



# KIDney NOTES



Dear Colleagues,

Greetings! This edition of KIDney NOTES should reach you just before the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology Annual Meeting. I hope to see many of you in San Francisco. The meeting will include a wide variety of topics for discussion in symposia, workshops, platform presentations, and some sessions that are jointly sponsored with our “sibling” societies.

In addition to the scientific program, we will have a large number of events related to our professional interests. Pages 3 and 4 of this issue describe the various committee and interest-group meetings that will be held. Please look at these carefully. We urge you to attend and participate in any of these events; they are open to all and we need the enthusiasm and energy of our membership to accomplish all that we can in clinical care, research, education and advocacy.

Perhaps the most important single event planned for the Annual Meeting should have significant implications for the future of our Society, and will take place at the Business Meeting/ Luncheon on Sunday. As you know, the Council has instituted the development of a new Strategic Plan for the ASPN. The first steps of this process involved a series of open-ended interviews with ASPN members by Susan Newton, our outside consultant. The results of this broad survey will be presented by Susan at the business meeting. As a second step, the council has considered the issues raised; these considerations will be presented briefly as a way of providing a framework for open discussion by the membership at the meeting. The next step will be to use this discussion to further develop a strategic plan for our organization, including a strategy for involving the membership in refining and implementing the plan. Please attend and participate in this process.

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Finally, we are a society of friends and colleagues. We have a number of other non-scientific events planned. An important one is the ASPN Social Event/Dinner, from 8-10 p.m. Saturday evening at the top of the Marriott. We hope to see all of the “pre-trainees,” future pediatric nephrologists who are attending the meeting as our guests, at this event. Equally important is the ASPN Awards luncheon on Monday, honoring Barbara Cole, Adrian Spitzer and Jose Strauss. It will be a great chance to honor old friends who have contributed significantly to our profession.

Safe travels, and I hope to see you soon!

*Sandy*

**ASPEN Annual Meeting****April 29–May 2, 2006**

Moscone West Convention Center and San Francisco Marriott

Saturday, April 29	Sunday, April 30	Monday, May 1	Tuesday, May 2
<p>8:00am – 11:00am <b>ASPEN/IPHA/PAS Mini Course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Management of Childhood Hypertension: Guidelines and Controversies</li> </ul> <p>9:45am – 11:45am <b>ASPEN Workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical Trials and Observational Studies</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>12:00pm – 1:00pm <b>ASPEN Fellows Box Luncheon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renal Pathology—Battle of the Brains</li> </ul> <p>1:00pm – 3:00pm <b>ASPEN/PAS Original Science Abstracts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nephrology Platform Session</li> </ul> <p>3:15pm – 5:15pm <b>ASPEN/IPHA/LWPES/PAS Topic Symposium</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mechanisms of Hypertension in the Molecular Era</li> </ul> <p>5:15pm – 7:15pm <b>ASPEN/PAS Posters I, Exhibits and PAS Opening Reception</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nephrology</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>7:15pm – 8:30pm <b>PAS Presidential Reception</b></p> <p>8:00pm – 10:00pm <b>ASPEN Social Event/Dinner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fellow Awards</li> <li>Welcome Residents</li> </ul>	<p>7:00am – 8:00am <b>Meet the Professor Breakfast</b> (for trainees and junior faculty)</p> <p>8:00am – 10:00am <b>ASPEN Symposium I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renal Pathology—It's Still Not Just Little Adults</li> </ul> <p>10:15am – 12:00pm <b>APS Presidential Plenary and Awards</b></p> <hr/> <p>12:00pm – 1:30pm <b>ASPEN Business Meeting, Box Luncheon and Presidential Address</b></p> <p>2:00pm – 4:00pm <b>ASPEN/PAS Original Science Abstracts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nephrology Platform Session</li> </ul> <p>4:15pm – 6:15pm <b>ASPEN Symposium II</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systemic Lupus: Implications of Recent Developments for Management of Children with Lupus Nephritis</li> </ul>	<p>8:00am – 10:00am <b>ASPEN/LWPES/PAS Topic Symposium</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pediatric Fluids and Hyponatremia: Are We Giving Too Much Water?</li> </ul> <p>10:15am – 12:10pm <b>SPR Presidential Plenary and Awards</b></p> <hr/> <p>12:00pm – 1:00pm <b>ASPEN Awards Luncheon</b></p> <p>1:00pm – 2:45pm <b>March of Dimes Prize in Developmental Biology Lectures</b></p> <p>3:00pm – 5:00pm <b>ASPEN Symposium III</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Molecular Control of the Formation of the Renal Collecting System</li> </ul> <p>5:15pm – 6:45pm <b>ASPEN/PAS Posters II and Exhibits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nephrology</li> </ul>	<p>8:00am – 10:00am <b>ASPEN Symposium IV</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inflammation in Uremic Pathophysiology</li> </ul> <p>10:00am – 12:00pm <b>ASPEN/NAPRTCS Workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pay for Performance: The Pediatric Perspective - Hemodialysis</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>1:45pm - 3:45pm <b>ASPEN/NASPGHAN/PAS Topic Symposium</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Autosomal Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease (ARPKD): New Insights and Clinical Perspectives</li> </ul>

**AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS****Founder's Award Recipients**

Dr. Barbara Cole and Dr. Adrian Spitzer have been selected to share the 2006 Founder's Award. This award is given each year to an ASPEN member in recognition of their unique and lasting contribution to the field of pediatric nephrology. The recipients of the Founder's Award have also contributed significantly to the ASPEN by promoting its activities to assure a continuing role for its members in science as well as in specialized health care for children with kidney disease. Dr. Cole and Dr. Spitzer will be recognized for their contributions during the ASPEN Awards Luncheon on Monday, May 1.

**Trainee Research Award Recipients**

This is the first year that this award was made available to all trainee levels and this year a resident was among the Trainee Research Award recipients. The ASPEN Research Committee evaluated the abstracts based on their scientific merit and the quality of the work in two categories, clinical and basic science. Four awards were given this year due to a tie in scores. The recipients are: Janis Dionne, MD, Fellow, British Columbia Children's Hospital in Vancouver, BC; David Hains, MD, Resident, Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH; Karen McNiece, MD, Fellow, UT Houston Medical School in Houston, TX; and Mai Nguyen, MD, Fellow, Cincinnati Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. They will be recognized at the ASPEN Social Event/Dinner, Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 to 10:00 PM.

## American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

### 2006 Hotel-Based Events San Francisco Marriott

Function	Date	Day	Begin	Room
<b>Saturday</b>				
ASPN Training & Certification Committee	4/29/06	Saturday	7:00 AM	Pacific Suite E
ASPN Clinical Affairs Committee	4/29/06	Saturday	12:00 PM	Pacific Suite E
ASPN Member Reception	4/29/06	Saturday	8:00 PM	View Lounge (Top of Marriott)
<b>Sunday</b>				
ASPN Research Committee	4/30/06	Sunday	7:00 AM	Pacific Suite D
ASPN Workforce Committee	4/30/06	Sunday	7:00 AM	Pacific Suite E
IPHA Business Meeting	4/30/06	Sunday	7:00 AM	Sierra Suite A
ASPN Business Meeting, Luncheon and Presidential Address	4/30/06	Sunday	12:00 PM	Yerba Buena Gardens Salon 7
<b>Monday</b>				
ASPN Public Policy Committee	5/1/06	Monday	7:00 AM	Sierra Suite C
ASPN Stone and Bone Club	5/1/06	Monday	7:00 AM	Sierra Suite B
ASPN Awards Luncheon	5/1/06	Monday	12:00 PM	Yerba Buena Gardens Salon 7
<b>Tuesday</b>				
ASPN Public Policy 102: Public Policy Initiatives A History and Where We Are Heading	5/2/06	Tuesday	7:00 AM	Sierra Suite A

**ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION (COMMITTEE AGENDAS, SPECIAL EVENTS, ETC.)**  
**ALL ASPN MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**pFeNa Social Event**—The Pediatric Fellows in Nephrology Association (pFeNa) will be hosting a reception during the upcoming 2006 PAS Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California. This reception is open to the recipients of the ASPN Trainee Research Awards, as well as to current and future pediatric nephrology fellows, and pediatric residents and medical students interested in a career in pediatric nephrology. pFeNa is an organization affiliated with the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, and serves as an educational and networking resource for the community of trainees in pediatric nephrology. The reception will be held on Sunday, April 30th from 7:30PM to 10:00PM in the Billar Room at the Thirsty Bear Brewing Company, 661 Howard Street, San Francisco. Light tapas and beverages will be served. Please RSVP by e-mail to the pFeNa President, [bradley.dixon@cchmc.org](mailto:bradley.dixon@cchmc.org) no later than April 27th if you are planning to attend the event. We hope to see you there!

