Background

- Arguably one of the largest medical specialty outreach programs in the world, the ISN Programs offer a broad range of educational and training activities to the developing nephrology community.

- Many of these take place onsite and respond to local needs.

Objectives

a. To improve the knowledge of nephrologists, and other health care professionals involved in kidney health care.

b. Training is focus on epidemiology, clinical pharmacology and clinical research.

ISN 0 by 25 Pilot Feasibility Project

Mentored: Israel D. Rivas S.
Mentor: Rolando Claure-Del Granado
Project Form: (In process)
Effect of sodium bicarbonate in the glomerular filtration rate in patients with renal transplantation.
Place of development: Caja Nacional de Salud; Hospital Obrero Nº2

Working hypotheses and new contributions:
The sodium bicarbonate retards the decline of the glomerular filtration rate in patients with renal transplantation

General Objective:
• Determine if the sodium bicarbonate retards the decline of the glomerular filtration rate in patients with renal transplantation

Specific Objectives:
• Compare the changes in serum creatinine and glomerular filtration rate in patients with renal transplantation when given sodium bicarbonate.
• Determine if there is progression to more advanced stages of ERC, when given sodium bicarbonate.

Word Kidney Day in Cochabamba, Bolivia a Continuous Participation

A 3K walk from Cochabamba main square (Plaza 14 de Septiembre) to Flags’ square, where the Bolivian Society of Nephrology (Cochabamba Chapter) held different activities like free blood pressure measurements, free blood sugar measurements, BMI, was assessed, we talked about the 8 golden rules to keep kidneys healthy, we talked about healthy life styles and different physical activities for the participants took place.

The team....

Education

Travel support for a young nephrologist to attend WCN 2017 (Israel Rivas, MD)
SLANH 5 yearly Scholarships for Nephrologists (For online courses like: “Cuidados continuos en la Enfermedad Renal Crónica”, “Glomerulonefritis primarias”, “Nefro-Geriatría”, “DIálisis Peritoneal”, etc.)
Travel support for SLANH meeting 2019 (Nayra Rios, MD)
Projects: development of a Nephrology Fellowship Program,
Meetings Organized:
ISN-YNC Workshop in 2015 (Focused on AKI and CRRT)
AKI-SLANH Meeting in 2018 (1st time Bolivia organized a Latin America Conference)
XII International Congress of Nephrology 2019

Improving Medical Services

• We have established the only CRRT & Plasmapherisys program in the country (Cochabamba)
• Purchase of a Microscope, centrifuge for general urine microscopy study
• We have established a PD program for AKI, plus we will have CAPD and APD program for next year.
• Certification for Renal Transplantation Unit at Hospital Obrero Nº 2, Caja Nacional de Salud.
• Purchase of a portable ultrasound for invasive procedures

Research

Abstracts: WCN 2015 (1), WCN 2017 (2), AKI&CRT 2016 (3), ASN Kidney Week 2015 (1), ASN Kidney Week 2016 (3), ISN WCN 2019 (2) ASN Kidney Week 2019 (4), Prospective multicenter studies: DIRECT (completed); EPI-AKI (ongoing); 0by25 (completed); EPILAT-IRA (completed); Kidney Care Network (ongoing).

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