



# KIDney NOTES

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the President's Corner! We are looking forward to seeing you at the ASN meeting next month in San Diego. The business meeting will take place on Friday, November 17 from 6:30-7:30PM at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina, San Diego Ballroom Salon C and will highlight brief reports from the Task Forces on Career Mentoring, chaired by John Bissler; Membership, chaired by Susan Massengill; Communications/Website, chaired by Greg Gorman; Governance, chaired by Aaron Friedman; and Practice Management, chaired by Mark Joseph. Brief reports from some of the task forces are presented in this issue of KIDney NOTES (see below). Again thanks to all who have volunteered. We appreciate your efforts. Each of the task forces has made significant progress that we look forward to hearing about in San Diego.

Several committee meetings will be held during the ASN meeting and are open to all. The details of the time and locations of the meetings are included in this newsletter on page 2. The ASN is again hosting several pediatric residents to attend the ASN meeting. We look forward to their participation in the meeting and we hope that their exposure to nephrology will cement their interests in a career as a pediatric nephrologist. There is a welcoming reception for the residents on Wednesday, November 15, 6:30-7:30PM, at the Marriott Hotel and Marina in the Marriott Hall 4. Please come to meet these residents and bring your fellowship materials for them to review.

We look forward to seeing you in San Diego!

*Sharon Andreoli*

## TASK FORCE UPDATES

The *Website/Communications Task Force* is charged with planning the elements of a revamped website to make it more useful and interactive. In September, the task force held a teleconference in which the current site was reviewed and critiqued for style and content. Websites of other professional medical organizations were critiqued for sake of comparison and for inspiration.

The Task Force understands that the website is a vehicle that will figure into the designs of other task forces, especially those advising the council on Research and Mentorship. We will construct and submit our final report after liaison with other task forces and after researching the feasibility of implementing our stylistic and content recommendations. (Greg Gorman)

Members of the *Practice Management Task Force* have responded and indicated specific areas of interest in which they would like to participate and have input. The committee will be meeting by telephone conference the week of October 30th to discuss defining the specific areas the task force will address. This will enable members that may be attending the ASN to meet in person at that time. Goals and timelines for each section will be established over the next month. These areas include: 1) billing, coding, and documentation, 2) defining roles of medical directorship, 3) physician extenders (PA, NP), 4) practice models for dialysis care. (Mark Joseph)

*More task force updates next page...*

**TASK FORCE UPDATES** (continued)

The **Membership Task Force** has been charged to encourage and expand membership within our society by improved marketing and improved services to our membership and by reaching out to those that have chosen not to join the ASPN society. In addition, this task force was charged to develop programs and services to interest affiliate members, including nurses, dieticians, Pharm Ds, social workers, renal pathologists, etc.

Surveys have been designed and will soon be distributed to those with active membership, to those who have chosen not to join or not to rejoin, and to potential affiliate members. Questions will address reasons for joining the ASPN or not, whether people feel a part of the ASPN and that their voices are heard, and what features would entice affiliate members to associate with our society.

The task force feels that marketing the ASPN and needs of our pediatric nephrology com-

munity would be advantageous both on an internal and external basis. To that end, talking points are being developed to address (1) Why Join the ASPN? (2) What the lobbying efforts of our Public Policy Committee means to our Pediatric Nephrology community and (3) Why You as an Affiliate should join the ASPN (specific to the group)?

Discussion has also centered on ways to broaden educational opportunities for both the current membership and those potential affiliate members. Suggestions have included the possibility of regional meetings for MDs and affiliates, breakout sessions at National Meetings (ASN, ASPN) for affiliate members or others, developing archival material from meetings from national meetings, and holding teleconferences on topics related to varying renal issues. We have also discussed developing listserves for affiliate members to enhance networking. *(Susan F. Massengill)*

**All ASPN Members are invited to attend any of the following ASPN Meetings at ASN Meeting in San Diego, CA**  
*All meetings will take place at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina*

