

~ **2004 ASPN MEETING HIGHLIGHTS** ~

We want to thank the ASPN membership for a very successful meeting in San Francisco, California. There have been positive comments on the content of the program, the membership reception and business awards meeting. The first two pages of the newsletter are just a few of the highlights.

The ASPN Council will be meeting in late June to format and finalize our 2005 meeting in Washington, DC. If you have any suggestions or ideas for symposia topics, E-mail the ASPN Office at: kmatteso@iupui.edu.

ASPN Council



◀◀ *The 2004 ASPN Founder's Award* was awarded to Dr. Billy Arant, Jr. Dr. Craig Langman presented the award to Dr. Arant during the Membership Breakfast on Monday, May 3rd. Dr. Arant is pictured with his wife, Margaret.

Pictured below is Dr. Arant with his family.



▲▲ *The 2004 ASPN Research Trainee Awards* were presented to two outstanding fellows. Dr. Ridwan Tarabishi is pictured above receiving his award from Dr. Lisa Satlin.

▶▶ Pictured to the right is Dr. Michelle Rheault with ASPN member, Dr. Cliff Kashtan.



More 2004 ASPN Meeting Photos



▲ ▲ Pictured above at the ASPN reception includes Dr. Allison Eddy, Dr. Bruder Stapleton, Mrs. Norma Edelman, and Dr. Chester Edelman.



ASPN member Dr. Kathy Jabs is pictured at the left with resident, Dr. Susan Fowler.



▲ ▲ Pictured above (right) is Dr. Craig Langman who presented the 2004 *Founder's Award* to Dr. Billy Arant, Jr (left) at the ASPN Membership Breakfast on Monday, May 3rd.



▲ ▲ Pictured above is Dr. Ellis Avner, presenting an award to Dr. Jose Strauss for his dedicated efforts in pediatric nephrology.

Pictured below from left to right: Dr. Ellis Avner; *Dr. Russell Chesney the 2004 American Academy of Pediatrics Section of Nephrology Henry L. Barnett Award recipient*; Dr. Bruder Stapleton; and *Dr. Billy Arant Jr., the 2004 ASPN Founder's Award recipient*. ▼ ▼



◀ Dr. Sandra Watkins, ASPN President talking with Dr. William Schnaper, ASPN Secretary-Treasurer at the ASPN Membership Breakfast.



WASHINGTON UPDATE**President Signs Organ Bill into Law; Focus Now Turns to Funding**

With support from ASPN, President Bush signed H.R. 3926, the Organ Donation and Recovery Act in to law on April 5th. Beginning in 2005, the bill would authorize appropriations for the reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses incurred toward living organ donation. In addition, the bill would also provide funding for organ donation public awareness programs, peer-reviewed studies, and demonstration projects. The bill directs the Secretary of HHS to provide grants to qualified organ procurement organizations and hospitals to establish programs coordinating organ donation activities. Language in the bill also authorizes funds for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to carry out studies relating to organ donation, and the recovery, preservation, and transportation of organs.

Now that H.R. 3926 has been enacted, it is crucial that transplant interested groups, like ASPN, work together to ensure that all of the legislation's new grant, public education, and research initiatives are fully funding in the FY2005 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (LHHS-ED) appropriation measure. Therefore, ASPN urges all of their members to contact their members of congress, via telephone or mail, asking that \$25 million of additional dollars be allocated to fund the bill's authorized purposes. To find out who your Senators or Representatives are visit www.congress.org, and enter your zip code. Below is a sample letter that may be used to write to congress.

Date _____

The Honorable _____
Address _____
Washington, DC _____

Dear Representative/Senator BLANK:

H.R.3926, the Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act, recently was signed into law. The legislation is vitally important for addressing the chronic shortage of organs in this country. It embodies Congress' commitment to increasing organ donation.

