Dear Colleagues,

Policies and procedures increase the efficiency of an organization. They also ensure fairness and transparency, especially if readily accessible to all.

Since we changed management companies in April of 2017, we have discovered large gaps in written policies and procedures. Sometimes this just creates transient confusion (when do we send out election ballots?). In other instances, it raises questions of fairness and transparency (who receives free registration for our annual meeting or who is asked to serve as ASPN’s representative on IPNA council?).

Transparency around finances is especially important. Your council, including the officers, are all volunteers. We meet at ASN, but receive no travel expenses for attending the meeting. The same is true for PAS, although ASPN officers receive free registration (our contract with PAS provides a limited number of free registrations). The ASPN president receives a free hotel room for PAS (part of our PAS contract and true for the leaders of all organizations that participate in PAS). ASPN pays for council travel to the council’s summer meeting in June and meals at council meetings at PAS and ASN. Rarely, a council member has traveled to our ASN council meeting, but not attended the remainder of the ASN meeting and ASPN has paid the travel expenses (this is not a written policy, however).

The absence of policies and procedures makes us less efficient and may make council decisions seem arbitrary. Currently, council must review individual requests that range from financing meeting travel (answer usually no) to publicizing a nephrology conference (answer usually yes). With written policies and procedures, you will be able to know in advance how ASPN can help to publicize your nephrology conference and our executive director, Connie Mackay, will be able to rapidly respond to your request with a standardized approach.

I plan to have more policies and procedures written and then make them visible to you on the members only section of our website. We will let you know as they are posted and, as usual, I welcome your feedback.

Larry Greenbaum, MD, PhD
President
lgreen6@emory.edu
News and Announcements

Member of the Month (September 2017)

The ASPN communications committee started a new initiative to highlight an ASPN member of the month to distribute through our social media platforms. Member of The Month is a monthly recognition of an ASPN member for their service to ASPN. We ask our membership to help us and nominate members who went above and beyond in servicing the ASPN and advancing its mission. Please send an email to Michelle Rheault and/or Ibrahim Shatat.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTINE SETHNA, MD
SEPTEMBER ASPN MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Christine Sethna, MD
Division Director, Pediatric Nephrology, Cohen Children’s Medical Center of New York and Associate Professor, Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine


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The ASPN Foundation has been active and has exciting news. Just completing our first year, we have seen outstanding support for the Foundation and the JELF Advocacy Fund. We have supported fellow travel grants to the IPNA Congress and to this year’s ASPN/PAS meeting. The JELF Advocacy scholar program is stronger than ever.

A raffle will be held for donations to the ASPNF History project. The ASPN will be 50 years old in 2018. As part of the upcoming celebration, a committee headed by Dr. Rick Kaskel has developed the ASPN History project. This History will be a living video history of the ASPN and Pediatric Nephrology. The proceeds of this year’s Raffle will be directed to the completion of this history. Generous donors have allowed us to begin the project which will ultimately be available publically. You may contribute to the Foundation and to the raffle online, see details below.

It’s a Raffle!

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of ASPN in 2018, the ASPN Foundation is holding a raffle to raise funds for the History of Pediatric Nephrology project as well as increasing support for trainee travel grants.

An amazing prize has been generously donated by the 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 New Orleans. 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

Support the ASPN Foundation While You Shop!

We have recently joined Amazon Smile, which will donate 0.5% of what you spend on 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.
JELF Update

JELF Scholars teamed up with other Nephrology-related organizations and patient advocacy groups to participate in Kidney Community Advocacy Day. The focus of our message to Congress members was on areas of common interest. After an informative training session the evening before, we branched out over the Hill to meet with staffers and members. We discussed the Living Donor Protection Act, which would provide federal regulations to protect living donors from insurance discrimination, ensure FMLA, and distribute education materials to inform the public about living donation. The bill currently has been introduced in with bipartisan support in the House but not yet in the Senate, and ASPN continues to work with other groups to find bipartisan champions for the bill in the Senate. We also discussed the importance of research funding to the NIH, focusing on a recent GAO report showing that less than 1% of Medicare kidney care costs are invested in kidney related research.

