

American Society of
Pediatric Nephrology

ASPN Annual Report

April 2024 - April 2025

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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Pediatric Nephrology**

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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-23	Apr-24	Apr-25
Active	445	471	493
Affiliates	135	132	175
Associates	9	6	12
Emeritus	42	52	54
Trainee	161	234	208
Total	792	895	942



American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

American Society of Pediatric Nephrology Committees

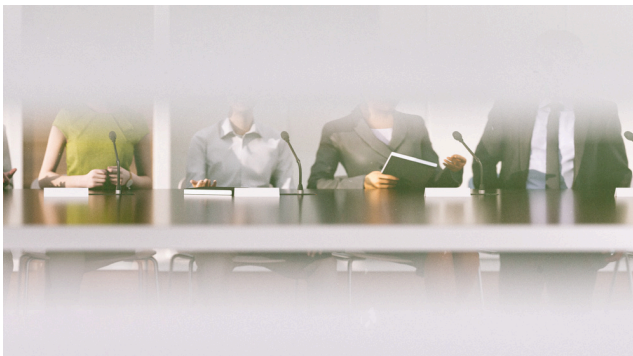
In the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN), committees are specialized groups composed of members who work together to address specific areas of focus within the organization. These committees are responsible for various tasks such as organizing educational events, promoting research, managing 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



Melissa Muff-Luett
Chair



Siddharth Shah
Co-Chair



Laura Walawender
Co-Chair

Meeting Dates:

November 6, 2024
January 22, 2025

Goals:

1. Have a regular presence within the KIDney Briefs
2. Develop a presence on the ASPN Go Application
3. Lengthen the availability of the Pediatric Nephrologist Transition of Pediatric Care QI Project module for MOC available on the ABP website.
4. Develop a new MOC project specific to Pediatric Nephrologist.

Activities/Progress towards Goals:

1. We have published one update in KIDney Briefs to update on the types of MOC required for ABP certification. We plan to publish additional information on KIDney Briefs on how to obtain MOC from work many Pediatric Nephrologists are already doing.
2. We are developing ways to incorporate this information into the ASPN Go Application after it is published the newsletter.
3. We worked with the ABP to make our current Pediatric Nephrologist Transition of Pediatric Care QI Project module for MOC more easily found on the ABP website. We also worked with the ABP to extend this module so it will now be available to ASPN members and other Pediatricians through December 31, 2026.
4. We will soon send out a survey to ASPN members to see what additional MOC modules would be most helpful to ASPN members and we will distribute this survey via the KIDney Briefs newsletter. We then plan to develop this module with the ABP as another option for MOC credit for our ASPN members.

Clinical Affairs & Practice Management Committee

Leadership



Jason Misurac
Chair



Sandeep Riar
Co-Chair



Avi Traum
Co-Chair



Melisha Hanna
incoming Co-Chair

Meeting Dates:

April, 26th 2025

Goals:

- Goal 2: Position ASPN to be the leading voice of Pediatric Nephrology
- Goal 3: Advance the care for children and adolescents with kidney disease
- Goal 4: Enrich the value of membership in ASPN to all its members

Activities/Progress towards Goals:

Goal 2.4: advocate to support our members with national shortages: October 2024: In response to a call from ASPN President Meredith Atkinson, Jason Misurac created a document with recommendations on how to conserve PD solution in view of the shortage created by Hurricane Helene. This document released on 10/7/2024 had received an impressive 19,335 unique views on our website.

Goal 4.4: Develop resources and enhance opportunities: November 2024: Jill Warejko, immediate past Chair of CAC organized a webinar (11/6/2024). The speaker Dr. Rich Formica provided updates on The Potential Impacts of OPTN Modernization.

Goal 4.1/4.3: January 2025: we updated our membership about opportunities available to contribute to the AAP UTI CPG, call from FDA to review draft developed for sanitation programs for nutrition including formula and announcement from University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center (UM-KECC) about creating a pediatric-specific quality measure for chronic hyperphosphatemia in dialysis patients

Goal 4.4: Develop resources and enhance opportunities: February 2025: Dr. Jonathan Dillman presented "Safe Use of Contrast Agents in Acute and Chronic Kidney Disease".

Goal 2.4: resources to advance the field and support members: March 2025: A Resource Library with clinical resources was created in the CAC website. This contains Prior Authorization letter templates, hospital course transfer summaries. Donna Claes actively contributed to these resources.

Goal 2.2: Collaborated with FDA: April 2025: Meredith Atkinson and I spoke with Doug Silverstein, MD from FDA regarding hemodialysis bloodline shortage and we sent an update to ASPN on 4/15/2025. We also wrote to Denise Oppermann at Fresenius Medical Care requesting increased production to make up for the current deficit.

Future projects:

- Goal 4.4:** Develop resources and enhance opportunities: 5/14/2025: Webinar: Dr. Michelle Rheault will present "Alport Syndrome Updates".
- Goal 2.4:** resources to advance the field and support members: May 2025: Keia Sanderson is our expert speaker on a mini-podcast on prenatal consults. Amirtha Chinnadurai will interview her, and Jason Misurac is helping with the technical side of the podcast.

Communication Committee

Leadership



Shweta Shah
Chair



Wendy Bravo
Co-Chair



Mugdha Rairikar
Co-Chair

Meeting Dates:

October 17th 2024, February 18th, April 14th 2025.

Current Stats (Apr 2024):

- X: 9.8k to 9.9K followers, same as June 2025
- Facebook: 11K Facebook followers, no change since April 2024
- Instagram: 500 to 528 Instagram followers increased by 28 since October 2024

Goals for 2024-2025:

1. Promoting the ASPN App
2. Promote engagement on App via novel methods like Bingo play @ PAS 2025
3. 'Meet the Expert' in collaboration with pFeNA
 - a. Planning to continue for 2024-25, last activity May 2023 Dr. Taylor House
4. Training next-generation Podcast editors for 'The Sediment'
 - a. Emily Zangla joined the team and will be leading for PAS 2025, have connected her with current fellow Dr Charles Anderson from CHOP who is interested in Podcasting
5. Continuing 'Member of the Month.'
 - a. Emily Zangla for the year 2024-25
6. 'Know your KidneyBeans' could be revived as one pFeNA member Dr. Sanjna Bharwani has shown interest in leading, work in progress
7. Reaching out to members regarding KidneyNotes, if it can be revamped and made into more of an education material, could be in collaboration with ASPN Education committee
8. Social media ("X", FB, and Instagram) Goals for 2024-25
 - a. Consolidating into single platform (eg "X" with maximum traffic) & decrease division of resources, no common platform to cross post on Instagram and Facebook due to format of posts, so IG will become inactive
 - b. Survey to be disseminated on X/ App/ KIDney briefs to gauge interest in various platforms.

Action Items:

Promotion surrounding PAS 2025 - Completed

Recruitment/interest generation/collaborations:

1. Focus on content dissemination and how best to work with ASPN App
2. Reach out to current pFeNA chairs to gauge interest in continuing "Meet the Expert" and promote on social media accordingly
3. Have reached out to other committee leads (membership and member education) to collaborate for future projects
4. Send reminders for meeting, so more people will attend

Sending survey out to gauge interest in social media platforms. Will revise the survey using newer platforms like the App and BlueSky.

