



KIDney NOTES

CAPITOL HILL DAY

We encourage you to schedule visits with your members of Congress while in Washington, DC for the annual meeting to discuss issues of vital importance to the field of pediatric nephrology. If you are interested in pursuing this and plan on meeting with your legislators, please contact the ASPN office via email at aspn@northwestern.edu. Materials and a tutorial on how best to communicate with federal lawmakers will be made available to you at the meeting. The details of this meeting (time and place) will be communicated to you at a later date. To schedule the meeting with your member(s) of Congress, please call the Capitol Hill switchboard at 202-224-3131 and ask to be connected to your member(s) of Congress.

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President's Corner

Dear Colleagues:

Although we are in that hiatus between our face-to-face meetings at the ASN and PAS, rest assured that your council and committees are still hard at work!

The ASPN Annual Meeting in Washington, DC is shaping up very nicely. Our Society members submitted 146 abstracts this year, a record number that represents a 50% increase over last year. This speaks to the research productivity of our membership. I am very excited about the topics that are planned for the symposia and workshops, to which we have invited a good number of outside speakers to complement the talent within our organization. Please join us for the evening reception on Friday, May 14 in the Washington Room at the Hotel Washington. Also, don't forget our annual meeting, to be held as a membership luncheon (no 6:30 breakfast!) on Monday, May 16, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Renaissance Ballroom East of the Renaissance Washington, DC hotel. I look forward to seeing you there.

As you will see elsewhere in the newsletter we are working on research priorities, "pay for performance" issues, membership information and training and education. The new "conditions of coverage" are out for public comment. We would appreciate any thoughts you may have about these and will include your concerns in our official comments. These documents can be found by scrolling down to the section entitled Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a050204c.html. We also hope to facilitate visits to senators and representatives around the time of our annual meeting to discuss many of these issues (see Capitol Hill Day announcement, this page). If you have any interest in making hill visits please let the office know as soon as possible so that these can be coordinated.

Looking forward to seeing you all in May!



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ASPEN 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

May 13-17 2005

Washington Convention Center and Renaissance Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C.

- ▶ **REGISTER ON-LINE** for the 2005 ASPN Annual Meeting BEFORE March 15, 2005. For additional meeting information and to register, visit the PAS web site at: www.pas-meeting.org.
- ▶ **ASPEN Headquarters Hotel**—Renaissance Washington Hotel **Be sure to indicate when you register and make your reservation that you are an ASPN member. This will automatically place you in our headquarters hotel - Renaissance Washington D.C.**
- ▶ **ASPEN Membership Reception** will be Saturday, May 14, 2005 from 8:00 -10:00 p.m. at the **Washington Room/Terrace in the Hotel Washington**. There will be a shuttle service leaving from the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel starting at 7:30 p.m. and will run continuously until 10:00 p.m.
- ▶ **ASPEN Annual Meeting Presidential Address and Awards Luncheon** will be Monday, May 16, 2004 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the **Renaissance Washington DC Hotel, Renaissance Ballroom East**. *Please plan to attend this meeting. The ASPN Founder's Award will be presented and a Washington Update will be provided by the ASPN Washington Representative. All ASPN members should attend and resident trainees are cordially invited.*

Membership Research Interests Database

The new ASPN Research Survey-Database is now online. This Survey-Database builds on the "Table of Membership Research Interests" that the ASPN assembled ~1 1/2 yrs ago - it can now be easily updated, browsed, and searched by all members. This should facilitate identifying colleagues with similar research interests, potential abstract/manuscript reviewers, etc. However, we ask all members to restrict the use of the database expressly for their own purposes.

To maximize the utility of the website, we ask each of you to:

1. Log in. The survey site URL is (<http://www.aspneph.com/interests.html>). The "user name" and the "password" are the same as for entry into the members-only portions of the ASPN web site but need to be entered separately here.
2. Complete the form with your entries. An automatic notification will be sent to the ASPN office each time an entry is made.
3. Browse the site....try to "search" for some info and become familiar with the options.

Should you have any questions, please contact the aspn office at: aspn@northwestern.edu <<mailto:aspn@northwestern.edu>> . While we plan to monitor the content of this database, ASPN is not responsible for inaccuracies or for changes that are incorrectly applied.

Use of the information contained in this electronic database for commercial or solicitation purposes is expressly prohibited.