The JELF scholars were also able to meet with Dr. Bianchi, the head of NIH’s NICHD during our time in Washington. We discussed the current research priorities of NICHD, and how the Institute’s interests and opportunities overlap with other NIH Institutes and Centers, including NIDDK.

We would like to thank Erika Miller and everyone else who helped us with our ongoing Hill experiences.

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

-Michelle Starr
Seattle Children’s Hospital, Seattle, WA
First year JELF Advocacy Scholar
Research Committee Update

The Research Committee would like to highlight the ASPN Mentorship Program that is ongoing. At this year’s ASN Kidney Week, we will be having our fourth annual Grant Review Workshop. This year, two mentees will be presenting draft grants to mock study sections and gaining insight into grant review. In addition to the Grant Review Workshop, the Mentorship Program also includes a longitudinal mentorship program. This program pairs a junior ASPN mentee with a senior mentor who can provide unbiased research insight and advice as junior members shape their career. The mentors/mentees can engage over time via phone, email, or even in person multiple times a year. Currently we have 15 mentor/mentee pairs.

The Research Committee is always looking for junior folks interested in participating in the Mentorship Program. We also need volunteers to participate as longitudinal mentors and grant review workshop reviewers. Finally, we are forming an Oversight Subcommittee for this program. We need members to volunteer to help shape the program.

Please let Erum, Scott or Tammy know if you are interested.

Erum Hartung, Chair (HartungE@email.chop.edu)
Scott Wenderfer, Co-Chair (sewender@texaschildrens.org)
Tammy Brady, Co-Chair (tbrady8@jhmi.edu)
ASPN Research Committee

Submitted by David Hains on behalf of the Research Committee

Workforce Committee Update

The ASPN Workforce Committee will be hosting another “Fellow Speed Mentoring Event” at the ASN meeting in New Orleans on Friday 11/3, 6:45-8:15pm at the Sheraton New Orleans, Grand Chenier Room. This popular workshop provides trainees the opportunity to speak with faculty about their job search and future career plans, with topics including:

“THE REAL PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGISTS OF …” : Pediatric nephrology practice models in all shapes and forms
“DR. WHO”: Preparing your portfolio and getting started in your job search
“DANCING WITH THE STARS”: Accepting an invitation to interview and understanding the recruitment process
“GAME OF THRONES”: Negotiating pearls
“PROJECT GREENLIGHT”: You have a job…now what?

Any interested faculty are invited and welcome to join, the fellows really value your input! Our next event will be in Toronto at the ASPN annual meeting, details to follow. Please contact Patty Seo-Mayer (pseo-mayer@psvcare.org) or Susan Halbach (susan.halbach@seattlechildrens.org) if you would like to participate.

We are also recruiting Faculty and Fellow volunteers to join our resident/student program at the annual ASPN meeting in Toronto, May 2018. This program, organized by Adam Weinstein, presents a great opportunity for residents and medical students to learn about the field of nephrology in a fun and social way. Residents and students will be in groups of 4-5, with 2 mentors (faculty/fellow). Many people choose a specialty based on interactions with mentors and faculty, so take this opportunity to share why nephrology is a great career choice! Activities include:

• Introductory breakfast
• Mentored poster walk
• Attending a workshop or invited science session as a group

Please contact Adam Weinstein (adam.r.weinstein@hitchcock.org) if interested.

The Workforce Committee is also exploring an expansion of the research mentorship program to include clinicians and clinician-educators. Please complete our needs assessment to help us gauge interest: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7R6RQH6
The ASPN Foundation -- Why it is important that we support it!

The ASPN Foundation was recently created to enable ASPN to expand existing programs and create new initiatives. For example, donations to the foundation have provided funding to residents and fellows to travel to state of the art meetings where they can learn the latest developments in pediatric nephrology and network with their colleagues. Foundation funding has also allowed the ASPN Leadership Development program to grow and has supported ASPN advocacy activities on behalf of our vulnerable patients.