Meeting Name	Day/Date	Time	Location
Clinical Affairs & Public Policy Combined Committee	Thursday, November 16	6:30-7:30am	Point Loma Room
Clinical Affairs Committee	Thursday, November 16	Noon-1:00pm	Ocean Side Room
Training Program Directors	Thursday, November 16	Noon-1:00pm	Pacific Room
Public Policy Committee	Thursday, November 16	7:00-9:00pm	Ocean Side Room
Program Committee	Friday, November 17	6:30-7:30am	Ocean Side Room
Research Committee	Friday, November 17	Noon-1:00pm	Ocean Side Room
Business Meeting	Friday, November 17	6:30-7:30pm	San Diego Ballroom Salon C
Stone and Bone Club	Saturday, November 18	6:30-7:30am	Ocean Side Room
Workforce Committee	Saturday, November 18	Noon-1:00pm	Ocean Side Room
Training and Certification Committee	Saturday, November 18	6:30-7:30pm	Ocean Side Room

Welcome Reception for Residents  
 Wednesday, November 15, 6:30-7:30PM  
 Marriott Hotel and Marina , Marriott Hall 4.



## Committee Updates and Other News

### ***pFeNa Social Gathering in San Diego***

pFeNa, the Pediatric Fellows in Nephrology Association, will have a social gathering on Thursday, November 16th at this year's ASN conference. All pediatric nephrology fellows, residents committed to a pediatric nephrology fellowship, and residents interested in pediatric nephrology are invited to attend. The agenda includes only stimulating conversation, warm food, and cool drinks. The gathering will be held at Moose McGillyCuddy's Pub and Cafe in the GasLamp Quarter on Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Moose's is located at 535 5th Avenue, approximately 3.5 blocks north of Harbor Drive along 5th Avenue, between Island and Market Streets. They have a wide variety of appetizers and drinks with Happy Hour prices until 8pm, live music after 9:30, and a Mexican restaurant right next door for late night dining. You can check out the website at <http://www.mooserestaurantgroup.com>. Please RSVP to Rene' VanDeVoorde, the pFeNa representative, at [rene.vandevoorde@cchmc.org](mailto:rene.vandevoorde@cchmc.org) or Robyn Mann at [aspn@northwestern.edu](mailto:aspn@northwestern.edu) if you are planning to attend. (*Rene VanDeVoorde*)

### ***Dialysis Unit Locator Added to ASPN Website***

A link has been added to the ASPN website, [www.dialysisunits.com](http://www.dialysisunits.com), that provides a means of searching U.S. dialysis units by specific criteria. This site is hosted on the Nephron Information Center, a non-profit information resource for patients, professionals and the general public, and is maintained by Dr. Stephen Fadem, an adult nephrologist. The information that he uses to maintain the site comes from the ESRD networks, and is updated on a regular basis.

One of the search criteria on the site is whether a unit accepts pediatric patients. This offers patients and physicians alike a potential means of identifying dialysis units for children with ESRD. There's one caveat: since the information comes from the Networks, it includes both pediatric programs and adult units that dialyze children. This is consistent with data from the CPM project that about 30% of pediatric hemodialysis patients are not cared for by pediatricians.

Ideally, we would like to have a resource on the ASPN website that would include all pediatric dialysis programs run by pediatric nephrologists. Unfortunately, this is not yet available (the Workforce committee will be collecting this information in the near future), so the Council has decided to add

[www.dialysisunits.com](http://www.dialysisunits.com) in the interim, until we develop our own comprehensive list. We encourage ASPN members to visit the site and search for units in their region using "pediatrics" as a search criterion. If there are errors, please notify Joseph Flynn ([jflynn@montefiore.org](mailto:jflynn@montefiore.org)), and he will pass along the corrected information to Dr. Fadem. (*Joseph Flynn*)

### ***Section Head Survey Completed***

Thanks to all section heads who have responded to the survey. If you are the head of a pediatric nephrology division and did not receive an email asking you to complete our survey, please contact ASPN and let us know. Within the first 2 weeks 50% of all section heads had already responded to the survey. Those of you who have not yet responded - please do so by November 1 so we will be able to have more complete, and thus more accurate, data to review at ASN. We will be compiling our results for review at the workforce committee meeting to be held at noon on Saturday, November 18, in the Ocean Side room of the San Diego Marriott. Any ASPN member is welcome to attend our meeting. Results of the survey will be posted on the ASPN website in December. Preliminary results have shown a very interesting profile of who we are and what we do! Stay tuned for these results and for a few additional mini-surveys that will be sent to all pediatric nephrologists that we can identify. Thanks to Robyn Mann for all of her help with this project (*Elaine Kamil*)

### ***New Patient Education Brochures Available***

Periodically, the Clinical Affairs Committee receives drafts of patient education brochures for review from the National Kidney and Urologic Diseases Information Clearinghouse. In the past, this has resulted in brochures on treatment of kidney failure in children, and a pediatric-specific brochure on nutrition in chronic kidney disease.