Please also visit the "Funding Opportunities" links on the ASPN Research website.



Dialysis Survey

The Clinical Affairs Committee is still accepting dialysis surveys. We have heard from about 80 programs thus far - please complete and return your survey if you have not already done so. Results will be presented at the ASPN luncheon at the PAS meeting.

Chronic Kidney Disease Study Getting Underway

The Chronic Kidney Disease Study in Children (CkiD) has made considerable progress. The protocol has been approved by a number of IRB's, an equal number of sub-contracts have been signed. According to Sue Furth, a PI of the study along with Brad Warady, the study has enrolled 28 of the 30 projected

participants in the pilot study evaluating the use of iohexol to measure GFR.

A limited number of subjects who are cared for at Johns Hopkins and at Children's Mercy, Sue and Brad's home institutions, have been enrolled in the actual CkiD study. The purpose of this preliminary approach is to work the bugs out of the procedures so the study can be performed simply and smoothly at participating sites as they complete IRB approval and finish their subcontracts. The updated study protocol and study forms will be available on the CKiD website at www.statepi.jhsph.edu/ckid as of March 1st. The goal is a national kick-off of the study April 1st. The study organizers will present an update at the ASPN meeting on Saturday, May 14th during the Chronic Kidney Disease Workshop.

The FSGS Trial Needs Your Patients NOW!

The FSGS Clinical Trial is open for patient enrollment of children and young adults to age 35. According to Dr. Marva Moxey-Mims, NIH/NIDDK Program Officer for the Trial, "The NIDDK considers this study to be of great importance and hopes that the pediatric nephrology community will support this effort." The quality of the study depends on the active participation of our membership. In addition, this program offers our profession the opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to the performance of controlled trials in our patients. Thus, our ability to successfully conclude this trial could have significant implications for efforts to obtain NIH support of future collaborative clinical

trials in our patients.

Details on inclusion and exclusion criteria, and on practical issues of enrolling your patients, can be obtained at the Trial web site, <http://fsgstrial.org/>. Alternatively, you can contact one of the Principal Investigators or the study coordinators at the five regional Clinical Coordinating Centers:

Richard Fine, Stony Brook, (617) 355-7707

Debbie Gipson, UNC, 1-866-462-9371

Ron Hogg, Phoenix, (800) 345-4426

Rick Kaskel, Montefiore, (718) 655-1120

Sandy Watkins, Seattle, (206) 987-2524

Clinical Guidelines

A compilation of clinical guidelines for the care of children with CKD has been completed and will soon be posted to the ASPN web site so that all members can access this information

PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY DATABASE OF TRIALS AND MULTI-CENTER STUDIES

A major thrust of the new NIH Roadmap is to support translational studies and better understand the clinical relevance of different treatment options. This mission is likely to be accomplished only through broad participation in multicenter collaborative studies. Accordingly, the ASPN would like to post a list of currently active clinical trials and multicenter studies relevant to the care of children with renal disease. The goal is to advise membership of the availability of these trials/studies and stimulate enrollment of our patients. The list would be updated quarterly. ASPN members interested in "advertising" their clinical trials/multi-center studies on the ASPN website are asked to **submit to the ASPN office** (address information on last page of this newsletter) the following information:

1. **TITLE OF STUDY**
2. **SITE**
3. **PI**
4. **CONTACT INFO:** coordinator name, snail and e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, web site
5. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF STUDY** - 1 paragraph such as the following: The Mayo Clinic Hyperoxaluria Center is a clinical care and research center staffed by physician scientists devoted to the study of the hyperoxalurias, with an emphasis on inherited Primary Hyperoxaluria. The center facilitates collaborative research to better understand this disorder. The center will compile statistics on outcomes of patients and the NIDDK will house an international patient registry to collect and analyze data on pediatric and adult patients with inherited forms of calcium stone disease, including Primary Hyperoxaluria and Dent's disease.
6. **INCLUSION/EXCLUSION CRITERIA FOR ENROLLMENT**

WASHINGTON UPDATE

Domenic Ruscio and Jennifer Shevchek, ASPN Washington Representatives

President Releases Fiscal Year 2006 Budget: Gloomy Forecast for Research Funding

On February 7, President Bush transmitted his fiscal year 2006 budget proposal to Congress, lending more detail to initiatives he outlined in his State of the Union address. The \$2.5 trillion plan portends the hard fiscal reality that for the foreseeable future most every issue will be decided in the context of the budget.

