CNN-NP, FNKF- February 2024
  - Developing Quality Improvement Projects: Dr. Tamara Hill, DNP, MSN, CPNP-AC: Next Quarterly Meeting October 23, 2024 @ 4pm EST.
3. Continue Quarterly Meetings
4. Continue Website submissions for SIG
5. Continue Monthly Journal Club
6. Continue Membership Recruitment
7. Continued use of ASPN Go App for discussions, newsletters, journal articles and education
8. Continue Quarterly Newsletter - "In the News"... features new members, publications, DNP graduates and upcoming meetings all in one place

### Accomplishments:

1. New development of sub-committee: Curriculum Committee led by Brynna Van Wyk
2. Survey sent to Nephrology Division Directors of ASPN regarding role of the Nephrology NP
3. Abstract and Poster contender submission to the 2025 IPNA Congress- Contributors are:

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### 4. Membership Recruitment

5. ASPN Go App: Promote use of the app and distribute Newsletter and Journal Articles
6. Quarterly Newsletter- "In the News"... new template/formatting

# Bones and Stones Interest Group

## Leadership



Neil Paloian



Kirsten Kusumi

### Meeting Dates:

- 7/13/23

### Goals:

Increase awareness of group, increase membership

Develop clinical protocols for evaluation and management of kidney stones and metabolic bone disease

Develop educational standards for fellowship training in kidney stones and metabolic bone disease

### Activities/Progress towards Goals:

Designed survey to assess current practice patterns of ASPN sites

Working with members of PNRC to expand reach/awareness

# Cardiorenal and Hypertension Interest Group

## Leadership



Alex Kula



Susan Halbach

### Meeting Dates:

7/18/23, 4/8/24, 9/3/24 (future) 12/3/24 (future)

### Goals:

1. Create a community for pediatric nephrologists interested in hypertension and cardiorenal medicine
2. Gather insights from experts on the logistics of running a hypertension program and best clinical practices
3. Invite non-nephrologists to share their expertise on topics related to hypertension or cardiology.

### Steps to meet goals:

FY 23-24 was the first year of our interest group. Most presentations were focused on how to run hypertension program. In addition to formal presentations, there was plenty of time for questions and discussions. Based on feedback from members, we are adding "cardiorenal" to our group for FY224-25. To increase engagement, we are increasing the frequency of our meetings to quarterly and working to include more medical/scientific discussions. Eventually, we would like to host small events at ASN/PAS and create a repository on the ASPN website with protocols, manuscripts, and patient handouts.

# Division Heads Interest Group

## Leadership



Priya Verghese

### Meeting Dates:

- August 20, December 3

### Goals:

To support the ASPN mission of workforce development and optimization of care for pediatric nephrology through unification and open dialogue with pediatric nephrology leaders across USA and Canada.

### Steps to meet goals:

1. COMPLETED: Completion and collation of results of survey of all Nephrology Divisions on the current state of pediatric nephrology practices.
2. ONGOING: Publication and dissemination of these results.
3. ONGOING: Forum for all Division Leaders to discuss/collaborate to optimize their clinical missions and the satisfaction and productivity of the work force.

# QI and AI Interest Group

## Leadership



Arwa Nada



Aadil Kakajiwala

### Meeting Dates:

May 22, 2024 and March 05, 2024

### Goals:

1. Facilitate Interdisciplinary Projects: Promote and support collaborative projects that integrate QI and AI methodologies, leveraging the strengths of both fields to improve patient outcomes and operational efficiencies in pediatric nephrology.
2. Develop Educational Resources: Create and disseminate educational materials, workshops, and webinars that focus on the intersection of QI and AI, helping members to develop skills and knowledge in both areas.
3. Establish a Collaborative Network: Build a robust network of professionals and researchers within ASPN who are interested in QI and AI, encouraging regular communication, idea sharing, and joint problem-solving.
4. Promote Data Sharing and Standardization: Advocate for the standardization and sharing of data across institutions to facilitate large-scale AI-driven QI projects, ensuring data interoperability and enhancing the potential for impactful research and improvements.
5. Identify and Support Pilot Projects: Identify potential pilot projects that demonstrate the benefits of integrating QI and AI, providing support in terms of resources, expertise, and funding to ensure their success and scalability.
6. Create a Knowledge Repository: Develop a centralized repository of case studies, best practices, and lessons learned from QI and AI initiatives, making this information accessible to all members to inspire and guide their own projects.
7. Encourage Mentorship and Collaboration: Establish a mentorship program that pairs experienced QI and AI practitioners with members who are new to these fields, fostering knowledge transfer and collaborative learning.
8. Host Collaborative Events: Organize regular meetings, conferences, and hackathons focused on QI and AI, providing opportunities for members to collaborate, share insights, and develop new initiatives.
9. Promote Interdisciplinary Research: Support and encourage interdisciplinary research efforts that combine QI and AI projects that address key challenges in pediatric nephrology.
10. Monitor and Evaluate Impact: Implement a system for monitoring and evaluating the impact of collaborative QI and AI initiatives, using metrics and feedback to continuously improve the effectiveness of the interest group's efforts and share success stories with the broader community.