Importantly, 2018 is the 50th Anniversary year of the ASPN, and the foundation is working to support the History Project, an effort led by Rick Kaskel and Vicky Norwood to capture the history of our society and subspecialty. A 50th Anniversary committee, led by Kevin Meyers, has been formed to support these efforts. The History Project is and will continue to be funded by money raised via the ASPN Foundation.

ASPN is planning a celebration of the 50th Anniversary at the PAS in Toronto. Although the ASPN History Project will kick off in Toronto, it will certainly not end there. It is the goal of this project to show how ASPN has evolved over time from a small organization of collaborators to a well-known and highly regarded scientific society, which strongly advocates for its patients and promotes scientist discovery across the world.

The goal of the History Project is that our history and accomplishments will not be lost but will be archived, and the richness of all the advances in pediatric nephrology will be highlighted. It is an important time for each of us to give generously to the ASPN foundation, so that the legacy that has been created by the ASPN in the last 50 years remains always present and evident!

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.
Announcements

Schedule of ASPN Meetings at ASN Kidney Week Meeting
New Orleans, LA • November 1-5, 2017

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Please note, ASPN meetings will be in two separate hotel properties as listed in the chart above.
Addresses are as follows:
- Sheraton New Orleans
  500 Canal Street
  New Orleans, LA 70130
- Hilton New Orleans Riverside
  2 Poydras Street
  New Orleans, LA 70130

Want to get the most our of your visit to New Orleans? Click here for a detailed guide created by our own Isa Ashoor on all things New Orleans!

Workforce Committee - Research Mentorship Survey

ASPN members have expressed interest in starting a career mentorship program for pediatric nephrologists. This would complement the successful ASPN Research Mentorship program. To gauge interest more widely, the Workforce Committee (with Council's support) would like your feedback through this needs assessment survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7R6RQH6
pFeNA Announcement

Pediatric Nephrology Fellows,

Welcome to the start of a new year! We hope that all the first-year fellows are settling in well, and that all the second- and third-year fellows are thriving. For those who don’t know yet, the Pediatric Fellows in Nephrology Association (pFeNa) is an informal group that includes all pediatric nephrology fellows throughout the duration of their fellowship. We aim to arrange social events at national meetings for fellows and residents to meet each other and network, and to work with ASPN committees to enhance fellowship recruitment and training outcomes.

At long last, we have dates, times and locations for some ASN events for ASPN/pFeNa which might be of interest to fellows.

We would also like to draw your attention to some deadlines for abstracts.

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Thank you and we look forward to a great year,

Kathleen Altemose  
pFeNa chair, fellow at Johns Hopkins  
kaltemo1@jhmi.edu  

Celina Brunson  
pFeNa co-chair, fellow at CHOP  
brunsonc@email.chop.edu
**Announcing: The ASPN Pediatric Nephrology Quality Improvement Projects 2 and 3**

[through the AAP PediaLink Quality Improvement Program]

Qualifies for 25 MOC 4 points through successful completion (certified through AAP): in time for 2018 requirements

Starting 1/8/18 – Completion 9/30/18

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** December 15, 2017

Limited to a total of 40 participants, so register early. *Registration is first come, first served.* You are not eligible if you participated in the previous ASPN CKD staging QI project.

**Improving Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Staging**

**Description:** Pediatric patients seen in outpatient clinics with CKD often either do not have the CKD diagnosis or the correct CKD stage listed on their problem list. In adults, eGFR is provided by automatic calculations by clinical chemistry laboratories, which facilitates CKD diagnosis and staging. However, automatic GFR calculations are not reported for pediatric patients, and manual calculations are required to calculate eGFR and CKD stage. This potentially leads to missed CKD diagnosis. This results in both clinical and administrative problems. Clinical: Patients with unrecognized (or incorrectly graded) CKD are at risk for inappropriate/inadequate follow-up, missed opportunities for anticipatory guidance, impaired care coordination, drug dosing complications, and contrast induced nephropathy. Administrative: CKD is an important comorbidity for inpatient facility billing that if not included may result in under-reporting medical complexity.