BlueSky included now with using Buffer for cross-posting

Global Health Committee

Leadership



Asif Mansuri
Chair



Sabina Kennedy
Co-Chair



Sangeeta Hingorani
Co-Chair



Ayah Elmaghrabi
incoming Co-Chair

Meeting Dates:

Virtually: June 3, 2024; Virtually at PAS: 30th April 2025

Goals:

1. Global health Annual virtual symposium in 2026: In collaboration with IPNA's Low Resource Countries, we are planning to continue an annual virtual symposium in 2026 devoted to pediatric nephrology in low resource settings.
2. In collaboration with IPNA's we are aiming to improve and provide education resources to the providers and communities in low resourced settings worldwide
3. We will continue to 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)
4. Brainstorm new ideas to strengthen the Global health Committees goals.
5. We will continue to support the ASPN-IPNA-ALANEPE partnership to support pediatric nephrology in Haiti.

Activities/Progress towards Goals:

1. Last Annual ASPN-IPNA Global Health Symposium April 2024 - Lead: Erica Bjornstad, Assisting Lead: Asif Mansuri
 - a. 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.
 - b. Several ASPN and IPNA members served on the planning committee.
 - c. 2024 theme was: Task Shifting Basic Nephrology to General Pediatricians: Beyond UTIs; with keynote speaker, Mignon McCulloch
 - d. No Annual Symposium in 2025 due to IPNA Congress in Feb 2025
 - e. We will continue planning for 2026 Global health symposium
2. ASPN-IPNA-HVO trilateral partnership (Cambodia) - Lead: Dorey Glenn, Assisting Lead: Anisha Gerber
 - a. Platform designed/curated by HVO, which allowed recording lectures, and other resources for future use. 31 virtual sessions occurred from 2021-2024.
 - b. New update We had 1 ASPN volunteer.
 - c. Dr. Larry Greenbaum visited 3 HVO sites (Cambodia, Laos, and Bhutan) over two separate trips.
 - d. His visits were of great value to the local pediatricians and included clinical teaching, didactics, and strengthening institutional and professional relationships.
 - e. Dr. Greenbaum worked to strengthen ties with IPNA programming at these sites as well.
 - f. We hope to welcome additional ASPN volunteers to these sites.
 - g. Continue virtual education/ lectures.
3. Local-global Partnership (Haiti) - Lead: Ankana Daga
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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).
 - c. In the past we discussed considering sending supplies during recent hurricane and earthquake, and an ongoing needs assessment with Dr. Exantus

Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

Leadership



Yonique Petgrave
Chair



Shina Menon
Co-Chair



Leonela Villegas
Incoming Co-Chair

Meeting Dates:

February 9, 2024

Goals

- Webinars 1-2 times/calendar year focusing on specific EDI related topics in medicine. Potential topics for 2025-2026 include
 - Access to care for all
 - Navigating health equity scholarly activity in current climate
 - IMG Physician recruitment/Retention symposium
 - Transgender care in nephrology
 - ESRD/CKD care access in pediatric nephrology – potentially doing this as an ethics session
- Increasing visibility of mentorship program opportunities (New century scholar, ASPN JEDI mentorship)
- Placing EDI related activities in Weekly Briefs
- Fellows Lecture Series- EDI related session

Member Education Committee

Leadership



Kevin Barton
Chair



Roshan George
Co-Chair



Sonia Solomon
Co-Chair



Abby Basalely
Incoming Co-Chair

Meeting Dates:

January 14, 2025

Goals

- Solicit members for global pediatric nephrology health webinar in partnership with IPNA representatives
- Solicit new members interested in Member Ed Committee chairing
- Solicit members interested in writing questions for board review course
- Arrange NBME question writing seminar for those interested in writing questions

Activities/Progress towards Goals

- Bimonthly webinars in pathology and radiology with a steady viewership of 50 members per session. The webinar chairs and their overall chair Joann Carlson continue to seek ongoing feedback to continue meeting the expectations and needs of the ASPN membership. We made a survey for webinar participants to help guide ongoing quality assurance and to make sure the members are happy with the presentations. Looking for new radiology and pathology experts. New co-chairs for 2025 will be Rushelle Byfield (Pathology) and Alexandra Mazo (Radiology).
- The board review course, continued by Christine Sethna. The course was offered virtually over two weekends this year with ongoing significant matriculation from both national and international members. They used a flipped classroom lecture style this year, which was well-received. Ongoing efforts from the membership will be focused on bolstering the question bank and the question quality. We plan to host a membership education session on question writing with information from the NBME.
- Meet the Expert is one of the newest offerings from Member Ed, which has proved to be successful with at least two well-attended sessions. We will continue to offer this session and look for new opportunities to educate our members with leading experts in the field.
- Continuing the global pediatric nephrology health webinar in partnership with IPNA representatives.
- We were recently contacted the Allied Health professionals SIG chair so may start collaborating with them on educational initiatives for Allied Health Members.

Webinar Chair:

- Joann Carlson, MD

Pathology

- Robin Kremsdorf (2024)
- Brian Stotter (2025)
- Sonal Bhatnagar (2026)
- Rushelle Byfield (2027)

Radiology

- Nathan Beins (2024)
- Abby Basalely (2025)
- Diane Liu (2026)
- Alexandra Mazo (2027)

Membership Committee

Leadership



Judith VanSickle
Chair



Marisa Juarez-Calderon
Affiliate Liaison



Rim ElChaki
Co-Chair



Ana Cortez
Co-Chair

Following member feedback and our committee's initial meeting, we set three new goals to accomplish over the next three years. Furthermore, we continue collaborating with the Workforce Committee to ensure the continuity of our specialty field.

Mission Statement:

The Membership Committee of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology is committed to creating a vibrant, inclusive community of professionals, dedicated to advancing pediatric nephrology. We aim to focus on recruitment, increased engagement, and retention of our members. By fostering collaboration, supporting professional growth, and enhancing member benefits, we ensure that every member feels valued and equipped to contribute to the future of pediatric nephrology.

Goals:

1. Advocate for discounted registration fees at pediatric and nephrology conferences and meetings for members of ASPN, by working closely with partner societies, we aim to provide added value for our members, making participation in key professional meetings more accessible and fostering greater engagement within the pediatric nephrology community.
 - a. Based on previous experiences, partnering with ASN or AAP to offer discounted registration fees for our members was unsuccessful.
 - b. We suggest expanding engagement with corporate supporters by creating a link on our webpage, similar to other societies.
2. Increase opportunities for scientific collaboration by actively recommending diverse and qualified members for panels and review committees at conferences and scientific meetings. By limiting the number of terms panelists may serve, we ensure broader participation and promote diversity and inclusion. This approach not only fosters academic growth and networking but also supports the academic promotion of our members, contributing to the overall advancement of pediatric nephrology.
3. Ensure that members of the ASPN receive Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credits for their active participation in committees. By establishing clear, formal goals and requiring quality work products from each committee, we aim to recognize members' contributions to society while supporting their professional development and lifelong learning in pediatric nephrology.
 - a. We have reached out to ASPN Certification Committee.

Additional duties:

1. Facilitate annual meetings with each division nationwide to increase engagement.
2. Redevelop and manage the Member of the Month features in Kidney Briefs to promote individual members.

pFeNa Committee

Leadership



Melissa Zhou
Chair



Kathleen Herman
Co-Chair



Monica Sinkovich
Co-Chair

Goals 2024-2025

Social

- Develop a standard way to connect fellows during national conferences
 - We created a GroupMe with the first year fellows added to the already established contact list, however, a WhatsApp chat was created at ASN Kidney Week, and we have found that communication has been well maintained with many fellows via this chat.
 - We plan to use the WhatsApp chat to highlight fellow-focused events at the upcoming PAS/ASPEN meeting.
- Increase social media presence and camaraderie amongst co-fellows
 - We have been using our pFeNa Twitter/X account to share co-fellow research posters, publications, and updates. We also include a Meet the Fellows section in our newsletters to connect fellows at other institutions.