Recently, two new brochures have been reviewed by the committee. A brochure on Henoch-Schoenlein Purpura has been finalized and published, and a brochure on Ectopic Kidney has been reviewed and is in the final stages of production. All brochures are available in both html and pdf versions, and can be accessed on the Internet at [http://kidney.niddk.nih.gov/kudiseases/a\\_z.asp](http://kidney.niddk.nih.gov/kudiseases/a_z.asp). Next up will be a brochure on IgA Nephropathy. The Clinical Affairs Committee would like to encourage ASPN members to take advantage of this educational resource for our patients. (*Joseph Flynn*)

**Committee Updates and Other News—continued****A New Voice for Pediatric Subspecialists: CoPS.**

Formed in order to provide a united voice for the issues that broadly impact all pediatric subspecialties, the newly organized Council of Pediatric Subspecialties (CoPS) invites ongoing participation from the pediatric nephrology community. The mission of CoPS is to integrate approaches to subspecialty education, research and patient care by providing a forum for considering issues raised by our members or by other organizations; by serving as a voice representing the pediatric subspecialties; and by addressing issues and opportunities of importance to pediatric subspecialty medicine.

Current membership includes two representatives from societies of

each boarded subspecialty (in nephrology, Drs. Victoria Norwood representing ASPN and Steve Wassner representing the Nephrology Section of the AAP), pediatric dermatology, academic general pediatrics, child neurology, child psychiatry and pediatric anesthesiology. Representation from organizations such as the APS, SPR, and the surgical sections of the AAP will be added and consideration of additional members is expected over time.

The Executive Committee of CoPS includes Chair, Paul Darden (General Academic Pediatrics), Vice-Chair, Vicky Norwood (Nephrology), and three additional

At-Large members: Mary Ann Shafer (Adolescent Medicine), James Bale (Child Neurology), and Daniel Coury (Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics).

Initial efforts of CoPS are likely to center around common issues related to fellowship training including program requirement changes by ACGME, the possibility of common offer/acceptance dates for fellowships, derivation of universal core competencies, and program director development/training.

ASPN would like to commend Drs. William Schnaper and Bruder Stapleton whose vision and persistence have brought this new group to fruition. (*Vicky Norwood*)

**Board Walk****“What will constitute evidence of Life-Long Learning and Self-assessment?”**

For diplomates whose certificates in nephrology expire in 2010 and beyond, the Program for Maintenance of Certification in Pediatric Subspecialties® (PMCP-S®) will require successful completion of activities for the four parts of PMCP-S: 1) Evidence of professional standing (a valid unrestricted medical license and participation in a patient survey process), 2) Evidence of life-long learning and self-assessment, 3) Evidence of cognitive expertise (the secure “recertification” examination), and 4) Evidence of satisfactory performance in practice.

While the options for Part Two are expected to expand over the coming years, beginning in 2008, nephrology diplomates will document this activity by completion of an Internet-based activity (available through one’s personal Physician Portfolio on the ABP website, [www.abp.org](http://www.abp.org)). The activity will include a list of references from the nephrology literature that are deemed the

“must reads” for pediatric nephrologists and a self-assessment exercise based on the reference list. The references will cover broad-based content and focus on recent and fundamental knowledge appropriate to practice quality medicine in pediatric nephrology. The self-assessment exercise will require participants to evaluate the literature carefully and update their knowledge to a level expected of all practicing pediatric nephrologists. This activity will undergo periodic review and updating with the goal that diplomates will access its opportunities frequently for ongoing education.

Expansion of Part Two options to include other activities already existing or planned within pediatric nephrology are currently under consideration by a group of ASPN members, the AAP Section of Nephrology, and the ABP. (*Vicky Norwood*)

**WASHINGTON UPDATE**

*Domenic Ruscio and Jennifer Shevchek, ASPN Washington Representatives*

**Facing a Lame-Duck**

Lame-duck sessions are seldom productive and almost never fun. Once lawmakers get past election day they will eventually have to turn their attention back to a lot of unfinished business in Washington. This year, lawmakers have a laundry list of issues to be considered when Congress re-convenes on November 13. At the

top of the list are nine appropriations bills, including Labor-HHS-Education and Military Quality of Life. (Thus far, Congress only managed to approve two spending bills: defense and homeland security). Other issues likely to be considered are a health IT bill to promote more widespread use of electronic medical records and an attempt to block a 5.1

percent cut in Medicare payments to physicians. But the only must pass legislation is appropriations. Changes in the House or Senate, or both, could trigger significant transformation in the legislative calendar. At this point, it is too early to tell what will or what will not happen post-election.

