



President's Corner

Dear Colleagues,

Thanks to everyone who voted in the recent election for officers and council positions. This was the first ever ASPN election and the majority of the slate of candidates were nominated by the membership. We really appreciate everyone's efforts in this process. Bill Schnaper was elected President-Elect, Joseph Flynn was elected Secretary and Vicki Norwood was elected Treasurer. John Mahan from Columbus Children's Hospital was elected to the Training and Certification council position and Michael Somers from Boston Children's Hospital was elected to the Clinical Affairs council position. Each of these terms will begin at the conclusion of the 2008 annual meeting to take place next May in Honolulu. Once again, thanks to the membership for your participation!

The ASPN continues to address the problems of the black box warning by the FDA for erythropoiesis-stimulating agents. At the September 11, 2007, FDA cardiorenal drug advisory committee and the drug safety and risk management committee meeting, Dr. Alan Kliger, President of the RPA, spoke on behalf of the RPA and the ASPN to use warnings that are patient and population specific so that dialysis patients and children are considered separate from patients with cancer. Please see the Washington Update report for more on this topic.

Prasad Devarajan represented the ASPN at a meeting of many stakeholders in the nephrology community to make recommendations to improve the NIH peer review process. Following the meeting, the Research Committee drafted and submitted recommendations from the ASPN to improve the peer review process. Please see the website for specific recommendations.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the ASN meeting in San Francisco next month. There are many committee meetings, so please attend any meetings that you are interested in. See page 8 of the newsletter for the times and locations of these meetings. There will be a Business Meeting on Friday, November 2 at 6:30 pm in the Golden Gate Hall section B-2 in the San Francisco Marriott. See you then!



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Announcements

CYSTINOSIS RESEARCH NETWORK FELLOWSHIP

William A. Gahl, MD, PhD, of the National Human Genome Research Institute, would like to train an expert in nephropathic cystinosis at the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services. Optimally, the fellowship training would follow a renal fellowship, last approximately 3 years, and provide a springboard to an academic career in cystinosis and related fields. Dr. Gahl has cared for 250-300 individuals with cystinosis and has more than 100 active patients. There exists ample opportunity to perform clinical and basic research into cystinosis, publish in peer-reviewed journals, and access the vast resources of the NIH Clinical Center. This is not a service position; it is intended to provide the next generation with an authority in the disease.

The successful candidate will work primarily on cystinosis, but may also perform research into related disorders with renal manifestations. There may be an opportunity to participate in an ABMG-approved program leading to certification in Clinical Biochemical Genetics. The Cystinosis Research Network will support this fellowship through an NHGRI Gift Fund. To discuss this further, please contact Dr. Gahl at bgahl@helix.nih.gov. The Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institutes of Health are an equal opportunity employer.

INTERNATIONAL REGISTRY FOR TMA

With an award from the NIDDK, an International Registry for TMA has been set up. It is designed to enroll pediatric patients age 6 months - 18 years with more severe D+HUS (need for dialysis AND/OR proteinuria and/or hypertension 1 year after the episode), atypical non-familial HUS, familial or genetic atypical HUS, and TTP. The registry involves an initial visit and annual follow-up assessments. Biological samples are collected annually (plasma, serum, urine and DNA (at onset only) for storage in a central biorepository. The database is at CHOP and Giuseppe Remuzzi is a Co-investigator. The initial pilot sites include, CHOP, Mount Sinai, University of Virginia, Montreal Children's Hospital, Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton and Utah Health Sciences Center. Plans to expand the registry to all of North America are underway. If you are interested in being a participating site, please contact Howard Trachtman, MD at 718-470-3423 or trachtma@lij.edu or Cathy Hoffman, RN at 718-470-3489 or choffman@nshs.edu.

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BOARD ESTABLISHED FOR THE PREP NEPHROLOGY SUBSPECIALTY SELF-ASSESSMENT

Dear ASPN Members,

I am pleased to inform you that in a joint collaboration between the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, we have established a board for the PREP Nephrology subspecialty self-assessment.

Thank you to all who expressed interest in being considered for nomination to this editorial board. Please know that we will be keeping the list of nominees and CVs submitted for future reference if additional board members are needed or for consideration as new initiatives evolve.