Advocacy

- Involve pediatric nephrology fellows in advocacy and support one of the ASPEN policy goals as a group
 - Our Kidney Games project is ongoing at 6 institutions. We have plans to write about experiences in this project with prior co-chair, Carlos.

Education/Social/Communication

- Work to help plan annual conference for 1st year fellows
 - For better success with this project, we would like to pivot to create a virtual event. We are considering feasibility of coordinating this virtual event around the start of each academic year.
- Host 2 "Meet the Expert" Sessions per year
 - We worked with Dr. Stapleton's team to brainstorm ways to highlight career development programming for our first session as career development was a top topic requested from our co-fellows and will likely make this collaboration two sessions with an in-person and virtual components.

Leadership

- Select new Co-Chairs for the upcoming year
 - We are excited to have Melissa Zhou as our new co-chair this year and will be soon starting our search for new chairs as Claudia and Anna graduate!

Program Committee

Leadership



Katherine Dell
Chair



Danielle Sorrano
Co-Chair



Amrish Jain
Co-Chair



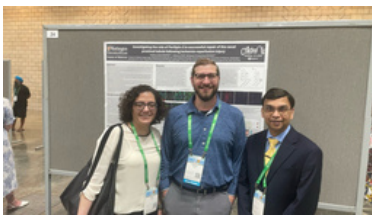
Shina Menon
Incoming Co-Chair



American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN) Block Schedule

Friday, April 25	Saturday, April 26	Sunday, April 27	Monday, April 28
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Workshop 1 Walking in their shoes : Palliative care in CKD care across the lifespan (overlap) 2:30 pm – 3:50 pm PAS Opening General Session 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Nephrology I 5:30 – 7:00 pm Scholarly Session 1: Managing complex cases in nephrotic syndrome: Understanding the International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA) clinical practice guidelines 5:30 pm – 7:45 pm Poster + Exhibit Session I <i>Nephrology Posters Included</i>	6:00 am – 7:00 am ASPN Clinical Affairs Committee 6:00 am – 7:00 am ASPN Research Committee Meeting 7:00 am – 8:30 am Scholarly Session 2 Cardiorenal syndrome: The intersection of cardiac and kidney disease 8:50 am – 9:50 am Subspecialty Networking Breakout: Building a Sustainable Pediatric Nephrology Workforce and Research Career 10:00 am – 11:30 am Scholarly Session 3: Diabetic kidney disease (DKD): Not just an adult problem! 11:40 am – 12:55 pm ASPN Awards Luncheon 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Neonatal Nephrology/AKI 2:30 pm – 4:45 pm Poster + Exhibit Session II <i>Nephrology Posters Included</i> 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm ASPN Battle of the Brains ASPN Public Policy Committee Meeting	7:00 am – 8:30 am Scholarly Session 4 Navigating the world of Artificial intelligence (AI) in medicine: Pediatric nephrology perspective 8:30 am – 10:45 am Poster + Exhibit Session III <i>Nephrology Posters Included</i> 10:45 am – 12:15 pm Workshop 2 Pathways to QI success: Urine the Know 12:25 pm – 1:50 pm ASPN Presidential Address and Business Meeting 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Nephrology II 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm Networking Excursions Organized Signup 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Student/Resident Pediatric Nephrology Interest Gathering 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm ASPN Fellows Job Search and Speed Mentoring Event 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm ASPN Member Reception	7:00 am – 9:15 am Poster Session IV 7:00 am – 8:30 am Scholarly Session 5: Let's talk about sex: Sexual healthcare for chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients 9:15 am – 10:45 am Hypertension Scholarly Session 6: Improving development of therapies: A collaborative approach with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), industry and academia 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Scholarly Session 7: Pediatric kidney transplantation: Tackling challenges from start to end 12:45 pm – 2:15 pm ASPN Training Program Directors Subcommittee Meeting 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Scholarly Session 8: Show me the money: Advocating for and understanding economic drivers of pediatric nephrology 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm Networking Excursions Organized Signup

ASPN Annual Meeting 2025 Photos



ASPN at PAS 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii
Memories

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Public Policy Committee

Leadership



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Jill Krissberg
Co-Chair



Kera Luckritz
Incoming Co-Chair



Erika Miller
Ex Officio

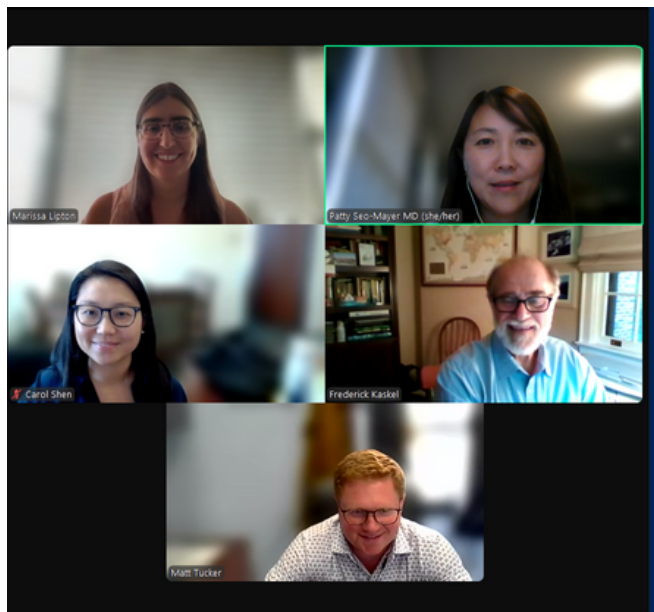


Stefanie Rinehart
Ex Officio

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

Participating in a Virtual Hill Day



Virtual Capitol Hill Advocacy Days:

November 15, 2024
February 14, 2025

The Public Policy Committee performs in-person and written advocacy and provides policy recommendations to government agencies, including the following written communications:

- [April 2024 – Submitted statement for the record to Senate Finance Committee for “Bolstering Chronic Care through Medicare Physician Payment” hearing](#)
- [August 2024 – Submitted comment on proposed NIH reform framework to Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Chair of House Committee on Energy and Commerce](#)
- [August 2024 – Commented on the CY 2025 ESRD Prospective Payment System and Quality Payment Program proposed rule to CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure](#)
- [September 2024– Commented on the CY 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule to CMS Administrator Chiquita Brooks-LaSure](#)
- [January 2025 – Wrote to the President-Elect, Vice President-Elect, and Presidential Transition Team with summary of ASPN’s recommendations for improving care for children with kidney disease across government agencies](#)
- [January 2025 – Provided comment in response to Information Collection Request related to Process Data for Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network to Health Resources and Services Administrator Carole Johnson](#)
- [February 2025 – Met with and provided written context for the Transitional Pediatric ESRD Add-on Payment Adjustment \(TPEAPA\) to Abigail Ryan, CMS Division of Chronic Care Management Deputy Director](#)
- [April 2025 – Provided HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. with a written summary of ASPN’s policy recommendations to improve outcomes for pediatric patients with kidney disease](#)
- [April 2025 – Submitted Testimony for the Record to the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies with appropriation requests for NIH, HRSA, Loan Repayment, and report language for dually-eligible patients](#)