For the National Institutes of Health, the president proposes \$28.8 billion for NIH, or slightly more than ½ percent increase over current funding. Of the total, \$1.8 billion is proposed for biodefense research, \$2.9 billion for HIV/AIDS-related research, and \$333 million to support the NIH "Roadmap" initiative. The proposed budget will support 38,746 projects, 400 fewer grants than in fiscal year 2005. NIH estimates the budget will fund 9,463 new and competing grants, 247 more than in fiscal year 2005, at an average cost of \$347,000 per grant. In order to allow for growth in the number of new and competing awards, NIH will not provide inflation adjustments for continuation grants. In addition, new grants will not be adjusted for inflation.

The president has pledged to cut the budget deficit in half by 2009, but at least for now, the government's fiscal health is worsening. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office just released its deficit forecast for the coming decade, projecting that the government will amass an additional \$855 billion in debt between 2006 and 2015, an estimate that almost certainly understates the problem because it assumes no additional money will be spent on Iraq or Afghanistan, and excludes any costs associated with restructuring Social Security. CBO reports that tax cuts and spending enacted by Congress last year alone contributes \$504 billion to the 10-year forecast.

CBO's projected deficit for this fiscal year grew to \$427 billion, an increase of \$15 billion over last year, even though tax receipts rose 11 percent in the first quarter of the fiscal year.

CMS Publishes Proposed Conditions for Coverage and Participation

CMS develops Conditions of Participation (CoPs) and Conditions for Coverage (CfCs) that health care organizations must meet to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. These standards are used to improve quality and protect the health and safety of beneficiaries. On February 4, CMS published three rules for comment in the Federal Register. The rules are:

- Conditions for Coverage for Organ Procurement Organizations (CMS-3064-P)
- Conditions for Coverage for End Stage Renal Disease Facilities (CMS-3818-P)
- Hospital Conditions of Participation: Requirements for Approval and Re-approval of Transplant Centers to Perform Organ Transplants (CMS-3835-P)

These documents can be found by scrolling down to the section entitled Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a050204c.html. To send your comments electronically, please visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/ecomments/default.asp>.

The first proposed rule highlights new requirements that organ procurement organizations (OPOs) and organ transplant centers must meet to have their services covered by Medicare and Medicaid. The OPO requirements include process and outcome performance standards that address all OPO functions. **The deadline for comment is April 5, 2005.**

The second proposed rule discusses the modernization of the Medicare End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) conditions for coverage for participation in the Medicare program by dialysis facilities. The purpose of this notice is to modernize Medicare's requirements by focusing on patient outcomes of care. **The deadline for comment is May 5, 2005.**

The third proposed rule sets forth requirements for transplant centers to help foster successful transplants and quality patient care. **The deadline for comment is April 5, 2005.**

Medicare Begins Big Plunge into Quality-Based Payment

As part of an effort to shift Medicare's physician reimbursement system to a pay-for-performance model, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced the start of a demonstration project that will give bonuses to physician practices that improve care for beneficiaries and reduce costs. The pilot program allows doctors in 10 group practices around the country to be paid up to 5 percent more in a given year if they lower costs and provide higher quality care. The pilot will measure costs not in terms of Medicare spending on physician care, but on all Medicare spending for the beneficiaries involved. The approach reflects the control physicians have over other types of spending i.e. ordering hospitalizations etc.

Participants in the three-year "Physician Group Practice Demonstration" will include a total of 5,000 doctors and 200,000 beneficiaries in the fee-for-service side of Medicare. If the pilot is effective in lowering costs and improving care, Medicare has authority to expand it to other group practices without legislative action. A separate pilot is planned to reward doctors financially in very small practices or solo practices who invest in information technology.