This QI project will involve assessment (through standardized process) of 30 consecutive charts from patients seen in outpatient clinic to ascertain presence/accuracy of CKD designation where appropriate and, through at least 2 PDSA cycle interventions, methods to increase the % of appropriately designated CKD entries in patient problem lists in the EHR.

**PediaLink QI Project Leaders:** Allison Redpath, MD (Project 2) and Victoria Norwood, MD (Project 3)

**QI tracking in the AAP PediaLink system.** *Participation is free for this cycle. While current AAP membership is not required, a valid AAP ID number is necessary for registration.* To find your AAP ID number, go here [https://shop.aap.org/account/forgot-password/](https://shop.aap.org/account/forgot-password/)

**Timeline:**

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To register please contact ASPN through Connie Mackay (info@aspneph.org).
For any questions please contact Vicky Norwood (vf6t@virginia.edu) or Allison Redpath Mahon (acredpath@pediatrics.wisc.edu).
Skyler is a very bright and brave young lady who has faced in her short life tremendous challenges.

She is a talented artist whose drawing just won the cover page of the American Kidney Fund’s national calendar contest for 2018 and as you are about to discover, she is also a very talented young writer.

Let this be a reminder to all of us that every day, we take care of young people like Skyler who are listening to every word we say. It is our responsibility to provide them with the best care but also to use words that encourage them to want to feel better and keep working on their life goals.

Oulimata Kane Grossman, MD
Assistant Professor, Pediatric Nephrology

Your Fighting Chance

There are many important decisions you have to make when you have Chronic Kidney Disease. Important decisions such as, taking your medicine, going to scheduled doctor appointments and following your renal diet.

I think the most positive decision I’ve made is to follow “Adherence”. Adherence means to do what the doctor says, but you also have some input as to what the doctor tells you to do. Adherence covers everything into one big chain of events. One part of adherence is taking your medications in a timely manner. Taking your medications helps your kidneys function better since they cannot do what they are supposed to do on their own. It may not seem like much, but you are helping your kidneys out a lot. Another think that is part of the chain of adherence that is necessary to help your kidneys function better is following the Renal Diet.

The renal diet helps out a lot by taking out the foods that your kidneys can’t filter anymore on their own. So by taking your medication and following your renal diet it can really help your kidneys to function longer and better.

Another part of adherence is always going to all of your doctor’s appointments. At your appointments you learn what your medications are for and how to take them.

An important thing to have is attitude. You need to have a positive attitude for everything concerning your health. It really helps when the doctors know you have a positive attitude and are willing to adhere to their orders. Always listen to what they say. They are there to help you and make sure everything is being done that can assure you a longer and healthier life. All these things are just some of the many positive decisions made by myself and my doctor. All of this has helped me tremendously with keeping my kidneys in the best working order as possible. The renal diet helped me with my dialysis. It helped me prepare myself for a transplant in the future. Taking my medicine is also very important for keeping me healthy enough for the transplant surgery.

Since I’ve begun writing this essay, I have been admitted into the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, to receive my kidney transplant. It’s been a week now and I am doing great. Following the doctor’s orders, my renal diet and taking my medications all led to a positive outcome. I want to let you know it’s important to do your best and it really pays off in the end. I will always live with this disease and as long as I keep my positive attitude and adhere to the doctor’s orders I will be living a long and happy life. Always do you best and stay strong. You got this.