Now that H.R.3926 has been enacted, it is crucial that we work together to ensure that all of the legislation's new grant, public education, and research initiatives are fully funded in the FY 2005 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (LHHS-ED) Appropriations measure. For FY 2005, H.R.3926 authorized \$25 million to establish these programs. As the appropriations process proceeds this year, we urge you to support the full \$25 million in funding necessary to carry out the bill's authorized purposes in FY 2005. We also urge that all of the funding come from *new, separate* appropriations specifically designated to implement the bill rather than from the transfer or reallocation of existing funds from an LHHS-ED program. New appropriations of \$25 million for H.R.3926, in conjunction with the \$25 million recommended by the President for the Health Resources and Services Administration's organ transplantation program would be a substantial investment towards the improvement of organ donation rates.

We hope that you will support the necessary funding for the Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act. With your help in securing the \$25 million in new funding required, we will be able to transform the spirit behind H. R.3926 into real programs and, more importantly, into real hope for the 80,000 Americans waiting for life-giving transplants.

If you have any questions, please contact me at _____.

Sincerely,



WASHINGTON UPDATE Cont'd

IOM Report Attempts to Clarify Pediatric Research Regulations

To address concerns about the adequacy of the current system for protecting child participants in research given the public's commitment to expanding pediatric clinical research, the Institute of Medicine convened the Committee on Clinical Research Involving Children. In a report released on March 25, 2004, entitled *The Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Children*, the committee addressed three broad themes: creating a robust system for protecting child research participants; providing appropriate pediatric expertise at all stages in the design, review and conduct of studies that include children; and encouraging the inclusion of children in research when that is ethically and scientifically appropriate.

The committee reports it found regulatory problems, such as definitions, grow from "insufficient guidance about their interpretation and implementation, shortfalls in data about implementation and compliance, and variability" in interpretation of "approval criteria" for pediatric protocols.

The committee's report was mandated in the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act of 2002 and supported by the Department of Health and Human Services. While this report only makes recommendations and is not binding, ASPN will follow this issue closely as more details unfold.

To read more about the report, or to purchase a copy, visit <http://www.iom.edu/report.asp?id=19422>

ASPN Effectively Targets Visits with Key Congressional Offices

On March 19th, Drs. Barbara Fivush (Co-Chair of ASPN Clinical Affairs Division), Rick Kaskel (Co-Chair ASPN Public Policy Committee), Sandra Watkins (President-elect of ASPN), and ASPN's Washington Representative, Jennifer Shevchek, visited the offices of key congressional lawmakers to discuss pediatric dialysis issues. The meetings focused on the ASPN's willingness to work with Congress to ensure that the unique treatment needs of children and adolescents are taken into account as Medicare ESRD policy is refined. ASPN looks forward to continuing a dialogue with key congressional offices in an effort to build working relationships that will allow the Society to be an influential player in the development of new Medicare ESRD policy.

— *Dom Ruscio and Jennifer Shevchek, ASPN Washington Representatives*
Cavarrochi Ruscio Dennis Associates

NEW — ASPN Councilors and Officers

At the 2004 ASPN meeting in San Francisco, the following Councilors and Officers were voted by the membership

Councilors:

Joseph Flynn, MD — Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY
Vicky Norwood, MD — University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Officers:

ASPN Secretary-Treasurer

William Schnaper, MD — Northwestern University, Chicago, IL
(SEE PAGE 8 FOR NEW ASPN OFFICE INFORMATION)

ASPN President—Elect

Sharon P. Andreoli, MD — JW Riley Hospital for Children, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2005 ASPN/PAS ANNUAL MEETING MAY 14-17, 2004 ~ ~ ~ Washington, DC

Information will be available in August regarding the 2005 ASPN Annual Meeting. Check the ASPN web site (www.aspneph.com) or the PAS web site (www.pas-meeting.org) for further information.

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of the 2004 ASPN Annual Meeting Corporate and Session Sponsors

GOLD

Genentech Corporation

SILVER

Abbott Laboratories

Baxter Healthcare Corporation

Fujisawa Corporation

Genzyme Corporation

BRONZE

Amgen Inc.

Grambo, Inc.