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Research Committee

Leadership



Caroline Gluck
Chair



Jason Greenberg
Co-Chair



Meredith Schuh
Co-Chair



Diana Zepeda-Orozco
Incoming Co-Chair

Meeting Dates: Quarterly

Kidney Week October 2024

Virtual meeting December 4th 2024

PAS April 2025

Virtual end of May/beginning of June 2025

Goals: Aligned with the ASPN Strategic Planning and Goals

1. Grant review workshop (Annually in August, last 2024).
2. Curation of ASPN Research Committee Grant Resources. Living documents that lists upcoming/rolling funding opportunities by Interest/Funding organization/Deadline/Amount.
3. Continue to develop webinars for the pediatric nephrology researcher and community. Recent webinar February 19, 2025 webinar: Lessons learned: How to jump from first author to last author - American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN). This webinar was organized by the Research and Workforce Committees in order to foster both promotion and mentorship in research for various stages of young investigators and learners. Our expert panel included Dr. Sarah Kizilbash (University of Minnesota), Dr. Sarah Huen (UT Southwestern), Dr. Michelle Denburg (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia), and Dr. Jennifer Charlton (University of Virginia).
4. Continue to collaborate with external organizations to enhance ASPN's profile. We participated in the KICC meeting in Sept, 2024.
5. Promote and disseminate research related to pediatric kidney disease.
6. Continue to partner with ASPN mentorship program to match research mentors with mentees.
7. Continue to enhance resources available to the ASPN community with quarterly emails outlining available resources:
 - Grant resources ASPN Research Committee Grant Resources - American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN) – comprehensive spreadsheet of grant opportunities, specifically curated for ASPN members and researchers focused on pediatric kidney diseases. We encourage our members to explore the available grants and contribute to our community by sharing new grant opportunities.
 - oWebinars Webinar Recordings - American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN)
 - a. Lessons Learned: How to jump from first author to last author, Feb 19, 2025
 - b. iSelected Core Strategies to launch a Successful Career in Medical Research| May 28, 2024
 - c. Mentorship Mini Course:
 - i. Session 1: The Mentorship Team and Managing Up | September 12, 2023
 - ii. Session 2: Giving Feedback (recording not available)
 - iii. Session 3: Mentorship Relationships and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion | October 3, 2023
 - iv. Session 4: Using a Coaching Approach to Improve Mentorship | October 11, 2023
 - d. Getting Involved with Pediatric Nephrology Research Networks, Part 1: Observational Trial Networks and Registries, Tuesday, November 8, 2022
 - e. NIH Loan Repayment Program, Thursday, June 10, 2021
 - f. K Awards, Tuesday, August 10, 2021
 - Collaborative research (includes information on available biorepositories): Collaborative Research Resources - American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN)
 - Mentoring toolkit Research Committee - American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN)

Research Committee

Upcoming events:

- Grant review workshop August 2025. (focus on specific aims). Continue to offer this annually in August. If people email us with need for more reviews throughout the year we can consider making this biannual. Call for applications June, 2025.
- Webinar, target date July 2025. Topic: patient engagement in research and new approaches to knowledge dissemination to research participants and the general community. Working title: “Knowledge Translation and Storytelling to Implement your Research Findings” Webinar lead: Cal Robinson.
- Webinar, target date September 2025. Topic: Pediatric Centers for Excellence in Nephrology. Featuring speakers from the PCEN at CHOP, Washington University in St Louise, and University of Virginia

Activities/Progress towards Goals:

1. We continue to maintain leadership opportunities within research committee, currently with 3 Co-Chair/Chair positions, that create ways for more junior members to become engaged and involved.
2. We are planning to continue our yearly grant review workshops (next target Aug 2025) to assist members with research funding success and advance scientific knowledge
3. We are assisting with broader ASPN initiative to foster mentor-mentee relationships specifically through establishing pairings where mentees have development needs regarding research.
4. Research Committee involvement in Programming at ASPN/PAS – we encouraging our members to participate in the ASPN Programming committee to continue to promote presentation of original research.
5. Research Committee community support. We will be starting a RC member of the month spotlight in kidney briefs! Name, position, area or research and recent article. Up for discussion is some kind of Research “support group”.
6. Upcoming webinars as detailed above.

Workforce Committee

Leadership



Keri Drake
Chair



Caitlin Carter
Co-Chair



Alex Kula
Co-Chair



Abbie Bauer
Incoming Co-Chair

Meeting Dates:

April 29th, 2024 (virtual); October 8th, 2024 (virtual) joint Member Committee and Workforce Committee meeting
October 25th, 2024 (ASN); Upcoming meeting at PAS

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 we care for.

M1: Support the sustainability of pediatric nephrologists in the workforce

Current Goal: Continue action items developed at the 2019 and 2023 Workforce Summit (S2)

Summary of Activities:

- Communicating workforce committee efforts to associated societies (ASN, CoPS)
- Sponsored webinars in the past year and planned for the upcoming year:
 - “Working with a financial planner” by Dr. Elizabeth Bonachea (2023)
 - “Lessons learned: How to jump from first author to last author – American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN)” by Drs. Sarah Kizilbash, Sarah Huen, Michelle Denburg, and Jennifer Charlton (Feb 2025) in conjunction with the Research Committee
 - “Business of Medicine” by Dr. David Hains (TBD in the upcoming year)
 - “How I got here” by Dr. Kartik Pillutla and panel discussion (TBD in the upcoming year)
 - “IMG focused webinar” to be determined (last was in 2022, TBD in the upcoming year)
 - “Reimbursement in Pediatric Nephrology (TBD in the upcoming year)
- Survey project on training duration: survey finalized, approved by council, planning for dissemination in March/April 2025 (Arwa Nada)
- Survey project on factors affected career choice: survey finalized, approved by council, currently reviewing results/data (Brian Stotter and Adam Weinstein)
- Facilitating IMG support: working with leaders: Elif Erkan (Elif.Erkan@cchmc.org) and Mohan Shruthi (shruthi.mohan@cchmc.org) with plan to generate a list of visas offered by programs (Arwa Nada)
- Previously, there were efforts to support disaster preparedness, with the successful launch of a Twitter handle @KidneySOS by Isa Ashoor in 2020 which is used for real-time updates regarding information about disaster preparedness but this had been difficult to maintain. Also, there were previous attempts to reach out to the ASN to see if there would opportunities to align and/or consolidate efforts between @KidneySOS and the ASN’s Emergency Partnership Initiative (EPI) and Emergency Response coalition with Darlene Rodgers (ASN’s staff lead on disaster relief).
- ASPN Mentorship Program: 9 mentor/mentee pairs in 2025 (up from 5 in 2024)
- Facilitating updates in Kidney Briefs via the “Workforce Corner” with contribution from Isa Ashoor regarding Pediatric Nephrology Rotations/Elective Curriculum (October 2024)

Workforce Committee

Goals for 2024-2025:

Create an organizational chart for recurring activities and key leaders for current efforts sponsored by the workforce committee (i.e., webinars schedule/rotation, trainee events at ASPN/ASN, mentorship program, disaster preparedness – Kidney SOS, etc) to improve efficiency, maintain consistency, and promote process improvement for these recurring activities (S2)

M2: Recruit and engage trainees and promote diversity within our field

Current Goal: Support recruiting trainees to consider a career in pediatric nephrology (S3)

Summary of Activities

- Promote/advertise ASPN Travel Grant program for trainees/residents/fellows
- Promote/advertise ASN STARS mentorship program

Current Goal: Continue to mentor Pediatric Nephrology fellows looking for jobs and highlighting career opportunities in Pediatric Nephrology (S2)

Summary of Activities

- Continue to organize/lead trainee programs at ASPN including breakfast, poster walk, and speed-mentoring sessions (Carlos Becerril-Romero, Isa Ashoor, Abby Bauer, and Adam Weinstein) and at ASN including speed-mentoring session (Brian Stotter and Jillian Warejko)