## WASHINGTON UPDATE (CONTINUED)

**GAO Begins Study on Pediatric Kidney Transplantation**

In CY2006, ASPN worked with the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) to enlist the support of Senators Christopher Dodd (D-CT), Mike DeWine (R-OH), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), and Max Baucus (D-MA) to send a letter to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) requesting a study to examine pediatric organ transplant failures as a result of public or private health insurance termination. ASPN is happy to report that this study is finally underway. The study plans to examine the general characteristics of pediatric transplant patients vs. adults e.g. race, ethnicity, income, and insurance status; assess the rate of transplant failure once health insurance coverage ends; and evaluate the comparisons between medical costs associated with a normal functioning organ transplant, life-time dialysis, and a new transplant. ASPN has been asked to participate in the study, and will meet with GAO staff via conference call on October 30. The Society understands that others in the kidney community have also been asked to participate. A report on the study may be available by as early as December.

**Comment Period Opens for Proposed CMS CPM Measures**

During the ESRD Stakeholder Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, a panel updated attendees on revisions to the ESRD Clinical Performance Measures. Currently, there are 13 ESRD CPMs and 3 publicly reported ESRD measures on Dialysis Facility Compare (DFC). This summer a revised set of NKF-K/DOQI guidelines were released, prompting review of the current CPMs. In September, six Technical Expert Panels (TEPs) convened in Baltimore, MD to review the revised K/DOQI guidelines and provide recommendations. The TEPs considered measures for quality improvement and public reporting purposes only. The comment period for the revised CPM Measures opened on October 10. Comments can be made online at [www.arborresearch.org/tepsummary](http://www.arborresearch.org/tepsummary). The deadline for comments is November 15, 2006.

Once the comments are collected, *Arbor Research Collaborative* will incorporate the comments and recommendations from the TEPs and the public. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will then make decisions on the current measures based on *Arbor Research's* recommendations. In February 2007, final technical specifications for the data elements will be calculated. It is

anticipated that the incorporation of the revised CPM's into the CROWN-Web will take place in September 2008.

**Medicare Physician Payment Reform Remains in Limbo**

Despite a strong push by the physician community to get Congress to take action on Medicare physician payment reform before the mid-term elections, lawmakers ran out of time to address the issue. Prior to adjournment, several proposals were floated in the House and Senate that would block the cuts and provide bonus payments to physicians who report quality data. However, differences among the size and length of a fix prevented lawmakers from finding a common ground. Further, unhappiness with off-sets for how to pay for a physician payment fix led the American Medical Association and others to reject several of the offers.

It is unclear whether these proposals will be still be up for negotiation when lawmakers return on November 13. Given the discrepancies and the fiscal realities that remain despite the outcome of the mid-term elections, passage of a physician payment fix remains uncertain.

**NIH Restructuring and Funding**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is at the center of two issues Congress hopes to address before the end of the year. First, the House Energy and Commerce Committee on September 21 passed the NIH Reform Act, a measure that would cap growth at the agency at no more than five percent annually. In addition, the Act would establish a Common Fund to support "trans-NIH" research. Trans-NIH research may include emerging scientific opportunities, rising public health challenges, or knowledge gaps that deserve special emphasis and would benefit from collaboration between two or more institutes or centers. Half of any new money Congress appropriates—up to five percent of the total NIH budget—will be re-directed to support the Common Fund. No action has been taken in the Senate, but ASPN understands that congressional leaders are pushing hard for quick Senate approval. The Society remains concerned about the bill's provision to create a common fund that would take away authority from individual institutes to fund smaller disease groups. Further, adopting a cap on growth would prohibit Congress from doubling NIH, as it did in from 1998-2003.

On another front, the annual Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education spending bill that funds NIH will remain in limbo until after the elections. House GOP leaders blocked action on the bill until after November 7, fearing that an amendment to raise the minimum wage would put some lawmakers in an untenable position prior to the elections. The pending bill provides \$1.7 billion for the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and includes ASPN's pediatric kidney disease report language.



