

ASN Executive Vice President's Update

ASN Kidney Week 2022: What's New, Exciting, and Innovative?

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Kidney Week is central to ASN's long tradition of supporting undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education. Each year, Kidney Week brings together members of the kidney community from more than 120 countries: scientists to clinicians,

medical students to emeritus professors, startups to well-established companies, and first-time participants to a few people who have attended every meeting since 1967.

For 2022, Kidney Week includes Early Programs and the ASN Annual Meeting:

- ▶ Four fully virtual Early Programs will be live streamed on Wednesday, October 26, and Thursday, October 27.
- ▶ Three Early Programs will be held in-person on Wednesday, November 2.
- ▶ The Annual Meeting will take place Thursday, November 3, through Sunday, November 6.

What's new this year?

Building on the success of last year, ASN and the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) have organized the opening plenary session on Thursday, November 3, featuring an expert panel on "Preventing the Next Pandemic" (Table 1). The other three plenary sessions will feature state-of-the-art lectures by Jayme E. Locke, MD, MPH (Friday, November 4), Melissa J. Moore, PhD (Saturday, November 5), and John A. Rogers, PhD (Sunday, November 6).

At this year's meeting, ASN will twice recognize Barbara T. Murphy, MB BAO BCh, FRCPI. The Barbara T. Murphy Award honors leaders who strengthen the foundation of nephrology while advancing the field through innovation, creativity, inspiration, and tenacity and have the courage to forge new paths, overcome challenges, and serve as exemplars for future generations of nephrologists to admire, emulate, and amplify. This award was launched last year with Dr. Murphy as the inaugural recipient. This year's recipient is Julie R. Ingelfinger, MD, a deputy editor for *The New England Journal of Medicine*, professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, and consulting pediatric nephrologist at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Additionally, ASN is pleased to announce a new endowed lecture honoring Dr. Murphy's leadership in transplant immunology and medicine. Roslyn B. Mannon, MD, FASN, will deliver the inaugural lecture on "Improving Kidney Graft Long-Term Outcomes: Lessons Learned and New Perspectives." A former President of the American

Society of Transplantation (AST), the current Chair of the ASN Policy and Advocacy Committee, and a current member of the ASN Grants Review Committee, Dr. Mannon is a professor of medicine, pathology, and microbiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center; vice chair for academic development and research mentoring; and associate chief of nephrology for research. ASN gratefully acknowledges Verici Dx, Renalytix, and AST for supporting this new lecture.

As part of its commitment to include the patient voice throughout the organization and across its activities, ASN is launching "Cele's Champions: Cele Fogarty Travel Support Program for Patients" at this year's meeting. In honor of former ASN Vice President of Meetings and Member Experience Cecilia "Cele" Agnes Fogarty—who worked every ASN Annual Meeting/Renal Week/Kidney Week from 1988 through 2020—ASN is providing travel support to 10 people with kidney diseases or their care partners to attend Kidney Week.

This year's meeting will include three new Early Programs ("Advances in Research Conference: Regenerative Medicine and Bioartificial Kidneys," "Point-of-Care Ultrasound in Nephrology," and "Renal Physiology: Structure and Function in Kidney Health and Disease"). Recurring from previous meetings, the other Early Programs are "Critical Care Nephrology: 2022 Update," "Fundamentals of Renal Pathology," "Glomerular Diseases: 2022 Update," and "Maintenance Dialysis." For the first time ever, three of these programs will be in person, and four will be held fully virtually.

What's exciting scientifically and clinically?

"After three long years, I'm beyond thrilled we will be able to meet in person," said ASN President Susan E. Quaggin, MD, FASN. "And of the several thousand Kidney Week participants, we will welcome more than 775 faculty and presenters as well as over 400 recipients of travel support from ASN, mostly medical students, graduate students, residents, and fellows, and now patients." The infographic illustrates ASN Kidney Week 2022 by the numbers.

"This year's meeting highlights how the nephrology community has adapted and developed cutting-edge technologies through the challenges of the past few years, as highlighted in our program from plenaries to poster presentations," emphasized ASN Kidney Week Education Committee Cochair Catherine Godson, PhD. "It is fantastic that we have the opportunity to develop and reinvigorate collaborative and social networks through Kidney Week."

Her fellow cochair, Kirk N. Campbell, MD, FASN, added, "Attendees can expect a dynamic program featuring advances ranging from enhanced understanding of the molecular architecture of the human kidney to novel therapeutic interventions and implementation science, a continuum

grounded in the central mission of improving outcomes in patients living with kidney diseases."

This year's "High-Impact Clinical Trials"—taking place on Friday, November 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT—promises exciting breakthroughs that will generate excitement in the convention center and throughout the world. The session highlights randomized trials (Phase II and III) that will have significant impact on clinical practice.

To improve patient care, ASN is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to provide continuing education for the health care team. Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and physician assistants can claim a maximum of 75 continuing education credit hours for participating in the Annual Meeting during Kidney Week 2022. Please note that Early Programs also offer continuing education credits that vary by participating program.

Additionally, diplomates of either the American Board of Internal Medicine or the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) can claim up to 75 maintenance of certification (MOC) points for participating in the Annual Meeting. This is the first year that ABP MOC points will be offered for the Annual Meeting.

What's innovative about the in-person and virtual options?

Given the desire of many in the kidney community for in-person networking, engagement, and interactivity, this year's Kidney Week includes in-person and virtual options for all participants. This is the first in-person Kidney Week since November 2019, or 1089 days since the community said their goodbyes in Washington, DC.

Those who participate in person will enjoy real-time sessions, events, and interactions; networking; and the scientific exposition, which includes the poster and exhibit halls. In addition to the ASN Welcome Reception, the meeting will include:

- ▶ Annual Wesson-Himmelfarb Diversity and Inclusion Lunch that aims to connect diverse members of the ASN community and foster dialogue with the ASN Council and other leaders in the field around ongoing diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice initiatives.
- ▶ LGBTQ+ and Allies Member Reception.

The participants who choose the virtual option will enjoy lower registration fees, the convenience of not traveling, and the ability to access content from anywhere. These participants can also live stream the four plenary sessions, the late-breakers, and several other sessions.

All meeting content will be available on the virtual meeting platform for in-person and virtual participants through Wednesday, December 21, 2022. In mid-January 2023, this content will move to the ASN eLearning Center for up to three 3 years and continue to be complimentary to meeting participants who obtain an access code. ■

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Table 1. ASN-NAM Panel on Preventing the Next Pandemic

Speaker	Institution
Carlos del Rio, MD, Moderator	Emory University
Timothy G. Evans, MD, PhD, Panelist	McGill University
Peter J. Hotez, MD, PhD, Keynote	Baylor College of Medicine
Jennifer B. Nuzzo, DrPH, Panelist	Brown University School of Public Health
Reed V. Tuckson, MD, Panelist	Tuckson Health Connections