### Steps to meet goals:

1. Meetings: The group has met twice since its establishment in September 2023. Moving forward, the group will meet on a monthly basis.
2. Webinars: for the 2024 calendar year, the group has two upcoming webinars hosting expert data scientists and leaders in AI in medicine. Goal is to have 4 Webinars yearly
3. White Paper: The group is currently working on a white paper on AI in pediatric nephrology.
4. Workshop/Session Proposals: The group has submitted two workshop/session proposals to the 2025 PAS Program Committee.
5. QI Project Repository: The group is currently working on establishing a repository for QI projects.
6. Collaborations: The group is working on collaborating with larger organizations within the field of AI in medicine.
7. Additional Projects: The group is also working on other projects that will be announced upon completion.

# Small Group Nephrologists Interest Group

## Leadership



Joann Carlson



S. Sudha Mannemuddhu



Ashley Rawson

### Meeting Dates:

Odd months. 6 meetings/ year. Goal: 3 clinical discussions and 3 topic discussions per year

### Completed Webinars (as of July 2024):

15 webinars thus far since May 2021.

	Timing	Topic	Speaker
1.	May 2021	Establishing a Hypertension Clinic	Kevin Meyers
2.	Jul 2021	Immune Complex Glomerulonephritis / C3 Glomerulopathy	Carla Nester
3.	Sep 2021	Interpreting Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor (ABPM) Results	Joshua Samuels
4.	Nov 2021	Lupus Nephritis	Susan Massengill
5.	Jan 2022	Medical Education	Adam Weinstein
6.	Mar 2022	aHUS and Other TMAs	Lawrence Shoemaker
7.	May 2022	How to Get Your Research Study Published	Joseph T. Flynn
8.	Jul 2022	Complicated Cases Review	Shweta S. Shah
9.	Sep 2022	Acute Care Nephrology and Dyselectrolytemias	Jordan Symons
10.	Nov 2022	The Art of Reviewing Manuscripts	Joseph T. Flynn
11.	Jan 2023	Complicated Cases Review	Lawrence Copelovitch
12.	Mar 2023	Salary & Contract Negotiations	David Hains
13.	May 2023	Kidney Transplant Review	Vikas Dharnidharka
14.	Sept 2023	Flozins and KIDneys	Alexander Kula
15.	Dec 2023	Implementing QI Initiatives in a Small Group Setting	Rebecca Ruebner
16.	March 2024	Neonatology Nephrology: Case Discussions	Michelle Starr
15.	May 2024	Lupus Nephritis Cases	Brian Stotter

### List Serve:

1. Current members: 38 members
2. Conversations: 64; 31 patient related requests for help

To send an email to the list server, please use [aspn-small-group@googlegroups.com](mailto:aspn-small-group@googlegroups.com)

If you like to be added to the list serve, please email [pednephSG@gmail.com](mailto:pednephSG@gmail.com)

### Timeline:

2021-2022

1. Create a list serve specifically for Pediatric Nephrologists in a small group setting
2. Streamline webinars

2022-2023:

1. Continue webinars every other month to meet the needs of the community
2. Form a Special Interest Group

2023-2024:

1. Continue webinars every other month to meet the needs of the community
2. Continue to support active discussion through list serve.

### Future Goals

1. Continue to plan clinical discussions and webinars that will benefit the committee
2. Survey committee for overall feedback
3. Work on a plan to transition leadership
4. Work on an updated website.

*Joann Carlson, S. Sudha Mannemuddhu & Ashley Rawson*  
ASPEN Small Group Nephrologists SIG  
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# Transplant Interest Group

## Leadership



Puliyaanda Dechu



Asha Moudgil

### Meeting Dates:

For 2024: Feb 9th, May 6th, August 9th

### Goals:

- Education:
  - Submit Proposals to PAS 2024
  - Submit proposals to ATC 2024
  - Update the 'Resource documents' of transplant articles in the 'Members only' section
  - Include interesting talks given at various meetings, in the 'Members only' section for the benefit of those who could not attend these meetings
- Advocacy
  - Stay up to date on UNOS rules and regulations for Pediatrics
- Mentoring:
  - Connect mentors with mentees for career guidance, scientific projects, and abstract and manuscript writing