Current Goal: Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within our workforce (S3)

Summary of Activities

- Continue to collaborate with JEDI Committee on efforts to promote diversity within our community.
- Continue to work toward developing a “Speakers Bureau” to promote opportunities highlighting URM/female/underrepresented faculty regarding potential talks/grand rounds (JEDI)
- Continue to assist with initiatives focused on IMG recruitment (see M1 above)

M3: Characterize and Understand Trends in our Workforce

Current Goal: Collaborate with the AAP and AAP Section of Nephrology on AAP Workforce Survey (S1)

Summary of Activities

- PAS 2024 abstract presentation: Pediatric Nephrology Workforce: Results from the 2023 AAP- ASPN Workforce Survey. Authors: Weidemann DK, Mannemuddhu S, Smith J, Ruch-Ross H, Barone L, and Weinstein A
- Publication: Child health needs and the pediatric nephrology subspecialty workforce: 2020–2040. Pediatrics, 2024. Authors: Weidemann DK, Orr CJ, Norwood V, Brophy P, Leonard MB, and Ashoor I

Current Goal: Engage ASPN members to advocate for the pediatric nephrology workforce through efforts and action items prioritized in the 2023 Workforce Summit (S1)

Summary of Activities

- Publication: Responding to the Workforce Crisis: Consensus Recommendations from the Second American Society of Pediatric Nephrology Workforce Summit. Pediatric Nephrology, 2024. Soranno D, Amaral S, Ashoor I, et al.
- Follow up project to the workforce summit to define cFTE: this was discussed at our October virtual meeting with 10+ volunteers who attended the meeting interested in working on this project
- We initiated a survey-based project to quantify the number of open positions – division directors were surveyed and identified 88 current open positions (Alex Kula, Keri Drake, Caitlin Carter)
- Presented Grand Rounds at CHOP: Pediatric Nephrology Work Force Crisis: Where do We Go From Here? In December 2024 (Caitlin Carter, Alex Kula)
- Drafted a “workforce policy statement” to define a full time cFTE and presented to council with the plan to next present to division directors (Keri Drake, Caitlin Carter, Alex Kula)

Current Goal: Create a new “data” subcommittee within ASPN (S1)

Summary of Activities

- 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 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.)

Goal for 2024-2025: Publish a policy statement in response to the urgent workforce crisis while we continue to explore options for data support to oversee requests to gather workforce-relevant data from membership, designing surveys, and analyzing outcomes. This could be accomplished through a “data subcommittee” or through the creation of a working group to follow up on this and other projects prioritized from the Workforce Summit 2.0 to define a clinical FTE (S1), which could be charged with maintaining a pediatric nephrology workforce database (i.e., including systematic tracking of fellowship match data, number of open positions, as well as potential programmatic needs assessments related to ancillary support services for dialysis, transplant, etc that all affect the workforce issues in caring for pediatric kidney patients).

Awards Committee

ASPN Awards Committee

The ASPN Awards Committee is charged with selecting the recipients of the four ASPN Awards – The Founders' Award, Equity Social Justice and Advocacy Award, Mid-Career Award, and Outstanding Service Award. The Committee consists of the current ASPN President [chair], one previous President and four ASPN members appointed by council to serve a 2-year term. Activities include reviewing applications for the 4 awards and participating in a conference call to determine the winners.

Meredith Atkinson - Chair
Jodi Smith (2024-2026)
Asha Moudgil (2023-2025)
Barbara Fivush (2023-2025)
Sharon Bartosh (2023-2025)
Isa Ashoor (2023-2025)
Kim Reidy (2023-2025)

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of two at large member volunteers appointed by Council annually and the Past President. The Past President serves as chair.

The Committee charge: The committee nominates ASPN members for various positions to the ASPN Council and Committees.

Jodi Smith - Chair
Nicole Hayde 2023-2025
Shina Menon 2023-2027
Alicia Neu 2023-2025
Dave Selewski 2023-2027



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Interest Group Reports

Acute Care Interest Group

Leadership



Shina Menon



Weiwen V Shih



Aadil Kakajiwala

Meeting Dates:

- 01/22/2025

Goals

1. Develop educational webinar to be conducted twice a year through ASPN on topic related to pediatrics AKI/CRRT
2. Disseminate results from ASPN survey of 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.

Activities/Progress towards Goals:

1. Webinar on Nutritional support for infants and children on kidney replacement therapy, January 27, 2025
2. Acute care survey paper published: [Click here](#) to access
3. Nursing focused paper submitted
4. Resource library continues to have information added
5. Supported centers with Epoprostenol launch during citrate shortage

ASPN Mentorship Program Report:

We had 9 mentees- all paired with mentors and it has been working well.

Advanced Practice Providers Interest Group

Leadership



Tamara Hill



Alison Schoch



Brynna Van Wyk

Meeting Dates:

- 04/24/2024
- 10/23/2024
- 01/29/2025
- 04/23/2025

Goals

Goal 4.4 — Develop standardized curriculum for APP orientation for NEW Pediatric nephrology APPs

Activities/Progress towards Goals:

- Ambulatory curriculum developed in 2024 and abstract for project presented at IPNA Congress 2024
- In process — Acute Care Curriculum development for NEW acute care pediatric nephrology APPs
- Collaborative meeting on 4/16/2025 with Member Education Committee to establish initiative for partnership for curriculum development

ASPN History Project Interest Group

Leadership



Rick Kaskel

The ASPN History Project began with the PAS ASPN meeting in San Francisco in 2017 when members volunteered to be interviewed and recorded for a digitalized virtual library on the ASPN History Project website. Current funding – ASPNF support for staff, communications, and website. Effort, time, travel, etc have been donated by project members. Using project member ideas and connections, the initial recordings were expanded to other in-person or remote formats, primarily, but not entirely by project “members” All interviews (approx. 100) have been uploaded to the History Project website [History Project - American Society of Pediatric Nephrology \(ASPN\)](#).

A wonderful interview of Steve Alexander (done by Bruder Stapleton), reviewed the early days of dialysis, transplantation, and the role of NAPTRCS in starting a collaborative network in pediatric nephrology. [Watch here](#)

Interviewed current Pediatric Chairs who are Nephrologists by panel of former Pediatric Chairs on the impact of the pandemic on leadership, training, research & our specialty.

A recent interview on the origins and evolution of the Miami Pediatric Nephrology Seminars with Marissa Defreitas and Chryso Katsoufis, along with those from other visionaries of the seminars, is available on the history website.

Seminal Articles: Contributed original articles for the 75th Anniversary of Pediatrics reflecting on major advances in the field. [Commentary From the Section on Pediatric Nephrology | Pediatrics | American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

Pediatric Nephrology The first randomized controlled trial in pediatric nephrology: the history of the International Study of Kidney Disease in Children Pediatric Nephrology <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00467-022-05838-1>

Published two review articles in the AAP SoN newsletter on the history of pediatric nephrology in the U.S. up to the formation of the ASPN.

•Development of the Concept of Nephrology and the Origins of Pediatric Nephrology

Bill Primack, Doug Silverstein, and Aaron Friedman on behalf of the ASPN History Project. AAP SoN Newsletter, Spring 2024

•The Origins of Pediatric Nephrology and the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology - A Report of the ASPN History Project

Rick Kaskel, on behalf of American Society of Pediatric Nephrology History Project. AAP SoN Newsletter, Fall 2024

[Section on Nephrology \(SONp\) Newsletters and Other Publications](#)

Pediatric Nephrology History Project now has a home: Archives of Pediatric Nephrology housed at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville under the supervision of Dr. Robert Chevalier. The extensive library collection of digitalized seminal letters, meeting notes, ASPN Program Brochures, Committee Reports, etc. and historical documents of Dr. Adrian Spitzer, provided by his grandson, Max Spitzer, are now also digitalized in the archives. The goals are to categorize these documents into their chronological order of importance in the development of our subspecialty.