NephCure Foundation

Ross Laboratories, Inc.

Sigma Tau Pharmaceuticals

Toray Marketing & Sales, Inc.

Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

2004 Session Sponsors

Astra Zeneca Pharmaceuticals

Genentech, Inc.

Kidney and Urology Foundation of America (KUFA)

Pfizer Pharmaceuticals

Q-Med Scandinavia, Inc.

NEW POSITIONS AVAILABLE**► Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, Albany NY****Position: Pediatric Nephrologist**

The Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center is seeking an additional Pediatric Nephrologist to join two section members. All experience levels will be considered.

As the only Pediatric tertiary care center in the Capital District Region (population one million), there is tremendous potential for growth. Currently about 1,000 outpatients are seen per year. Outpatient activities are supported by a full-time nurse. The in-hospital Pediatric dialysis unit, staffed by three Pediatric dialysis nurses, currently follows 13 patients. Depending on age, renal transplants are done at Albany Medical Center or referred out. Though this is primarily a clinical position, there are abundant opportunities for research via Albany Medical School as well as the adjacent New York State Laboratories and School of Pharmacy.

Interested candidates must be BE/BC in Pediatric Nephrology and should submit their information to: David Clark, M.D., Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, Albany Medical Center 47, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208, Email: clarkd@mail.amc.edu, 518 - 262 5333 (phone), 518 - 262 4933 (fax).

► Children's Hospital, Detroit MI**Position: Two Pediatric Nephrologists**

Two BE/BC pediatric nephrologists to join 5-person unit of nephrology, Department of Pediatrics, Wayne State University/Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit. Open-rank; one position research (tenure) track with protected research time, research start-up package; one position clinical track.

The Division has a busy clinical service that includes dialysis and transplant program, and offers Fellowship training program in Pediatric Nephrology.

Those interested are requested to send their curriculum vitae to Dr. Tej K. Mattoo, Division Chief, Pediatric Nephrology, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit, MI, 48201; Phone: (313) 745-0076; FAX: (313) 966-0039; E-mail: tmattoo@med.wayne.edu.

► University of Wisconsin Children's Hospital, Madison, WI**Position: Pediatric Nephrologist**

The Department of Pediatrics, University of Wisconsin Madison, is seeking a full time or part time academic nephrologist at the assistant, associate or professor level. The University of Wisconsin Children's Hospital provides a full complement of pediatric nephrology services for a large geographic area reaching to Illinois, Iowa and northern Michigan.

The successful candidate will join two full time Pediatric Nephrologists and may be a basic science investigator or a clinician scientist. Clinical responsibilities will be limited, particularly for junior investigators. Combined med-peds trained candidates will also be strongly considered. Opportunities for research collaboration are available within the division, with basic science faculty at the medical school, as well as within the health science center.

Interested candidates who are BE/BC in pediatric nephrology should forward their CV and a description of their interests to Sharon Bartosh MD at smbartosh@wisc.edu. Phone 608-265-6020.

► Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA**Position: Pediatric Nephrologist**

The Division of Pediatric Nephrology of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine is seeking to recruit a fourth pediatric nephrologist. The Division and the hospital have a strong commitment to teaching and to delivering care at the highest level in an academic setting. Special areas of clinical interest include renal transplantation, hypertension, diabetic nephropathy and nephrotic syndrome. The house staff and all support personnel are outstanding and a state of the art facility is currently under construction. Strong ties between our Division and the outstanding adult nephrology program at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center provide abundant opportunities for basic or clinical research. Board certified or board eligible junior or mid-level faculty is encouraged to submit their CV and to make any inquires by e-mail or by other means. **Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh is an equal opportunity employer.**

Inquires may be made to: Demetrius Ellis, M.D., Chief, Nephrology Division, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, 3705 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213; Phone: 412/692-5182; Fax:412/692-7443; Email: Demetrius.ellisd@chp.edu

NEW POSITIONS AVAILABLE Cont'd**► SUNY Downstate Medical Center
Brooklyn, NY****Position: Pediatric Nephrologist**

The Children's Kidney Center of the Department of Pediatrics, SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, is recruiting another Pediatric Nephrologist at the Assistant or Associate Professor level for a position in a growing Division of Pediatric Nephrology with 3 Fellowship trainee positions. We have a busy clinical program, including dialysis and transplantation, and strong academic support by the Medical School. The candidate must be BC/BE, must be clinically proficient, and must have a strong interest in teaching and clinical or basic research.