The details of how Medicare would reform physician payment are unclear. The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) has urged taking 1 percent of current payments to each sector and setting it aside for caregivers who improve the quality of their care or meet quality benchmarks. Last year, Congress paid more to hospitals that simply provided data on quality performance, and there's some thought that Medicare might do that for doctors in 2006. *CMS Administrator Mark McClellan hinted that any move to erase projected doctor payment cuts might be tied to quality or quality-based data in some form.*



Marketplace

The University of Virginia Children's Hospital seeks an experienced BC/BE academic pediatric nephrologist to join a faculty of four active clinical investigators with an active fellowship training program. Clinical nephrology skills should include the care of infants, children, and adolescents with congenital and acquired renal disease, hypertension, end stage renal disease, and renal transplants. In addition, a successful track-record as a basic science investigator with interests in developmental nephrology is desired. Active teaching of student, residents, and fellows is also a requirement of the position. Position is open until filled. Rank and title will be Assistant or Associate Professor, commensurate with qualifications, experience, and other achievements. The University of Virginia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Interested applicants should forward CV with references to: Victoria F. Norwood, MD; Department of Pediatrics, University of Virginia Health System, P.O. Box 800903, Charlottesville, Virginia 22908; or Email: vfn6t@virginia.edu

Department of Pediatrics at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson, AZ, has **two positions** available in the Division of Pediatric Nephrology, including position of **Section Chief**. Positions open at the Assistant or Associate or Professor level (open rank). Responsibilities include patient care, program development, medical student and resident education. Section Chief position will include administrative duties. Candidates must be BC/BE in Pediatrics and Pediatric Nephrology, hold an MD or DO degree. Research interest is desirable and is available at the Steele Children's Research Center, which is one of eight **centers of excellence** at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. Internationally known scientists and physicians work together in this state of the art facility to research causes and develop cures for childhood illnesses and diseases. Physicians who work for the Children's Research Center and the UA Department of Pediatrics play a unique role in the community. In addition to the University of Arizona, these positions are also in part affiliated with University Physicians Healthcare. Excellent benefit and retirement package is offered as well as incentive opportunities. Located only an hour from the Mexican border and eight hours from the California coast, Tucson offers almost year round outdoor activities. For required electronic application, please see www.hr.arizona.edu, referencing Job # 31307. The University of Arizona is an EEO/AA - M/W/D/V Employer.

Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Atlanta, Georgia Division Director position Division of Nephrology, Department of Pediatrics, Emory University School of Medicine is seeking a Division Director. Division provides clinical services at Emory Children's Center and at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston on the campus of Emory University. The pediatric ESRD program at Children's at Egleston is amongst the largest in the country, currently serving over 40 dialysis patients and performing over 20 transplants per year. Outstanding collaborative research opportunities are available within the University in various areas of nephrology, physiology, and transplant immunology. Children's Healthcare of Atlanta offers outstanding pediatric facilities and support, while Emory University provides beautiful campus surroundings and one of the nation's fastest research growth trajectories. Space, resources, and institutional commitment are available for substantial academic growth of the Division and for initiation of a fellowship program. Atlanta, Georgia is a diverse, cosmopolitan, culturally rich city of over 4 million people, with seasonal climate suitable for nearly year-round outdoor activities. A major transportation hub, the city has long maintained a steady growth in both population and diversity. Interested individuals should send a letter and CV to Dr. Barbara Stoll, Chair, Dept. of Pediatrics, c/o Pam Coltrane, Dept. of Pediatrics, 2015 Uppergate Dr., Atlanta, Ga., 30322 or via email at: pcoltra@emory.edu; or contact Dr. Barry Warshaw at 404-727-5750 or via email at: barry_warshaw@oz.ped.emory.edu. Emory University is an EEO/AA employer.

Pediatric Nephrologists—Southern California Opportunities—Our world-famous weather and natural attractions make Southern California an ideal place for those who love adventure and the outdoors. At Kaiser Permanente, we believe in promoting a healthier lifestyle for both our patients and our physicians. By managing your administrative needs and providing a balanced schedule and comprehensive network of support, we ensure you can make the most of your time, whether you're at work or at play.