The editors and writers appointed for this project are as follows:

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It is anticipated that this program will be launched by January 2009. We will keep you posted.

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IMPORTANT DUES PAYMENT UPDATE!!

We are expanding our web-based, members-only services which will include online payment of dues. Within the next few weeks you will receive a notice call for renewal of your annual membership dues for 2008. This will be a new process and replaces the one members have used previously. We strongly encourage members to renew online. Members will still have the ability to pay by mail or fax as well if needed.

Remember, our society helps support the development of young pediatric nephrologists through awards and travel grant programs, and works aggressively on issues related to workforce, public policy and educational efforts; all of which are vital to the future of the pediatric nephrology community. We are working hard to develop the ASPN website to enhance services to our members .



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Airline Reservations

The PAS Travel Agency will utilize the best rates available offering fare discounts and zone fare access.

Hotel Accommodations

The Pediatric Academic Societies have negotiated special rates with select hotels for meeting attendees who make their reservations by Thursday, March 27th. All contracted hotels are ocean/beach front or within 1-2 blocks of the ocean.

Hilton Hawaiian Village (Headquarter Hotel)	\$220 - \$324
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Visit the PAS meeting website for information regarding pre or post trip travel packages and opportunities.

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PAS Registration allows admittance to all PAS, ASPN, ASPR, LWPES and PIDS scientific sessions and the technical exhibits at the Hawaii Convention Center.

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	Before 3/6	3/7-4/1	After 4/1
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You May Register by Internet, Fax or Mail. Visit the PAS website to register on-line or to download the form.

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Registration forms received after April 1st will be charged on-site registration fees. Meeting materials will not be mailed to anyone who registers after April 1st. These registrants may pick up their materials on site at the Advance Registration counter in the Hawaii Convention Center at PAS Registration.

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 May 3-6, 2008 ~ Honolulu, Hawaii ~ Hawaii Convention Center



Saturday, May 3	Sunday, May 4	Monday, May 5	Tuesday, May 6
<p>7:00am – 9:00am ASPN/PAS Workshop Career Advancement and Leadership Development – “Oh, the places you’ll go.”</p> <p>9:00am – 11:00am ASPN/ Chronic Kidney Disease Mineral and Bone Disorder (CKD- MBD): What are the Implications for Pediatrics</p>	<p>7:00am – 9:00am ASPN/IPHA/PAS Joint Symposia Imaging Modalities In Pediatric Hypertension</p> <p>9:00am – 11:00am ASPN Symposium Pediatric Renal Transplantation: Graft Loss— It’s More than Acute Rejection</p>	<p>7:00am – 8:00am Meet the Professor Breakfast</p> <p>8:00am – 10:00am ASPN/IPHA/LWPES Joint Symposia Prescribe With Caution: Understanding and Managing the Risks of Antihypertensive Agents</p> <p>10:15am – 12:15pm Platform Session III & IPHA (Abstracts)</p>	<p>7:00am – 9:00am ASPN Symposium Advances in the Evaluation and Management of Complement-based Renal Diseases</p> <p>9:15am – 11:15am ASPN Joint State of the Art Proteomics in Pediatric Kidney Disease</p>
<p>11:00am – 1:00pm Platform Session I (Abstracts)</p>	<p>11:15am – 1:15pm Poster Session II</p>	<p>12:30pm – 1:45pm ASPN Awards Luncheon</p>	<p>11:30pm – 1:30pm Joint Symposia ASPN/AST/UNOS/ IPTA/NASPGHAN Pediatric Solid Organ Transplantation: Impact of Donation and Allocation on Outcome</p>
<p>1:00pm – 2:30pm CPC Fellows Luncheon</p> <p>2:30pm – 4:30pm ASPN/ASPR Joint Symposia The Genetics of Renal Disease</p> <p>4:30pm – 6:15pm Poster Session I, Exhibits & PAS Opening Reception</p> <p>6:45pm – 8:15pm ASPN Member Reception</p>	<p>1:15pm – 3:15pm Platform Session II (Abstracts)</p> <p>3:30pm – 5:30pm ASPN Presidential Address & Business Meeting</p>	<p>2:00pm – 4:00pm ASPN Symposium Pathophysiology of Vesicoureteral Reflux (VUR)</p> <p>4:00pm – 6:00pm ASPN Workshop Research Networking for Progress in Children’s Health</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  <p>Children Are Our Future</p> </div> <p>PAS Deadlines</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Original Science Abstract Submissions <i>December 4, 2007</i></p>
<p>Exhibits Open 3:00 – 6:30pm</p>	<p>Exhibits Open 11:00 – 3:00pm</p>	<p>Exhibits Open 3:00 – 6:45pm</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Friday 9-3 Committee Meetings 3-7</p>			