Skyler Moats
August, 2017

If you have a Patient Perspective to share in a future issue of Kidney Notes, and have permission from the patient’s parent/guardian, please send it info@aspneph.org.
Would you like to get involved in UNOS but aren’t sure how? There are multiple ways to get involved with OPTN/UNOS. One opportunity is to put your name forward as a Regional representative for an open committee slot (Pediatrics, Kidney, Minority Affairs, Living donor, etc). These positions are 3 year terms and are selected by UNOS leadership with the intent of looking at the “big picture” regarding representation on the OPTN/UNOS Committees. For example, on the Pediatric Committee there is adequate representation of all the organs, adequate diversity between surgeons, physicians, coordinators, etc? The intent for overall composition of the committees is to reflect diversity in opinions as well as race, ethnicity, and gender. You can determine what openings are available within your Region by going on the UNOS website. The other way is to volunteer for an “at-large” position that is open on a UNOS committee. For those who would like to be considered for an open “at-large” committee spot, you are required to submit an online bio form by December 1, 2017. Additional information, including a list of open committee positions with a description and preferences (but not limited to) as to type of applicants are available on the OPTN website. I would be happy to help answer any questions regarding the process or volunteer opportunities at smbartosh@wisc.edu.

KAS: An analysis of data two years since implementation of the kidney allocation system (KAS) shows a number of longer-term patterns, with success in a number of key system goals. The UNOS Pediatric committee together with the UNOS Kidney Committee is committed to a “deeper dive” into the data to examine more carefully the effect of KAS on pediatric kidney transplant rates and outcomes. Specifics to be analyzed will include access of highly sensitized children, adequacy of the current KDPI scoring system to identify appropriate donor kidneys for children, the effect of multiorgan transplants on pediatric access, and access of minority children. This is a priority of the OPTN/UNOS Pediatric Committee. For those of you who have experiences to share regarding the effect KAS has had on your pediatric deceased donor recipient population please share these since it is only if we hear, will we know. Data analysis only goes so far and at times does not capture the experience of an individual transplant center. smbartosh@wisc.edu.

OPTN/UNOS Pediatric Program requirements update: As most of you know, the UNOS BOD passed pediatric transplant program requirements December 2015 to ensure that transplant programs transplanting children would have physicians and surgeons with adequate/appropriate pediatric transplant experience. The implementation of these new requirements would be “no sooner than 3 years after BOD approval”. The current timeframe for programs to complete their applications is going to be sometime in 2018; the exact date/timeline is not yet announced. The implementation of this policy is currently not slated to be until December 2018 and UNOS is currently drafting educational offerings to complement this policy. The educational offerings will be available in 2018. There is presently not an easy link to it available. This link has many other policies in it with the pediatric policy towards the end. https://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/media/2074/policynotice_20151201_pediatric_training_experience.pdf

There is not a stand-alone link available at this time but if you want I could send you a pdf file of the passed policy.

Sharon M. Bartosh, MD
October 2017
Meeting & Lecture Announcements

45th MIAMI PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY SEMINAR and 5th Renal Pathology MARCH 8–11, 2018 ALEXANDER HOTEL MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Fellows Travel Grant Applications Due December 31, 2017

http://pediatrics.med.miami.edu/nephrology/seminar

American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

Fellows can join RPA for FREE!

When you become a member, you will have access to a special section on our website giving you access to useful and valuable resources and tools:

• Employment Center
• Practice Management resources
• Legislation, Regulation and Compliance information
• Patient Care resources and education

To join, visit www.renalmd.org.
**Meeting & Lecture Announcements**

**National Kidney Foundation Educational Activity – FREE**

**EVIDENCE-BASED USE OF GROWTH HORMONE IN CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE: A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE FOR OPTIMIZING OUTCOMES**
(An Application-Based Virtual Patient Activity)

Free CME/CE Online Activity *(available through Nov 16, 2017)* - **Register NOW!**

This web-based interactive virtual patient activity focuses on the issue of growth failure as a result of growth hormone dysfunction in chronic kidney disease (CKD). Participants have the opportunity to review an expert discussion on the treatment of growth failure CKD, with an emphasis on the role of growth hormone therapy in improving outcomes. Recommendations for appropriate use of growth hormone therapy are presented, along with two virtual patient case studies through which participants learn how to assess, monitor, and treat patients with growth failure in CKD.

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