### Activities/Progress towards Goals:

- Meetings were held every 3 months
- Proposals for the PAS and ATC were reviewed by the members of TIG and then proposals were submitted
- 3 proposals submitted by the TIG group were accepted partially or entirely for PAS 2024, and 2 proposals were accepted for ATC 2024
- Our TIG UNOS members: ( Dr. Rachel Engen: chair of the pediatric UNOS committee and Dr. Nicole Hayde: member of UNOS board) give us an update at every meeting. We encouraged our TIG members to contact these individuals if they were interested in being a part of UNOS
- TIG members are asked to contribute relevant articles and inform us of talks that can be uploaded on to the ASPN website for benefit of its members
- Drs. Asha Moudgil and Dechu Puliyaanda met with mentee Sarah Kizilbach and went over goals

# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual ASPN Multidisciplinary Symposium

## Organizing Committee



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Speakers: Rayna Levitt, RD, San Diego, CA

Topic: Mindfulness in Medicine: Using Meditation in Caring for Yourself and Your Patients  
Speakers: Kaushal Amatya, PhD, Washington, DC

Topic: Neonatal Dialysis Modalities  
Speakers: Kara Short, MSN, Birmingham, AL

Topic: A Focus on Disparities in Pediatric Nephrology  
Speakers: Tomas Kiss-Farengo and Darnyell Eveillard, Bronx, NY

Topic: AAP Guidelines on Obesity  
Speakers: Stephanie Sisley, MD, Houston, TX

Topic: "I'm hoping he'll get through this" - Communication strategies when clinicians and parents have different expectations.  
Speakers: Vanessa Madrigal, MD, MSCE, HEC-C, Washington, DC

Topic: Improving Adherence  
Speakers: Christine Cho, PsyD, New York, NY

Topic: Novel Therapies in CKD  
Speakers: Jason Misurac, MD, MSCR and Andrew Smelser, Iowa City, IA

Topic: Cardiac Echo Findings in Renal Diseases  
Speakers: Sarah Clauss, MD, Washington, DC

Topic: A culturally sensitive approach to chronic illness management through trauma informed perspective  
Speakers: Oscar Gonzales, LCSW, Hollywood, FL

Topic: Transitioning Kids with Chronic Illness from Pediatric to Adult Care Services  
Speakers: Tamara Hill, PNP-AC, Baltimore, MD

Topic: Optimization of Bone Health and Growth  
Speakers: Larry Greenbaum, MD, PhD, Atlanta, GA

Topic: The Role of Speech-Language Pathology in Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing Disorders  
Speakers: Lauren Nance, Houston, TX

Topic: Challenges of Transborder Medicine  
Speakers: Michael Braun, MD and Karla Fredricks, MD, MPH, FAAP, Houston, TX

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Patrick Brophy

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Sarah Swartz  
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2024 AAP Section on Nephrology: Henry L. Barnett Award



Samir El-Dahr  
Tulane University School of Medicine

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## **2023-2024 Highlights/ Accomplishments**

### **1. New Century Scholars Program:**

The New Century Scholars Program, supported by APA, APS, ABP and ASPN, is a mentorship program aimed at increasing the diversity of the academic pediatric workforce. The JEDI Committee with funding support from the ASPN Foundation has committed to sponsoring one under-represented in medicine resident who is interested in pediatric nephrology to participate in the New Century Scholars Program each cycle. Vanessa Thiel the 2023 scholar begins Fellowship at Lurie in July Rafi Fariais the 2024 Scholar

### **2. Continued Financial Independence from ASPN**

### **3. Endowment of the Schnaper Lectureship**

### **4. ASPN Foundation Legacy Circle Created**

### **5. Funded the ASPN app ASPN Go**

### **6. Funded the Workforce Summit 2.0**

## **2023 - 2024 JELF Agenda**

· ASPN NIH discussion with friends of NIH – Scholars will understand various funding agencies that pertain to the ASPN.

· Mentored experience with our Washington representative and “senior” members of the Society with expertise in the area to:

· Discuss ASPN’s advocacy and Capitol Hill efforts.

· Recognize important regulatory, payment, and quality issues that apply to children with ESRD who are either on dialysis or have received a transplant.

- JELF 2022 Scholars: Carlos Becerril Romero, Hostensia Beng-Ongey and Lieuk Nguyen
- JELF 2023 Scholars: Julia LaMotte, Kera Luckritz and Leonala Villegas
- JELF 2024 Scholars: Yarity Astudillo, Lauren Hawkins and Carol Shen

## **2024 Named Travel Awards**

The Ashoor Family Travel Award

The F. Bruder Stapleton Travel Award

The Rick and Phyllis Kaskel Travel Award

The Dr. Stanley Hellerstein Memorial Travel Award

The Michael Somers Travel Award

The Sharon Bartosh Travel Award

The Michelle N. Rheault Travel Award

The Eileen Brewer Travel Award

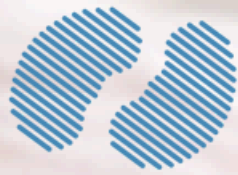
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