To practice and play in a climate that's professionally and personally rewarding, please send your CV to: Kaiser Permanente, Professional Recruitment, 393 East Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91188-8013. Phone: (800) 541-7946. Email: David.L.Lin@kp.org. We are an AAP/EEO employer. <http://physiciancareers.kp.org>

Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, WA, is recruiting a full-time clinical pediatric nephrologist to make a two physician team caring for a full range of pediatric nephrology patients, including prenatal/neonatal to young adults, ESRD and post-transplant patients. Current affiliations with Children's Hospital in Seattle as well as two adult facilities provide creative options that allow for the provision of end stage renal care to the kids in our referral area. Our growing tertiary care community-based hospital is an exciting place to work, and our patients appreciate our outreach clinics as well. A regionally unique Lifestyle's Clinic with exercise specialist for hypertension/obesity patients is thriving under the care of our nurse practitioner. Family practice and pediatric residents and University of WA medical students provide wonderful teaching opportunities. There is 24-hr hospitalist and PICU/NICU/ER attending level coverage at the hospital. Interest in clinical research welcomed. Quality of life and natural setting in the Puget Sound area are wonderful. For more information, please contact Niki Becker, M.D., at (253) 403-5298.



Marketplace—Continued

Division of Pediatric Nephrology at Department of Pediatrics, University of Miami/ Holtz Children's Hospital is recruiting a full-time faculty member to join our group of 3 pediatric nephrologists. Seeking board-certified or board-eligible pediatric nephrologists with strong interest in clinical research as well as delivering excellent patient care and teaching. The Division is currently involved in research-related to nephrotic syndrome/FSGS, proteinuria, SLE nephritis, hypertension, oligonephropathy of prematurity, obstructive uropathy, HIV nephropathy. We have an ACGME approved Fellowship Training Program with 3 Clinical Fellows. We have active programs in dialysis providing all modalities of renal replacement therapy and transplant program including kidney, liver and multivisceral transplants. Our Comprehensive Children's Kidney Failure Center follows a large number of children with all stages of CKD. University of Miami is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Interested candidates should send a curriculum vitae and a letter outlining their career interests to: Gaston Zilleruelo M.D.; Professor of Pediatrics; Chief of Pediatric Nephrology; Department of Pediatrics; University of Miami ; P.O. BOX 016960 (M-714); Miami, Florida 33101; Phone: (305) 585-6726; Fax: (305)585-7025; E-mail <GZilleruelo@med.miami.edu>

Associate Professor, Pediatric Nephrology Department of Pediatrics University of Minnesota Medical School--The Department of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical School seeks a faculty member at the rank of Associate Professor for the Division of Nephrology. This division, which now includes ten faculty members, has a long tradition of excellence in research, patient care, and academic training, with strong relations in adult nephrology, transplant surgery and the basic sciences. The selected candidate will establish and carry out an independent research program (clinical or basic), and will be involved in direct patient care and the training/teaching of medical students, pediatric house officers and renal fellows. Essential qualifications include an M.D. degree and board certification or eligibility in Pediatrics and Pediatric Nephrology. Candidates should have demonstrated evidence of accomplishment in research through peer-reviewed publications and success in achieving independent grant support. Additionally, candidates should have strong patient care and teaching qualifications, and will need licensure in the State of Minnesota by the start date. This appointment is at the tenure-track Associate Professor level, but qualified Assistant Professors may be eligible. Applications will be reviewed beginning December 1, 2004, and will be accepted until the position is filled. The anticipated start date is September, 2005. Applicants should send a letter of interest and Curriculum Vitae to: Michael Mauer, M.D.; Chair, Search Committee; c/o Julie Legg; University of Minnesota; Mayo Mail Code 391, 420 Delaware Street SE; Minneapolis, MN 55455. The University of Minnesota is an Equal Opportunity Educator and Employer.

The Division of Pediatric Nephrology, Department of Pediatrics at Stanford University School of Medicine seeks candidates for appointment as a full-time faculty member at the Assistant or Associate level in either the Clinician-Educator Line (CEL) or the Medical Center Line (MCL) of the Professoriate. The predominant criteria for appointment are major commitments to clinical care and clinical teaching, with appropriate scholarly contributions in the field. Appointment to the MCL requires a commitment to original clinical research, whereas CEL appointment does not. Candidates should be board eligible (excluding publication requirement) or certified by the Sub-Board of Pediatric Nephrology of the American Board of Pediatrics by the date of their availability. Formal training in clinical research and evidence of prior accomplishment in clinical investigation are desirable but not required. The successful candidate will spend 75% time in clinical care and teaching with the remainder of his/her time devoted to clinical research and other scholarly activities. Teaching is a high priority, as evidenced by the fact that the members of the Division of Pediatric Nephrology collectively received the 2003 Stanford Pediatric Housestaff Teaching Award. Lucile Packard Children's Hospital (LPC) at Stanford is a 220-bed free-standing children's hospital located on the campus of Stanford University within a medical center complex that includes Stanford Hospital and Clinics and Stanford Medical School. Stanford University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Interested candidates should send curriculum vitae and a brief letter outlining their interests to: Steven R. Alexander, MD; Professor and Chief, Pediatric Nephrology; Department of Pediatrics, Room G 306; Stanford University Medical Center; 300 Pasteur Drive; Stanford, CA; 94305-5208. Submission by electronic mail to: sralex@stanford.edu is encouraged.