Washington Update

BUSH VETO OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH BILL SETS STAGE FOR POLITICAL CONFRONTATION

On October 3, President Bush vetoed legislation to expand a children's health insurance program, drawing immediate fire from Congress and setting up an override showdown that could be politically perilous for some lawmakers.

The bill vetoed (H.R. 976) would expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) by \$35 billion over the next five years, to \$60 billion. It is reported that this amount would be enough to provide health coverage to 10 million children whose families are low-income but not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid—about 4 million more than the program now covers.

The fight over SCHIP returns to the House this month, where lawmakers are working to round up enough votes to override the President's veto. The Senate cleared the bill in early October on a 67-29 vote, a margin sufficient to override President Bush. But the House vote was 265-159 with one "present" vote, 19 votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed to override.

The ASPN joined the American Academy of Pediatrics in its efforts to urge Congress to override the Presidential veto. To assist in this endeavor the ASPN public policy committee sent a legislative membership alert asking all pediatric nephrologists to contact their lawmakers to urge them to vote 'yes' on the override. Thank you to those to participated in our grassroots campaign!

The political posturing over SCHIP will likely extend into late December, when H.R. 976 could be folded into an omnibus budget reconciliation bill that includes many other spending provisions. SCHIP funding expired September 30, but Congress has extended funding for the program in a stopgap spending bill. The measure lasts until November 16, so despite the veto, states will continue receiving SCHIP funding until then.

SENATE SCHEDULED TO VOTE ON NIH FUNDING

In early October, Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Chairman Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) met with the ASPN and other health care related groups to discuss the upcoming strategy for a Senate vote on the Labor-HHS-ED appropriations bill (S. 1710). This bill includes funding for the National Institute of Health (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other health care related agencies. Chairman Harkin predicted the bill will receive Senate floor consideration around October 15, with a final bill sent to the President as early as November. The Society urges all members to contact their Senators to ask them to vote in support of increased NIH funding under the Labor-HHS-ED appropriations bill.

The House already voted to increase support for the NIH to \$29.4 billion, or \$549 million more than current funding for NIH. The Senate bill provides \$29.6 billion, an increase of 2.8 percent.

After Senate floor consideration, Chairman Harkin urges groups to focus their attention on the President, and ask him to sign the bill instead of issuing a veto. President Bush has threatened to veto a number of domestic discretionary spending



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bills, including the Labor-HHS-ED bill, because it will add \$23 billion to the discretionary spending total requested by the President in his FY 2008 budget.

ASPN continues to work behind the scenes with various biomedical research coalitions, including the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, to promote increased NIH funding in 2008.

AMA CPT PANEL REVIEWS ESRD G-CODES

On October 11, the American Medical Association’s Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel reviewed a joint proposal submitted by the Renal Physicians Association (RPA) and ASPN requesting the current ESRD G-codes be cross-walked to new CPT codes. At press time, the joint proposal was still under review by the CPT Editorial Panel.

As background, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in 2004 changed the payment methodology for Medicare ESRD codes from monthly capitated payment to “G-codes,” tying reimbursement to the number of monthly face-to-face visits. In May 2006, the American Medical Association’s Relative Value Update Committee (RUC) submitted its 5-year review recommendations for 2007 CPT codes to CMS. The agency used these recommendations to determine reimbursement rates for various specialty codes under the 2007 Medicare Fee Schedule. Included in this 5-year review was an increase for most E/M related service codes. However, CMS decided not to apply E/M increases to the global ESRD G-codes, because it felt there was insufficient information about appropriate E/M visits for each G-code, and the only information available was for the old dialysis monthly capitated payment codes.