**ASPN Public Policy Committee Agenda** (subject to change)

- 1) Washington Update
  - a) Federal Budget
- 2) Medicare physician payment/Pay-for-Performance
  - a) Congressional action?
  - b) Kidney Care Partners and Kidney Care Quality Alliance
    - i) Pediatric Workgroup (Barbara Fivush)
- 3) Medicare Part D Update
- 4) Appropriations update
  - a) Biomedical research funding
  - b) ASPN research report language
  - c) Meetings with key NIH directors and staff
- 5) Review and Discussion of ASPN's 2006 legislative issue briefs
  - a) Biomedical Research Funding
  - b) Medicare Physician Payment/Pay-for-Performance
  - c) Improving the viability of pediatric kidney transplantation under the Medicare program
- 6) New Business

**ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION (COMMITTEE AGENDAS, SPECIAL EVENTS, ETC.)—CONTINUED****ASPEN Research Committee Agenda**, (subject to change)

- 1) Updates
  - a) Trainee Research Award Review (Furth)
  - b) Research Committee Report Language (Satlin)
  - c) AKI Network (Devarajan)
  - d) Multicenter trials and cohort studies
    - i) FSGS- Gipson
    - ii) CKiD- Furth
    - iii) RIVR- Matoo
- 2) Discussion
  - a) Symposia for 2007 Annual Meeting (Satlin)

**Workforce Committee Meeting in SF** will take place on Sunday, 4/30 at 7:00am., Pacific Suite A in the Marriott San Francisco. The committee meeting is open to all ASPN members.

The proposed agenda is:

1. Section Head Survey
2. State liaisons - additional roles
3. ABP - Fellow tracking

**Resource Center**—Once again this year, there will be an ASPN Resource Center located in the Moscone West Convention Center, First Level, Booth 528. We encourage you to stop by and meet Council members who will be at the booth for brief periods of time to answer questions. On hand at the booth will be informational materials related to ASPN activities.

**ASPEN Congressional Advocacy 102: A History of our Public Policy Initiatives and Where We Are Going**—Target Audience: All American Society of Pediatric Nephrology members and trainees.

Actions taken by Congress and the federal government affect the practice of pediatric nephrology. Building upon last year's *Lobbying 101* symposium, this session will discuss the history of the Society's public policy efforts, and how ASPN's ongoing advocacy efforts continue to improve the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of pediatric kidney disease. The aims of this session are to educate ASPN members about the political process, and identify future goals for the Society's public policy agenda.

**The ASPEN Program Committee**

As the 2006 ASPEN Annual Meeting draws near, we must begin to plan for next year's meeting. Those of you who attended the ASPEN Business Luncheon at last fall's ASN Meeting in Philadelphia learned about the newly appointed *ASPEN Program Committee*, whose main charge is to generate the 2007 ASPEN Annual Meeting Program. The members of the Program Committee include: Lisa Satlin (Chair), Robert Mak (Co-Chair), Carl Bates, Deepa Chand, Susan Furth, Mary Leonard, and Mark Mitsnefes. To maximize the participation of the ASPEN membership in the 2007 Annual Meeting programming, we would greatly appreciate if you could forward to us (lisa.satlin@mssm.edu and makr@ohsu.edu) by **May 1, 2006** your suggestions for themes, speakers, and talks for nephrology-specific or interdisciplinary symposia. It would be ideal if your suggestions could be crafted into the format used for the following example (with up to 6 potential speakers/ titles per session):

**Preliminary Symposium Title: Acute Renal Failure (PRESENTED AT THE 2005 ASPEN ANNUAL MEETING)**

**Proposed Co-Chairs:** Lisa Satlin, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY; and Michael Somers, Children's Hospital, Boston, MA

**Target Audience:** Clinicians and researchers interested in gaining an update on suspected pathophysiologic mechanisms of acute renal failure and the role these alterations may play in the potential development of long-term renal dysfunction. Special appeal will be additional discussions on current clinical approaches and potential future therapies.

**Description:** Advances in the care of critically ill children have contributed to an increased likelihood of clinicians facing children with acute renal failure (ARF), lending further impetus to attempts to delineate the alterations in normal renal cellular and vascular homeostasis that underlie such dysfunction to allow better strategies to prevent and treat this problem's immediate and potential long-term consequences. In this session, there will be initial focus on the microvascular alterations that occur during and following renal ischemia including the interaction between the white blood cell and the endothelial cell. Next, we will transition to the role of changes in vascular microstructure as a contributing factor in developing chronic renal failure after an acute insult. An update on the epidemiology of pediatric ARF and what is currently understood regarding the timing and outcome of specific clinical interventions will be discussed, with a special emphasis on the continuous modalities of renal replacement therapy and their impact on both the approach to pediatric ARF and outcome. The symposium will conclude with a look at the potential role of stem cell therapy in future therapeutic modalities.