## Other Announcements

### *Norman Siegel Pediatric Renal Career Enhancement Fund*

The Norman Siegel Pediatric Renal Career Enhancement Fund has been jointly established by the American Society of Nephrology and the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology to honor our dear friend and colleague, Norm Siegel, who died suddenly on April 28, 2006. Income from the fund will be used to support the research of a highly promising young investigator in pediatric nephrology.

Dr. Siegel was one of the world's leading pediatric nephrologists. He served as President of the American Society of Nephrology in 2002 and of the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology in 1989, as well as in a variety of leadership roles in the International Society of Pediatric Nephrology, the National Kidney Foundation, and the American Pediatric Society among others.

Contributions to this fund are tax-deductible and can be sent to the Norman Siegel Pediatric Renal Career Enhancement Fund c/o Janney Montgomery Scott at 555 Long Wharf Drive 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Haven, CT 06511.

A tribute to Norm written by Aaron Friedman can be found on the ASPN web site. Please go to [www.aspneph.com](http://www.aspneph.com) and click on the button entitled, "A Tribute to Norman Siegel."

**Convenient Diagnosis Coding Booklet** document is now available in two different formats via a password-protected link on the ASPN website's homepage (<http://www.aspneph.com>). The information contained in this document, which was created by Sharon Perlman, can be printed either as a booklet or as a continuous page document. Instructions for printing the booklet are provided.

### American Kidney Fund—Clinical Scientist in Nephrology Fellowship

#### **Objective:**

The goal of the CSN Program is to improve the quality of care provided to kidney patients. This goal is achieved by enhancing the training of nephrologists who desire to pursue an academic career and whose primary professional commitment is to scholarship in the provision of patient care. Awardees receive advanced clinical training in essential skills such as medical ethics, biostatistics and epidemiology, and they conduct prevention and outcomes research.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

The Clinical Scientist in Nephrology Program is restricted to U.S. citizens and permanent residents ("green card" holders) of the U.S. Acceptable candidates for Clinical Scientist in Nephrology Fellowships are individuals who:

- have completed a residency in Internal Medicine or Pediatric Medicine
- are qualified to sit for the American Board of Internal Medicine or Pediatric Medicine
- are in the process of completing or have completed at least one year of training in Clinical Nephrology in an accredited U.S. program
- can demonstrate an aptitude for and a commitment to developing special expertise in an area of knowledge applicable to Clinical Nephrology
- intend to pursue a professional career with emphasis on the provision of care to patients with kidney disease, preferably within the confines of an academic medical center where they will be exposed to continued learning and teaching

can secure the sponsorship of their training program in the pursuit of these goals.

#### **Funding per year:**

A Clinical Scientist in Nephrology Fellowship may be granted yearly. The maximum duration of each Fellowship is two years. The level of funding is a maximum of \$65,000 per year. This sum will be expected to cover the individual fellow's salary (which will follow NIH Guidelines according to the post-graduate year plus comparable fringe benefits at the institution, not to exceed \$50,000) as well as training-related expenses. These may include expenditures for enrollment in academic courses, computer hardware and software, and support for research, clerical supplies, and travel expenses (maximum of \$1,500 per year) as required by the plan of studies and justified in the budget outlined in the application. The American Kidney Fund will not provide support for institutional overhead expenses or patient care costs and will usually not fund expenditures for technical or clerical personnel.

Applications due December 1, 2006. Eligible candidates may request application forms by writing or calling:

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Or by visiting our website at [www.kidneyfund.org](http://www.kidneyfund.org)



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**Meeting Announcements**

**2006 American Society of Nephrology's Renal Week Meeting**

**November 14-19, 2006**

**San Diego Convention Center**

**San Diego, CA**

For more information please visit the website at [http://www.asn-online.org/education\\_and\\_meetings/Renal%20Week/renal\\_week.aspx](http://www.asn-online.org/education_and_meetings/Renal%20Week/renal_week.aspx)

**One-Time Event—MR Urography in Children Workshop**

February 24-25, 2007

Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport

*Presented by The Society for Pediatric Radiology*

**Featured Sessions:** MRU Technical aspects, Obstructive Uropathy, Renal Dysplasia, pyelonephritis and renal scarring, Hands-On