ASPN History Project Interest Group

Future goals:

Engagement of the breadth of the ASPN membership, especially the younger members, to make this a living ongoing project and reflect the interests of all over time.

Use social media and communications to record personal experiences and links to this work, including KidneyNotes.

Development of plans for archiving the history of individual divisions/programs.

Present history of pediatric nephrology to the ASPN Fellow's Committee: first topic is: Early Challenges in Clinical Pediatric Nephrology and the Development of Measurements of Renal Function.

Mentor Stories: share brief memoir about a mentor who had a significant effect on your career as a pediatric nephrologist

Memorable clinical cases: share interesting, challenging, & rewarding experiences

Assistance with "editing" the website for functionality, organization, etc. **THANK YOU CONNIE!!!**

Documentation of key addresses (all awards presentations, presidential addresses).

Outreach/mechanisms to seek, find, collect, and transport memorabilia and items of interest for consideration for ASPN collections.

Ongoing support from the ASPNF, via membership contributions.

ASPN History Project - Led by Rick Kaskel, Children's Hospital at Montefiore

Members - Robert Chevalier, Doug Silverstein, Barbara Fivush, Aaron Friedman, Bruder Stapleton, Larry Greenbaum, Julie Ingelfinger, Manju Chandra, John Forman, Kevin Lemley, Vicky Norwood, Bill Primack, George Schwartz, Rick Kaskel

Division Heads Interest Group

Leadership



Priya Verghese

Meeting Dates:

- August 20, December 3

Goals

1. Collaborative and Supportive Peer Support Group for Pediatric Nephrology Division Heads

The primary goal of this Interest Group (IG) is to foster a collaborative environment where Division Heads in Pediatric Nephrology can connect, share resources, and provide mutual support. By building a network of Division Heads, we aim to create an open space for discussing challenges, sharing strategies, and offering advice on leadership, recruitment and team building, addressing common problems faced by our field.

2. Assessment of Current State of Pediatric Nephrology Divisions across N. America

To better understand the current landscape of Pediatric Nephrology divisions, an in-depth survey was conducted focusing on identifying key metrics such as staffing levels, clinical service delivery, research output, and educational programs. The goal was to collect data that will serve as a baseline to assess the strengths, challenges, and opportunities facing Pediatric Nephrology divisions nationwide.

3. Identify Shared Issues and Develop Common Solutions

By analyzing survey results and engaging in peer discussions, we aim to identify common issues across divisions. Whether these are related to clinical workforce or workflows, funding challenges, or training deficits, we will focus on formulating actionable solutions. Through this collaborative problem-solving, we hope to improve practice standards, advocate for necessary resources, and streamline administrative processes.

4. Serve as a Communication Platform for Dissemination through Divisions

This Interest Group will act as a conduit for the dissemination of important information and best practices throughout the Pediatric Nephrology community. We will foster ongoing discussions about policy changes or external factors that may impact the field.

Activities/Progress towards Goals:

For Goal 1:

We are continuing to expand the network of Division Heads, with new members joining each quarter. Meetings remain well-received, and the group is steadily growing in engagement.

For Goal 2:

The in-depth survey has been completed, vetted by a subgroup, and distributed to all Division Heads. The analysis of both quantitative and qualitative responses has provided a comprehensive view of current division operations. The results have been accepted for publication in AJKD and are currently in press.

For Goal 3:

Agenda items for meetings are set both by myself and the attendees, often reflecting hot topics that generate robust conversations and constructive dialogue. Center chiefs have received mentorship and counsel from fellow chiefs, with reported positive outcomes.

For Goal 4:

The ASPN Workforce Committee and Council have actively engaged with the group to disseminate surveys and discuss relevant issues. Additionally, the International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA) has utilized this group for advocacy efforts aimed at securing resources for underserved countries.

Conclusion:

The ASPN Division Head Interest Group is making strong progress toward meeting its goals of fostering collaboration, assessing the current state of divisions, and problem-solving. By continuing to promote open communication and peer support, we aim to elevate the standard of care across Pediatric Nephrology divisions while addressing shared workforce challenges and working toward innovative solutions.

ASPN Mentorship Program Report:

Dr. Liz Hunt has been coordinating matching mentees with volunteer mentors. Feedback last year when I coordinated the mentor-mentees was positive. Feedback from this year is pending but only 1 DH applied for the program.

Kidney Genetics

Leadership



Elizabeth Nguyen



Nina Mann



Amar Majmundar

Meeting Dates:

February 6, 2025 / May 29, 2025

Goals

The goals of the ASPN Kidney Genetics Interest Group are to:

1. Create a community for pediatric nephrologists involved in kidney genetics or interested in learning more about genetic testing for kidney disease
2. Discuss best practices for genetic testing in kidney disease
3. Gather insights from others on the logistics of running a kidney genetics clinic and sharing ideas for clinic models
4. Discuss interesting and difficult cases in determining genetic diagnoses for kidney disease or how to handle variants of uncertain significance
5. Discuss ethics of genetic testing in pediatric patients, including insurance implications and genetic counseling
6. Expanding research in kidney genetics

Activities/Progress towards Goals:

The Kidney Genetics Interest Group started this year and has already generated a collaborative network, as evidenced by the first meeting on February 6 which brought together 12 providers from 8 different institutions. Discussions during this initial gathering centered on practical aspects of running kidney genetics clinics, the benefits and challenges of specific genetic testing approaches such as the Renasight panel and exome/genome sequencing, and strategies for integrating genetics into various clinical settings, including prenatal care and kidney transplantation. The diverse research interests shared by the attendees highlight the breadth of expertise within the group and promises opportunity for future collaborations aimed at advancing the field of kidney genetics. Planned future meetings will build upon this foundation by delving into specific genetic tests, complex clinical scenarios, and important ethical considerations. We are currently planning to build a comprehensive set of resources related to kidney genetics including a clinic directory, researcher expertise, specialized testing and clinical trials. Our next meeting on May 29 will feature Dr. Alex Keefe from Seattle Children's Hospital, a clinical geneticist co-leading their renal genetics clinic, who will provide a framework for nephrologists to effectively utilize genetic testing in kidney disease by comparing gene panels and WES/WGS, identifying clinical indicators for broader testing, presenting cases and discussing ethical considerations like ACMG secondary findings.

QI and AI Interest Group

Leadership



Arwa Nada



Aadil Kakajiwala

Meeting Dates:

4/2024; 7/2024; 6/2025

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.

Activities/Progress towards Goals:

1. Meetings: 2 meetings in 2024, planning for the 2025 meetings. Goal achieved and progressing
2. Workshop/Session Proposals: The group submitted 2 workshops to the PAS program committee. The 2 workshops were accepted and will be presented in the 2025 PAS meeting:
3. a. Session I: Navigating the world of Artificial intelligence (AI) in medicine: Pediatric nephrology perspective
4. a. Session II: Urine the Know: Pathways to QI success and highlights of recent junior investigator publications
5. Goal achieved
6. White Paper: The AI white paper/review was accepted with revisions; we are currently working on resubmitting. Achieved
7. AI & QI webinars: planning stage.
8. QI Project Repository: The group is currently working on establishing a repository for QI projects. The group is also working on a proposal to establish ASPN sponsor QI projects to facilitate members achieving MOC part 4 for the ABP. Under design stage
9. Collaborations: The group is working on collaborating with larger organizations within the field of AI in medicine. Ongoing
10. Additional Projects: The group is also working on other projects that will be announced upon completion. Ongoing

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 April 2025):

23 webinars thus far since May 2021.