Pediatric Nephrologist--A pediatric nephrologist at the Instructor, Assistant Professor or Associate Professor level. Interested applicants should have a strong foundation in molecular biology and have a commitment to basic laboratory investigation. The candidate should have the potential for independent funding for their research activities. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center is an equal opportunity employer. Please contact Michel Baum; Chief, Division of Nephrology; Department of Pediatrics; UTSouthwestern Medical Center at Dallas; 5323 Harry Hines Blvd; Dallas TX 75390-9063 214 648 3438; fax 214 648 2034; michel.baum@utsouthwestern.edu

Pediatric Nephrology – Children's Hospital in a major northeast metropolitan city seeks an additional pediatric nephrologist. Academic/faculty appointment position. Senior and/or junior appointments available. Clinical and teaching responsibilities with option for research. Premiere historical city with fabulous museums, theatre, opera, professional sports teams, and more. Wonderful family oriented suburbs and active nightlife available. **Contact Todd Dillon 800-883-7345; fax 402-289-0545; e-mail tdillon@cejkasearch.com. ID#24830Z2. For more opportunities, visit www.cejkasearch.com.**



Marketplace—Continued

The Department of Pediatrics at the University of California, Davis, is seeking two full-time academic Pediatric Nephrologists. The UC Davis Children's Hospital provides a full complement of services throughout Northern California. The recruited candidates will join two full-time Pediatric Nephrologists in providing care in an expanding clinical and academic program. This position is open rank (commensurate with credentials) in the Regular, Clinical Pediatrics or Salaried Clinical Series. Proven excellence in clinical care and teaching is required. Opportunities for research are available depending on the series, experience and qualification of the candidate. Several intramural research awards (with guaranteed protected time) are available to junior faculty to apply for. Minimum qualifications include an M.D. degree, BC/BE in Pediatrics and Pediatric Nephrology and eligibility for licensure in the State of California. Applicants should have the ability to work cooperatively and collegially within the diverse environment of UC Davis. Interested candidates should submit their CV and letter of inquiry to Lavjay Butani, MD, Chief of Pediatric Nephrology, Department of Pediatrics, 2516 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95817 or e-mail him at lavjay.butani@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu.

Sacramento is an easily accessible, friendly, family-oriented, moderate sized city in beautiful northern California. It is in very close proximity to Lake Tahoe and the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the California coast, Napa Valley and San Francisco. The University of California is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Meeting Announcements

COORDINATING HEMODYNAMIC, FILTRATION, AND REABSORPTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE KIDNEY A SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM OF THE XXXV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHYSIOLOGICAL SCIENCES/FASEB MEETING

SAN DIEGO, CA, MARCH 29-30, 2005

This two-day conference will bring together international experts in the fields of kidney hemodynamics, modeling, epithelial transport, tubulo-glomerular feedback, urinary concentration, and blood pressure around a "systems" approach to understanding kidney function.

Travel grants for trainees will be awarded with funds provided by the American Society of Nephrology. Co-sponsored by Amgen.

For information about the tentative program, registration, and travel scholarships see <http://cme.ucsd.edu> and click under 'conferences'

NICHD AND ASBMR PEDIATRIC WORKSHOP:

APRIL 14, 2005

EFFECTS OF PHARMACOLOGIC AGENTS ON BONE IN CHILDHOOD

Lister Hill Auditorium, NIH Campus

Bethesda, Maryland, USA

For more information, contact:

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FIRST ANNUAL IRA GREIFER SYMPOSIUM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2005

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT MONTEFIORE; ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Featuring Presentations By:

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Friedhelm Hildebrandt, University of Michigan

Julie Ingelfinger, Harvard

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Meeting Announcements-Continued**NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION 2005 CLINICAL MEETINGS****MAY 5 - 8, 2005****SPECIAL COURSES OFFERED MAY 4, 2004****MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL; 2660 WOODLEY ROAD, NW; WASHINGTON DC**Online registration is now available at www.kidney.org

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) provides the most comprehensive, multidisciplinary educational opportunity for professionals caring for the chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients across all stages including transplantation. The Clinical Meetings are hands-on workshops, interactive sessions and lectures designed to provide cutting-edge knowledge in the field of nephrology for physicians, nurses, dietitians and social workers.