**Objectives:** The MR Urography in Children Workshop will provide an opportunity to do the following:

- Understand MR techniques for MR urography in children.
- Understand renal pathophysiology underlying MR findings for pediatric MR urography.
- Post-process MR images to provide functional renal information in children.
- Describe the findings of MR urography in renal disorders in children

The program will commence on Saturday, February 24 at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude Sunday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday Lecture Registration Fees**

Physicians	\$300
Residents/Fellows/Technologists	\$75

**Sunday Hands-On Registration Fees**

Physicians	\$150
Residents/Fellows/Technologists	\$ 50

Rooms will be available at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport at a rate of \$165 plus tax. Go to <http://www.pedrad.org/associations/5364/files/MRUBrochurePDFFinal.pdf> to download the program.

## Meeting Announcements—continued



### SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 3-6, 2007

**THE MIAMI PEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY SEMINAR (FOUNDED BY JOSE STRAUSS M.D.) IS COMING AGAIN—“THE LEGACY GOES ON...”**

#### Dear friends and colleagues:

We are happy to invite you to attend the XXXIV Pediatric Nephrology Seminar which will take place March 3-6, 2007 in beautiful Miami Beach at the Miami Beach Resort and Spa (formerly Wyndham Hotel). The Miami Pediatric Nephrology Seminar is an international gathering of Pediatric and Internal Medicine Nephrologists from all over the United States and the world, sponsored by the University of Miami, Leonard Miller School of Medicine and Jackson Memorial Hospital. This coming year we will have an exciting scientific program with a variety of topics including Sessions devoted to Pediatric Nephrology for The Practitioner, Tubulopathies, Glomerulopathies and Vasculitis, Progressive Nature of Kidney Diseases, Renal Replacement Therapies, Bone and the Kidneys, Challenges of the Failing Kidney and Issues on Transplantation. In addition there will be 2 Workshops: Pediatric Renal G-U Disorders and Critical Care Nephrology (CRRT and Acute Dialysis) and one special Clinico-Pathologic Case Presentation. A total of 20 Guest Faculty and 20 Local Faculty will provide expertise and cordial exchanges including several panel discussions.

In order to facilitate attendance by physicians in training and medical students we will continue to provide a limited number of Partial Travel Grants (Applications must be received prior to December 31, 2006). Additional details about the Seminar Program, Faculty, Registration and Grant Applications Forms can be found and downloaded at <http://pediatricnephrology.med.miami.edu/seminar> To register by phone: 305-243-3993/800-622-4453 Fax 305-243-4050

We look forward to seeing you in Miami Beach in March 2007!

Cordially,

Gaston Zilleruelo M.D.; Program Chairman



**National Kidney Foundation**

*National Kidney Foundation  
2007 Spring Clinical Meetings (CM.07)*

**Save the Date!  
April 10-14, 2007**

Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Hotel  
Orlando, FL



*2007 ASPN/PAS Annual Meeting  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
May 5-8, 2007*

***Abstract submission deadline is December 5, 2006.***

The 2007 ASPN/PAS Annual Meeting will be held May 5-8, 2007 in Toronto. More information can be found at: <http://www.pas-meeting.org/>

### Meeting Announcements—continued



## Fourth International Conference on Children's Bone Health June 21-24, 2007 —Montreal, Canada

Autumnal greetings to our bone-conscious friends!

It is an honor to invite you to attend the Fourth International Conference on Children's Bone Health, to be held June 21-24, 2007. Our host city of Montréal is truly an experience: Old World charm, a unique joie de vivre and yet a modern style all its own.

**Our abstract submission period is now open!** I invite you to **submit an abstract** showcasing your best work! As a special honor, the three highest-ranking abstracts submitted by Young Investigators will be presented at our opening ceremony. Be sure to bookmark our web site at <http://www.iccbh4.org/> and submit your abstract between now and December 15, 2006!

For more detailed information & meeting specifics, including our outstanding scientific program, visit our official conference web site at <http://www.iccbh4.org/>.

*We look forward to seeing you in Montreal in June 2007!* **Craig B. Langman, MD**, Conference Director

Jointly sponsored by Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and International Conference on Children's Bone Health.

### 14th Congress of the International Pediatric Nephrology Association 31 August - 4 September 2007 Budapest, Hungary

For more detailed information, please visit  
<http://www.ipna2007.com/index.html> and [this .PDF document](#)

### 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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