Timing Topic Speaker

- May 2021 Establishing a Hypertension Clinic Kevin Meyers
- Jul 2021 Immune Complex Glomerulonephritis / C3 Glomerulopathy Carla Nester
- Sep 2021 Interpreting Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor (ABPM) Results Joshua Samuels
- Nov 2021 Lupus Nephritis Susan Massengill
- Jan 2022 Medical Education Adam Weinstein
- Mar 2022 aHUS and Other TMAs Lawrence Shoemaker
- May 2022 How to Get Your Research Study Published Joseph T. Flynn
- Jul 2022 Complicated Cases Review Shweta S. Shah
- Sep 2022 Acute Care Nephrology and Dyselectrolytemias Jordan Symons
- Nov 2022 The Art of Reviewing Manuscripts Joseph T. Flynn
- Jan 2023 Complicated Cases Review Lawrence Copelovitch
- Mar 2023 Salary & Contract Negotiations David Hains
- May 2023 Kidney Transplant Review Vikas Dharnidharka
- Sept 2023 Flozins and KIDneys Alexander Kula
- Dec 2023 Implementing QI Initiatives in a Small Group Setting Rebecca Ruebner
- Mar 2024 Neonatology Nephrology: Case Discussions Michelle Starr
- May 2024 Lupus Nephritis Cases Brian Stotter
- Jul 2024 Immune Complex GN Carla Nester
- Sep 2024 The wonderful world of Renal Pathology Pat Walker
- Nov 2024 NephroGenetics Samir El-Dahr
- Jan 2025 How to integrate learners into a busy clinical practice Adam Weinstein
- Mar 2025 Complex Cases in Nephrology Priya Chandra

List Serve:

1. Current members: 38 members

2. Conversations: 75; 37 patient related requests for help

To send an email to the list server, please use aspn-small-group@googlegroups.com

If you like to be added to the list serve, please email pednephSG@gmail.com

Timeline: 2024-2025:

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
ASPN Small Group Nephrologists SIG
#PedNephSG

Stones and Bones

Leadership



Kirsten Kusumi



Neil Paloian

Meeting Dates:

- 2/15/2024
- 6/7/2024

Goals:

- 1) Clarify how many dedicated stone clinics exist, if they are multidisciplinary (and who is included)
- 2) Begin building consensus around what a "standard" stone work up should include
- 3) Discuss optimal strategies for treatment of stones in children and adolescents
- 4) foster research into pediatric kidney stone disease

Activities/Progress towards Goals:

- Our group has not been very active in the last year. We have begun work towards a PNRC survey study that would specifically address our first two goals (and hopefully 4 as well).
- As discussed we are also considering more engaging educational topics to offer for the larger audience in hopes of attracting more participants to our group.

Transplant Interest Group

Leadership



Puliya Dechu



Sarah Kizilbash

Meeting Dates:

1st Friday of each quarter at 11am PST

Goals

- Keep members informed about the latest happenings in the Pediatric transplant world
- Present highlights from UNOS
- Bring highlights from key transplant meetings to share with members
- Collectively work on program proposals for the PAS/ATC
- Mentoring
- Keep the ASPN –transplant website current and make it user-friendly for all members

Activities/Progress towards Goals:

1. Put together proposals for annual PAS meeting
2. Put together proposals for annual American Transplant Congress
3. Keep ASPN website current from transplant standpoint - upload articles and interesting talks
4. connect mentors to mentees and vice-versa
5. Discuss highlights from national and international transplant meetings.

Update on the progress of the ASPN Mentorship Program.

We were very successful in submitting program proposals for the PAS 2025 in Hawaii.

Many proposals were accepted either fully or partially at the WTC 2025

At each meeting, we get updates from UNOS from our UNOS representatives

We conducted a survey assessing the needs of the members from this group

We presented highlights of the WTC from a pediatric perspective which was well received. We are soliciting members to bring us highlights from the IPTA meeting in Berlin.

12th Annual ASPN Multidisciplinary Symposium

Conference Chair



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Dr. Elenberg is a Professor in Pediatric Nephrology, Baylor Medical School, Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, Texas. In 2012 she graduated from the University of Houston with the degree of Master in Education. She has a special interest in cystinosis, with an extensive experience in education in cystinosis, presenting over 60 lectures on national and international level. Her dedication to this patient population earned her special recognition among doctors, patients, and their families. At Baylor College of Medicine she received two prestigious Fulbright & Jaworsky Faculty Excellence Awards, in 2011 in the category of Teaching and Education and in 2015 in the category of Educational Leadership.

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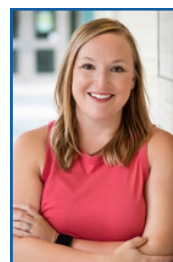
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12th Annual ASPN Multidisciplinary Symposium

Symposium Topics and Speakers

Topic: Medical decision-making for children with complex, chronic medical conditions
Speakers: Aaron Wightman, MD

Topic: Multidisciplinary Management and Health Literacy in Lupus Nephritis
Speakers: Sun-Young Ahn, MD, MS

Topic: Ethical dilemmas in a dialysis patient with psychosocial challenges
Speakers: Julia Tuvlin, MSW, LICSW, CCTSW

Topic: Blenderized Feeding for Renal Patients
Speakers: Lesley Perez, Registered Dietitian

Topic: Nephrotic Syndrome - Management/ Patient Education
Speakers: Chia-shi Wang, MD MSc, Lisa Palm, RN

Topic: Accessing nephrology service in rural areas
Speakers: Gabrielle Orgain, MSW; Elizabeth Hunt, MD; Sarah Twichell, MD, MPH; Abigail Zimpritch, M.Ed

Topic: Navigating child abuse/neglect with nephrology and transplant
Speakers: Cortney Taylor Zimmerman, PhD, ABPP; Mackenzie Hughes, Ph.D.

Topic: You're Never too Old for Camp!
Speakers: Devrah Otten, LCSW

Topic: Updates from the Pediatric Renal Nutrition Taskforce
Speakers: Nonnie Polderman, BSc RD; Christina Nelms, MS, RDN, LD/LMNT

Topic: Pediatric ABPM Programs- University of Iowa Children's Hospital and Children's of Alabama
Speakers: Emily Neeld, RN-BSN; Christina Michels, DNP, ARNP, CPNP-PC; Jessica Edmondson, CRNP, CPNP-AC, MSN, BSN, RN

Topic: The Impact of Social Determinants of Health (SDH) & Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) on Kidney Health
Speakers: Beth Piotrowicz, MSSA, LISW-S, CCTS

Topic: Food Insecurity
Speakers: Elizabeth Onugha, MD

Topic: Voiding Dysfunction Management Including Biofeedback & Pelvic Floor Therapy
Speakers: Anne Marcovich, RN-BSN

Topic: Growing Up with Kidney Disease: A Patient Journey through ESKD & Transplant
Speakers: Kelly Helm, M.Ed.

