Advancing Nephrology Around the World

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Industry representatives, organizations and individuals alike lend their support so we can build more capacity in training and research around the world. It is this ability to support high quality education and care initiatives that will help us improve outcomes of patients living with kidney disease around the globe.

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Contact us at partner@theisn.org.
Begin your journey with us

Being part of our community means working together to advance clinical research, improve renal care through education and advocate for the needs of patients suffering from kidney disease worldwide.

Through our scientific and capacity-building activities in advocacy, education and research, we bridge gaps in global kidney care, engaging in a collaborative effort to improve kidney disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

As a young doctor, you can complete your education and meet fellow members in other regions. As an experienced nephrologist, you can share your knowledge, network, educate and learn more from other professionals globally.

Join ISN

There is much to gain from joining our thriving community. Join us in our strategy to prioritize advocacy, education and research. Sign up for membership and, together, we can advance nephrology worldwide.

Five reasons to join

1. Receive our three journals: Kidney International (KI), KI Supplements and KI Reports (online access).
2. Be part of our educational programs and apply for research grants to build more nephrology capacity and enhance scientific expertise.
3. Get free access to ISN Academy, our online nephrology e-learning platform.
4. Take part at reduced rates in our World Congress of Nephrology (WCN) and ISN Frontiers meetings.
5. Support other ISN members in delivering more capacity-building programs to create more equitable access to nephrology care.

Become a member: www.theisn.org/join
Our members

9389 members 158 countries

Top 10 countries
- United States: 1,553
- India: 598
- Canada: 603
- Australia: 332
- United Kingdom: 277
- The Netherlands: 260
- Japan: 94
- Philippines: 411
- China: 377
- Iran: 327

Regional breakdown
- North America: 24%
- Western Europe: 18%
- North & East Asia: 14%
- Oceania & South East Asia: 11%
- South Asia: 9%
- Africa: 8%
- Latin America: 8%
- Middle East: 5%
- Eastern & Central Europe: 2%
- NIS & Russia: 1%

Professional interest*
- Clinical nephrology: 72%
- Dialysis: 63%
- Chronic kidney disease: 59%
- Acute kidney injury: 56%
- Hypertension: 47%
- Transplantation: 43%
- Diabetes: 36%
- Peritoneal dialysis: 34%
- Interventional/critical care nephrology: 30%
- Hemodialysis: 16%

Area of activity*
- Clinical practitioner: 70%
- Clinical researcher: 34%
- Teacher/educator: 30%
- Basic researcher: 11%
- Student: 10%
- Administrator: 7%

* Multiple answers possible.

Source: ISN Dec. 31, 2016
Improving access to the best care and education for patients living with kidney disease worldwide

With over 9,000 professional members from over 150 countries, the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) represents a wide international network and an efficient platform for timely scientific exchange, debate and communication between healthcare professionals involved in preventing and treating kidney disease. By collaborating with more than 90 national and regional societies, we reach out to an additional 30,000 health professionals globally.

Our overarching purpose is to tackle the global burden of Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) and Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), improving patient care through an interconnected advocacy, education and research strategy.

I Our mission

• Raise public awareness about the early recognition and treatment of kidney disease
• Connect nephrology professionals worldwide
• Support research to achieve optimal care for people with kidney disease
• Provide education and training worldwide to ultimately reduce the frequency and impact of kidney disease and associated conditions
We advocate

We are committed to implementing sustainable, equitable and ethical care for all people with kidney diseases.

Our advocacy efforts aim to address unmet health needs of kidney patients globally.

The ISN Global Kidney Health Summit 2016 gathered leading global thinkers to develop a road map for guiding kidney care, research and policy over the next five to 10 years. This forum and subsequent ISN Policy Forum meetings will put forward policy proposals, sharing information and best practices on a regional and international level.

By joining forces with The Lancet in launching the Lancet Kidney Campaign, we aim to increase awareness about kidney disease among a wide variety of stakeholders, providing a timely collection of nephrology news and showcasing events and breakthroughs.

As the only nephrology organization in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO), we actively contribute to the health policy debate on non-communicable diseases, including the growing issue of chronic kidney disease of unknown origin in South Asia, Latin America and elsewhere. We also engage in current discussions relative to the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals and the Universal Health Coverage.

We further strengthen mutual objectives and advocacy efforts by building alliances with key players like the Universal Health Coverage Coalition, the World Heart Federation and the World Obesity Federation.

Safer kidney transplants for all

The Declaration of Istanbul on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism, co-signed by over 100 organizations in 2008, is a partnership between ISN and The Transplantation Society. Today, the Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group (DICG) focuses on fostering ethical organ donation and transplantation, implementing local targeted strategies to better organ availability and ethical transplantation, and combat organ trafficking.

Sustainable and ethical dialysis

By collaborating with The George Institute (Australia), the Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology and the Farrell Family Foundation, the Affordable Dialysis Prize was awarded in 2016 to the team developing low-cost and innovative dialysis technology, to make this form of care more sustainable. In the same year, a position paper published in The Lancet highlighted the need for ethical dialysis, describing current challenges worldwide.
World Kidney Day

Each year in March, World Kidney Day mobilizes global medical communities, policy makers and the public to highlight prevention, early detection and access to kidney care, raising awareness about the importance of kidney health to reduce the global frequency and impact of kidney disease and its associated health problems.

www.worldkidneyday.org

Help us do more
Donate to World Kidney Fund and help give young physicians from the emerging world a unique opportunity to receive training in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of kidney disease.

www.worldkidney.org
We educate

We connect you with specialized publications, online training tools and events so you gain the best knowledge, learning and interaction with some of the leading experts in nephrology.