The National Kidney Foundation is a major voluntary health organization dedicated to preventing kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation.

NIDDK CELLULAR NICHE WORKSHOP, MAY 16-17, 2005**MARRIOTT BETHESDA NORTH HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, BETHESDA, MD**

This workshop focuses on the cellular microenvironment and the role that a cell's niche plays in regulating cell behavior and function. The four sessions of the workshop include:

Definition of Cellular Niches—Speakers: Linheng Li, Stowers Institution for Medical Research; Kateri Moore, Princeton University; Harvey Lodish, Whitehead Institute, MIT; Jeff Gordon, Washington University

Disease Pathogenesis and Changes in the Niche—Speakers: Qais Al-awqati, Columbia University; Lyn Wilson, New York University; Ormond MacDougald, University of Michigan

Development of Cellular Niches during Organogenesis—Speakers: Ken Zaret, Fox Chase Institute; Tom Schulteiss, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; Maureen Gannon, Vanderbilt University

Developing a Therapeutic Niche—Speakers: Christopher Chen, University of Pennsylvania; Linda Griffith, Whitehead Institute, MIT; Marcus Grompe, Oregon Health Science Center; Peter Quesenberry, Roger Williams Hospital

In addition, Allan Spradling of the Carnegie Institution will give a keynote address, and short talks from selected abstracts will add to each session.

We believe this will be an informative workshop and hope that it will foster new ideas and interactions. Please visit this website below for further information and to register: <http://cellularniche.niddk.nih.gov>

FASEB SUMMER RESEARCH CONFERENCE —NEW INSIGHTS IN POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASES: MOLECULAR PATHWAYS, PATHOGENIC MECHANISMS, AND TRANSLATIONAL APPLICATIONS**Dates:** August 6-11, 2005 in Saxtons River, Vermont

Conference Topics: The Functional Role of Cystoproteins in Epithelial Differentiation • Epithelial Polarity, Transport, and Cell Signaling: The Role of Cystoproteins • Cilia/Centrosomal Dysfunction and PKD Pathogenesis • PKD Pathways: Lessons from Comparative Genomics • PKD as a Complex Trait • Other Cystic Diseases and Convergent Pathways • PKD: Extra-Renal Disease • Biomarkers for Disease Progression • Innovative Targeting in PKD Therapeutics.

For additional information, please visit our website: <http://src.faseb.org>



Other Announcements

2005 CERTIFYING EXAMINATION IN PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY

Examination Date: November 29, 2005.

Registration for first-time applicants: February 1, 2005, through May 2, 2005.

Registration for re-registrants: March 14, 2005, through June 16, 2005.

The final month of each registration requires payment of a late fee.

Applicants must complete applications online during the registration periods for new applicants. The requirements for online applications are found on the ABP Web site: www.abp.org. Additional information including eligibility requirements is found on the ABP Web site. Each application will be considered individually and must be acceptable to the ABP.

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KUFA Raffle

The Kidney and Urology Foundation of America (KUFA), raises funds via an Annual Dream Car Raffle that go towards supporting Clinical and Basic Fellowships, Grant-In-Aids, and Investigator Research Awards, a Patient Emergency Grant Program, and a Pediatric Enrichment Program which offers stipends to assist college-bound patients as well as offering entertainment and cultural opportunities to patients nationwide. For more information on KUFA programs or to learn how to support this effort, log on to www.kidneyurology.org.

KUFA Scholarships

Kidney and Urology Foundation of America (KUFA) announces the of scholarships to support the academic goals for college-bound dialysis patients. Funds can support tuition or other educational needs. More information regarding this program can be obtained from KUFA at www.kidneyurology.org or (212) 629-9770.

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