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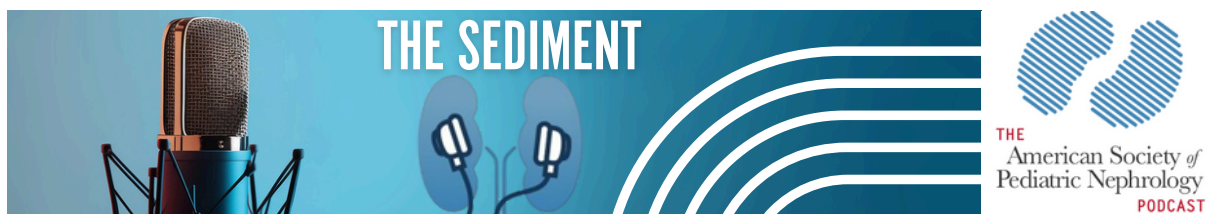
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Awards

2025 ASPN Founders' Award



Susan Furth, MD, PhD
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

In 1996, the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology began bestowing a Founders' Award at the annual ASPN meeting. The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals who have made a unique and lasting contribution to the field of pediatric nephrology. Nominations are received from the membership.

2025 ASPN Award Winners

ASPN Mid Career Award



John David Spencer, MD
Nationwide Children's Hospital
The Ohio State University College
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ASPN Outstanding Service Award



Ewa Elenberg, MD
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Advocacy Award



Keia Sanderson, MD, MSCR
University of North Carolina

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Ann P. Guillot, MD
University of Vermont Children's Hospital

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Trainee Research Award – Basic Science



Nils Mertens, MD
Boston Children's Hospital

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Honor a Colleague

- Why? Retirement, major award, mentor, wonderful clinical care, etc.
- Recognition: ASPN website, KIDney Briefs (comments on why honoring)
- Group donations encouraged \$1000 minimum
 - Travel grant, JELF Fund, general fund



ASPEN Foundation Highlights & Accomplishments (2024–2025)

- New Century Scholars Program continues to support emerging talent.
 - 2024 Scholar: Rafaella Faria
- Launched the ASPN Foundation Legacy Circle to encourage long-term giving.
- Maintained financial independence from the ASPN parent organization.
- Expanded Trainee Support
 - 15 Trainee Travel Grants awarded for ASPN/PAS in Honolulu.
 - 2 APP Travel Awards and 53 Fellows Presentation Awards granted.
 - 6 Travel Grants provided for trainees to attend the IPNA meeting.
 - Supported 6 trainees with 2025 IPNA Travel Awards, strengthening international collaboration and mentorship.



2025 Named Travel Awards

Brett Boyer – Dr. Stanley Hellerstein Memorial Travel Award
Elif Bozkurt – The Alport Syndrome Travel Award
Rafi Faria – Ronald Portman Honorary Travel Award
Danielle Horowitz – Sharon Bartosh Travel Award
Anfal Marafie – Michael Somers Travel Award
Kirsten Mojziszek – F. Bruder Stapleton Travel Award
Chelsea Ng – Bradley and Barabra Warady Travel Award
Daniel Thomson – Rick and Phyllis Kaskel Travel Award
Ryan Ward – Ashoor Family Travel Award



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"Thank you for the amazing opportunity to attend IPNA, present my work and connect with invaluable mentors, all possible thanks to your support through the ASPN travel grant. Experiences like these inspire us junior doctors to seek mentorship, network internationally and pay it forward in our future careers."



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JELF Advocacy Scholars Program

Over the past year, the advocacy and policy series featured a range of impactful sessions. On **September 19, 2024**, Amy Gibson led a compelling discussion on *Private Equity in Medicine and the Advocacy Issues in the “House of Medicine.”* This was followed by a presentation from Erika Miller on **November 21, 2024**, which continued the momentum of the series. On **January 23, 2025**, Eileen Brewer addressed *ESRD Policy and Dialysis Payment*, highlighting the advocacy voice for funding children in need of ESRD and dialysis. The session on **March 20, 2025** featured Lynne Yao from the FDA, offering insights into regulatory perspectives. The series concluded on **May 22, 2025**, with a graduation session in a Q&A format, reflecting on the impact of JELF, led by Anne Dawson and Ray Bignall.

- JELF 2025 Scholars: Stephanie Kerkvliet, Marissa Lipton, Louise Sawaya, Christel Wekon-Kemeni
- JELF 2024 Scholars: Yaritzy Astudillo, Lauren Hawkins and Carol Shen
- JELF 2023 Scholars: Julia LaMotte, Kera Luckritz and Leonala Villegas
- JELF 2022 Scholars: Carlos Becerril Romero, Hostensia Beng-Ongey and Lieuk Nguyen

The ASPN's John E. Lewy Foundation Advocacy Scholars (JELF) program publishes regular updates from its scholars, who describe their two-year immersive advocacy training. Recent posts detail how scholars are engaging with healthcare policy issues—such as proposed Medicaid cuts—advocating at institutional, state, and national levels, participating in virtual Hill Day to lobby Congress on budgetary appropriations, building grassroots coalitions, and reflecting on how broader issues like immigration affect kidney equity and care. These updates emphasize the hands-on learning, mentorship, and real-world policy work central to the JELF experience.

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Purpose

The program develops future leaders in pediatric nephrology with expertise in U.S. governmental and regulatory processes and advocacy. It offers a two-year immersive experience in leadership and advocacy skill development.

Eligibility

Applicants must be ASPN members in good standing with an interest in public policy and advocacy for children with kidney disease. Priority is given to those within 10 years of fellowship completion. Diversity in institution, geography, and background is encouraged. Awardees must participate fully in the program, serve on ASPN advocacy committees, and present their experiences at the ASPN Annual Meeting. Non-U.S. applicants are welcome, though training is U.S. system-focused; financial support will be equivalent to U.S. awardees.

Awards

Up to two Advocacy Scholar awards are granted annually. Each supports attendance at two national conferences plus a mentored, hands-on experience with ASPN leaders and the Society's Washington representative.

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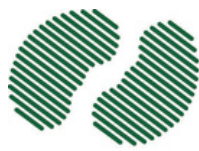
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ASPN Leadership Development Program

The ASPN leadership development program will enroll 12-15 ASPN members from the pool of applicants. The entire program will be completed over a one-year period.

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- Joseph Flynn
- Roshan George
- David Hains
- John D. Mahan
- Marva Moxey-Mims
- Victoria Norwood
- Christine Sethna

ASPN LDP Cohort 7 Class of 2025 Scholars

- Caitlin Carter
- Olga Charnaya
- Meredith Harris
- Guarav Kapur
- Amy Kogon
- Tahagod Mohamed
- Yonique Petgrave
- Meredith Schuh
- Sonia Solomon
- Bernarda Viteri
- Laurel Willig

The curriculum will be spread out over 3 full-day sessions to take place in conjunction with scheduled meetings as follows:

- Session 1 – 2024 PAS - Toronto – May 2, 2024
- Session 2 – 2024 ASN - San Diego – Oct 23, 2024
- Session 3 – 2025 PAS - Honolulu – Apr 24, 2025

The May 2024 session will consist of an opening seminar led by a past president of the ASPN, followed by a leadership development competencies session including a 360-degree multisource assessment led by an experienced executive trainer. The remaining topics will be covered during two final day-long sessions. Outside speakers from both industry and academia will be utilized as faculty for the remaining sessions. A mentored leadership project is part of the expectations of this program.

Application Process

- The application includes demographic information and statements as to your interest in working with the ASPN; previous ASPN committee work; skills and knowledge you hope to obtain as a result of this opportunity; and how this experience can enhance your professional development and career.
- Have you completed a similar formal skills training program in the past? If so, please describe.
- CV
- Letter of support from your Division Chief or Department Chair as appropriate that addresses the following:
- interest and promise of the applicant in terms of leadership potential.
- commitment to provide the applicant, if successful, protected time to participate in the program and requisite ASPN LDP program activities.

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