The nephrology community, under the leadership of RPA, monitored the RUC review process and had an ongoing dialogue with CMS about updating the G-codes according to RUC recommendations. In April 2007, CMS held firm in its decision and recommended a RUC review of the G-codes. Since then, the RPA, with pediatric nephrology input, has been working with the AMA CPT Editorial Panel, the entity charged with assigning code numbers and descriptors, as well as the AMA RUC, the entity responsible for re-valuing codes, to re-code and re-value how dialysis services are recognized and billed for under Medicare.

ASPN would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Eileen Brewer for her hard work in representing the ASPN at the AMA CPT Meeting in Philadelphia. Her efforts, and the efforts of other ASPN committee members, help ensure that pediatric nephrology has a voice at the table.

SCHEDULE OF ASPN ANCILLARY MEETINGS AT THE ASN ANNUAL MEETING ~ SAN FRANCISCO, CA OCTOBER 31 ~ NOVEMBER 5, 2007

Meeting Name	Day/Date	Time	Location
CHRONOLOGICALLY LISTED:			
Council Meeting	Thursday, 11/1	Noon-6:00pm	Pacific G
Program Committee	Thursday, 11/1	6:30-7:30pm	Pacific D
Training and Certification Committee	Thursday, 11/1	6:30-7:30pm	Pacific C
Membership Committee	Friday, 11/2	6:30-7:30am	Pacific E
Research Committee	Friday, 11/2	6:30-7:30am	Pacific D
Workforce Committee	Saturday, 11/3	12:15-1:15pm	Pacific D
Clinical Affairs & Public Policy Combined Committee	Friday, 11/2	12:15-1:15pm	Pacific B
Business Meeting	Friday, 11/2	6:30-7:30pm	Golden Gate Hall-Section B-2
Clinical Affairs Committee	Saturday, 11/3	6:30-7:30am	Pacific B
Stone and Bone Club	Saturday, 11/3	12:15-1:15pm	Pacific A
Training Program Directors	Sunday, 11/4	6:30-7:30pm	Pacific B

Committee Updates

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Lisa Satlin, Chair

The 2008 ASPN Program Committee has, with valued input from the ASPN membership, an exciting program for the spring meeting. Among the confirmed symposia are:

- o Chronic Kidney Disease Mineral and Bone Disorder (CKD-MBD): What are the Implications for Pediatrics?
- o The Genetics of Renal Disease
- o Imaging Modalities in Pediatric Hypertension
- o Pediatric Renal Transplantation: Graft Loss—It's More than Acute Rejection
- o Prescribe with Caution: Understanding and Managing the Risks of Antihypertensive Agents
- o Pathophysiology of Vesicoureteral Reflux
- o Research Networking for Progress in Children's Health
- o Advances in the Evaluation and Management of Complement-Based Renal Diseases
- o Proteomics in Pediatric Kidney Disease
- o Pediatric Solid Organ Transplantation: Impact of Donation and Allocation on Outcome
- o Career Advancement and Leadership Development – “Oh, the places you'll go”

In addition, the meeting will feature:

- + 3 platform sessions (1 with IPHA)
- + 2 poster sessions
- + CPC Fellows Luncheon

The 2008 Pediatric Academic Societies meeting will be held as a joint meeting with the Asian Society for Pediatric Research. We expect to have significant participation by our sister society, the Japanese Society of Pediatric Nephrology.

The Program Committee again thanks all ASPN members who forwarded to us their suggestions for symposia topics and speakers. We hope that you share our enthusiasm about what promises to be an exciting program!

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Committee Updates Continued...

TRAINING & CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Victoria Norwood, Chair

Is nephrology headed for a match?

The Training and Certification Committee and the fellowship Program Directors group are already discussing draft recommendations from the Council of Pediatric Subspecialties (CoPS) that all pediatric subspecialties move towards uniform fellowship application and acceptance procedures. Currently, one subspecialty uses ERAS (Electronic Residency Application Service) without a match (nephrology), five subspecialties use a match without ERAS, three subspecialties use both ERAS and a match and nine subspecialties have no guidelines at all. Of the subspecialties utilizing a match (n=9), there are eight different timelines. Clearly the current situation is difficult for residents and chaos for categorical program directors. The pros and cons of the recommendations are currently under active debate. Feel free to join the discussion via John Mahan (john.mahan@nationwidechildrens.org) or Vicky Norwood (vfn6t@virginia.edu).