SUNY Downstate is the only academic medical center in Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island, N.Y., and is one of the nation's leading urban medical centers.

Interested candidates should contact Morris J. Schoeneman, MD, Director of Pediatric Nephrology, at: 718-270-1626 (office), or E-mail: Morris.Schoeneman@Downstate.edu.

**► SUNY Downstate Medical Center
Brooklyn, NY****Position: Pediatric Nephrologist Fellow**

The Children's Kidney Center of the Department of Pediatrics, SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, is recruiting another Pediatric Nephrology fellow to begin training in July, 2005. We have a busy training program, including dialysis and transplantation, and strong academic support by the Medical School for clinical or basic research.

SUNY Downstate is the only academic medical center in Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island, NY, and is one of the nation's leading urban medical centers.

Interested candidates should contact Morris J. Schoeneman, MD, Director of Pediatric Nephrology, at: 718-270-1626 (office), or Morris.Schoeneman@Downstate.edu.

**► University of California, Davis
Sacramento, CA****Position: Section Chief, Pediatric Nephrology**

The Department of Pediatrics, University of California, Davis, is seeking a full-time academic pediatric nephrologist to serve as Section Chief. The successful candidate will join two full-time Pediatric nephrologists in providing care in an expanding clinical and academic program.

This position is open at the Associate/Full Professor rank (commensurate with credentials) in the Regular, In-Residence or Clinical Pediatrics Series. Responsibilities include assuming the role of Chief of the Section for Pediatric Nephrology, patient care, medical student and resident education, and administrative duties. The candidate must have established excellence in teaching, research and clinical care. Research interest in kidney disease epidemiology or hypertension or inflammatory cytokines or genomics/proteomics is desirable.

Minimum qualifications include a M.D. degree, BC/BE in Pediatrics and Pediatric Nephrology and be eligible for licensure in the State of California. Applicants should have the ability to work cooperatively and collegially within the diverse environment of UC Davis **Submit CV and letter of inquiry to Mark Parrish, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Pediatrics, 2516 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95817 (Email: mark.parrish@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu).** The University of California is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

**► Sacred Heart Children's Hospital
Spokane, WA****Position: Pediatric Nephrologist**

Sacred Heart Children's Hospital, a regional pediatric center of excellence, is seeking a BC/BE Pediatric Nephrology physician to join the team of dedicated health professionals providing high-quality inpatient services in a caring environment. Work closely with Pediatric Trauma Center, general pediatric unit, PICU, NICU (level III), Pediatric Surgery and adult ED.

Our new Children's Hospital is a State-of-the-Art 154 bed facility-serving children throughout a four state area. Children's Hospital is located on the campus of Sacred Heart Medical Center (SHMC), the largest hospital (653 bed) in the region and serving 1.5 million people.

For further information contact: Kevin Malee, Providence Services, 910 N. Washington, Spokane, WA 99201, Toll Free 1.800.442.8536 or direct (509) 232.1189; Fax: 509-232-1196; E-mail: maleek@psew.org.



THE ASPN OFFICE IS MOVING !!

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ASPN OFFICE ADDRESS:

**H. William Schnaper
Secretary-Treasurer, ASPN
Pediatrics, W140
303 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611-3008**

**312-503-4000 telephone
312-503-1181 fax**

E-mail: aspn@northwestern.edu

**ASPN OFFICE COORDINATOR:
Robyn Mann**

ASPN Web Site: www.aspneph.com

**Please send any comments or ideas for further issues of KIDney Notes
Newsletter to the ASPN Office Address listed above.**