**New Insights into the Molecular and Cellular Pathophysiology of Acute Renal Failure**

Bruce Molitoris

University of Indiana, Indianapolis, IN

**Chronic Sequelae of ARF**

David Basile

Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

**New Clinical Interventions in ARF**

Michael Somers

Children's Hospital, Boston, MA

**Novel Therapies for ARF: Stem Cells**

Fangming Lin

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center,  
Dallas, TX

We greatly value your input and look forward to working with you to assemble an exciting program for 2007!

**ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION (COMMITTEE AGENDAS, SPECIAL EVENTS, ETC.)—CONTINUED****Training/Certification Committee Meeting**

The Training/Certification Committee meeting in San Francisco will occur on Saturday, April 29, at 7:00 AM in the Pacific Suite E. We will transition leadership-- Bruce Morgenstern will rotate off and Vicky Norwood will continue to work with Kathy Jabs. The agenda for the meeting will be to review

where we are with regard to the fellowship application process. We will get updated information from the ABP, including exam results, workforce, and some other data. We will discuss what we have learned from the meetings regarding maintaining certification, and consider mechanisms to share important information regarding training program accreditation issues.

**Board Walk**

*This is the first of a series of regular communications from the Chair of the American Board of Pediatrics Subboard in Nephrology, Vicky Norwood.*

What and who is the Subboard of Pediatric Nephrology?

The subboard of pediatric nephrology was approved in 1973 by the American Board of Medical Specialties and is the third oldest subboard of the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP). The first examination was offered in 1974; this examination resulted in 121 board-certified pediatric nephrologists. To-date, nearly 700 pediatricians have been

certified in pediatric nephrology by the ABP.

The primary responsibility of the subboard is to determine the content of the certification, recertification, and in-training examinations that are administered through the ABP. Members of the subboard are chosen for their areas of expertise (to cover the full spectrum of content elements), for their abilities to reach consensus regarding the information appropriate for certification, and for their interest in serving the broader pediatric nephrology community. Subboard member terms are six years and new

members are nominated by the sitting subboard members and confirmed by the ABP Board of Directors. The current subboard is also playing a significant role in the design and implementation of tools for the new recertification program, specifically for life-long learning and quality improvement requirements.

Current members are Victoria Norwood, Chair, Anthony Portale, Raymond Quigley, Ronald Portman, Ruth McDonald, William Smoyer, and Alicia Neu.

Next issue: What role does the Subboard and pediatric nephrology play in the workings of the ABP?

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## Meeting Announcements—continued

### *40th Meeting of the European Society of Paediatric Nephrology October 7-10, 2006; Palermo, Italy*

**Abstract Submission Deadline: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

The Scientific Committee is working hard to provide a stimulating scientific programme and will be exploring new ways to satisfy the demand for Continuous Medical Education in paediatric nephrology. The local Organizing Committee will offer you warm hospitality with the traditional welcome of our Sicilian people. Palermo is one of the oldest cities in Europe with beautiful pieces of art. Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea and has been the meeting place for many Mediterranean civilizations.

It is hoped that the combined effort of ESPN with AfSPN and IPNA will start a programme of scientific collaboration amongst countries in the Mediterranean area. Please visit <http://www.espn2006.org> for more information regarding abstract submissions, registration and housing.



### *Fourth International Conference on Children's Bone Health June 21-25, 2007 Montreal, Canada*

We are pleased to announce that ICCBH #4 will be held June 21-24, 2007, in beautiful Montreal, Canada, immediately preceding IBMS 2007.

ICCBH is the only international conference devoted exclusively to the field of pediatric bone health and disease. Come explore new innovations, the latest technologies and participate in an enhanced dialogue with your colleagues from around the world!

Please visit our website at [www.iccbh4.org](http://www.iccbh4.org). Be sure to bookmark it & check back regularly as we update with conference details, travel information and online registration. In the meantime, please feel free to send us an email at [info@iccbh4.org](mailto:info@iccbh4.org) with any questions or comments you may have.

We hope to see you in Montreal!

## MARKETPLACE

*If you would like to view the listing of jobs, you may visit the Marketplace webpage on the ASPN website by clicking on the following link: <http://www.aspneph.com/market.html>*

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