WORKFORCE COMMITTEE

Elaine Kamil, Chair

Part 3 of the Workforce Section Head Survey. Salaries and other compensation.

Salaries: We asked what salary percentile of AAMC salary scales individuals were paid. We did not ask specific dollar amounts. We privately made available AAMC regional salary scales (which are available for purchase) to the section heads responding to the survey. 75% of respondents reported that their division members were at the 50% of the 2003-2004 salary scales. There seems to be a high level of confidentiality around salaries and many department chairs are reluctant to share their salary information. It would be extremely helpful to members in negotiating salaries at new (or existing!) positions to know what actual, up-to-date, nephrology specific salaries are. We will probably be tackling this specific question in an upcoming, confidential survey. Compared to all other pediatric subspecialties we are only ahead of Endocrine, Genetics and Infectious Disease in compensation (assistant and associate level) in the AAMC Data.

70 % of respondents reported that they did get an allowance for books/subscriptions/memberships and the most frequent amount was \$1000-2000 annually. 72% did get an allowance for travel, and the most frequent amount was \$1000-2000.

11% of respondents reported that they had lost division members because the physicians could not support their families on the offered salary. 45% of respondents reported that their institution provided tuition support for children of division members.

In the comments section over half of the comments were concerning salaries, reimbursement, work environment issues, tuition etc.

The workforce committee meeting at ASN will be held from 12:15-1:15PM on Saturday, November 3, in the Pacific D meeting room of the Marriott Hotel. Please join us!!

Committee Updates Continued...

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Joseph Flynn, Chair

Membership Committee, Task Forces Merged

With implementation of ASPN's Strategic Plan, the need for an increased focus on membership development and membership services has become clear. To address this, the membership TF was set up last year. However, while some of the TF duties have been more time limited (like revision of the elections process, for example), membership needs are ongoing. It was therefore decided by Council to merge the Membership TF with the previous Membership Committee, whose role had primarily been focused on reviewing and approving membership applications. The newly constituted Membership Committee is co-chaired by Susan Massengil and Joseph Flynn as the Council Representative. It will continue to be involved with review of membership applications, and will also provide ongoing support for membership development. The first 'official' face-to-face meeting of the merged committee will take place at the ASN on Friday, Nov. 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 am. We invite any ASPN member with an interest in membership development to attend the meeting and work with us on improving the services that ASPN provides its members.

Boardwalk

Have a Question about Maintenance of Certification?

As the new four part model of Maintenance of Certification (MOC) comes on board for certified nephrologists, many diplomates have questions about the process. Does this mean me? What do I need to do? How do I know when to do it?

The answer to the first question is easy...yes! All diplomates receiving certificates after 1988 are required to participate in MOC in order to retain their certification. Those receiving certificates prior to 1988 are "grandparented", but have the opportunity to participate in MOC if they wish. As the primary purpose of MOC is to assure the public that board-certified nephrologists are keeping up-to-date with knowledge and practice improvement, it is desirable to participate. Importantly, many hospitals and licensing boards are considering requiring MOC-type activities for future credentialing. Also, completion of MOC activities results in CME at no additional charge. And the ABP is working with providers to have MOC activities as part of P4P programs.

What do you need to do? This is easy as well. You already have a "Physician Portfolio" on the website of the American Board of Pediatrics. Your Portfolio is a secure, personal Web account where you can access all MOC activities. Go to www.abp.org and login to your Portfolio from the Home Page OR click on the tab labeled "My Portfolio". Details on logging in and many FAQs are included as well as your current status in MOC.

How do you know when to do it? The timeline you should expect to follow for your individual maintenance of MOC is included in your Portfolio. You will also receive multiple reminders via e-mail and snail-mail well in advance of your certificate expiration date.

So check your Portfolio....and feel free to contact me or the ABP (at MOC@abpeds.org) for questions.

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Meeting Announcements

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December 7-10, 2008 Detailed information on registration and call
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