**ISN Academy**

Unique in its kind, the ISN Academy encourages nephrologists to get out of the classroom and access a wide range of educational resources where and when they need it. User-friendly and interactive, the dashboard also empowers learners to track their progress and study at their own pace.

Following in the footsteps of ISN Education, this innovative online e-learning platform is an extensive mix of presentations, guidelines, and images, with over **1600 pieces of content, 18 topics and 40 webinars**. It is also the main entry point to read *Kidney International*, ISN’s flagship journal.

Register now: www.theison.org/academy and download the app.
Our congresses and meetings put you in touch with leading experts from the global medical community and the breakthrough knowledge they are ready to share.

ISN World Congress of Nephrology

The World Congress of Nephrology (WCN) is our premier educational event, attracting attendance from the worldwide nephrology community and other healthcare professionals involved in multidisciplinary nephrology care. It features a world-class scientific program and reflects our unique role in advancing care worldwide.

www.isnwcn2019.org

ISN Frontiers meetings

ISN Frontiers meetings build on the success and achievements of the ISN Nexus and Forefronts series, bringing together basic scientists, clinicians and practitioners in a unique setting. This new event format will make more cutting-edge science available to a global audience, breaking down cross-regional barriers in accessing the latest knowledge and expertise.

www.isnfrontiers.org

ISN publications

Our official journal, Kidney International (KI) covers original research in basic science and clinical medicine. It is one of the most cited nephrology publications and widely regarded as the world’s premier peer-reviewed journal on the development and consequences of renal disease.

KI Supplements focuses on sponsored, topical content of interest to the nephrology community.

KI Reports is an online, open access publication devoted to leading research and developments related to kidney disease.

www.kidney-international.org
ISN Programs

Graduated Sister Renal Center pairs

67 active center pairs  16 graduated pairs

ISN Programs budget 2016

54% FELLOWSHIP
24% SISTER RENAL CENTERS
24% SISTER TRANSPLANT CENTERS
6% CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION
12% CLINICAL RESEARCH
4% EDUCATIONAL AMBASSADORS

$2,000,000 USD YEARLY BUDGET FOR ISN PROGRAMS

317 CMEs SINCE 2010
792 FELLOWS SINCE 1995
132 EDUCATIONAL AMBASSADORS VISITS SINCE 2010
81 CLINICAL RESEARCH GRANTS SINCE 2005
Six Programs allow nephrologists to benefit from valuable educational opportunities and apply for training grants.

I **Sister Renal Centers Program (SRC)**

The Sister Renal Centers Program links renal centers in emerging countries with supporting centers of excellence, creating more self-sufficient renal centers worldwide.

*Application deadline: October 1*  
src.theisn.org

I **ISN-TTS Sister Transplant Centers Program (STC)**

In partnership with The Transplantation Society (TTS), the ISN-TTS Sister Transplant Centers Program creates new kidney transplant centers and develops kidney transplant programs in emerging countries.

*Application deadline: October 1*  
stc.theisn.org

I **Fellowship Program**

The Fellowship Program gives physicians from emerging kidney units hands-on learning experience. They spend 3 to 12 months training in an established kidney center, in the developed world, returning to their home country to implement their knowledge and improve standards of care.

*Application deadline: May 1 and October 1*  
fellowship.theisn.org

I **Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program**

Every year, over 50 Continuing Medical Education courses bring essential teaching and training to some 14,000 doctors in over 40 settings.

*Application deadline: open all year*  
www.theisn.org/programs/cme

I **Educational Ambassadors Program**

The Educational Ambassadors Program sends experts for a hands-on training to emerging kidney centers for one to four weeks to help develop new services, community-based research or screening programs.

*Application deadline: open all year*  
ea.theisn.org

I **Clinical Research Program**

The Clinical Research Program educates people in emerging centers about the importance of kidney health. Since 2005, it has also funded over 80 research, prevention and screening programs in 19 emerging countries.

*Application deadline: May 1 and October 1*  
cr.theisn.org
We facilitate research

We enhance research capacity, helping build networks and key evidence on Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) and Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD).

**ISN-GKHA**

The ISN Global Kidney Health Atlas (GKHA) collects data to determine the world status of existing world resources, structures and organizations available to patients with AKI and CKD. It was designed to document how the six principles of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) are available nationally and regionally.

125 United Nations Member States responded to the survey. Findings revealed significant inter- and intra-regional variability in the current capacity for kidney care across the world.

[www.theisn.org/initiatives/ckd](http://www.theisn.org/initiatives/ckd)

**ISN-ACT**

The ISN Advancing Clinical Trials (ACT) is working to generate more high-quality clinical trials and studies in nephrology by calling on investigators and interested individuals to strengthen the global nephrology community’s capacity to lead and participate in clinical trials.

[www.theisn.org/research/isn-act](http://www.theisn.org/research/isn-act)

**ISN iNET-CKD**

The ISN International Network of Chronic Kidney Disease cohort studies (iNET-CKD) is building an international network of existing, independently-funded chronic kidney disease cohort studies to collaborate on questions of mutual interest.

[www.theisn.org/research/inet-ckd](http://www.theisn.org/research/inet-ckd)

**The Global Snapshot Study**

The Global Snapshot Study is a prospective, cross-sectional, global cohort study designed to better understand the growing burden of AKI, including how it is identified, managed and treated in different settings around the world.

The study, which was carried out in late 2014, included over 4000 patients from more than 72 countries and has generated exciting new data on the global burden and management of AKI.

[www.theisn.org/0by25#aki-global-snapshot](http://www.theisn.org/0by25#aki-global-snapshot)
The global burden of Acute Kidney Injury (AKI)

Every year, out of 1.7 million deaths caused by AKI globally, around 1.4 million occur in low- and middle-income countries. Identifying the signs and beginning treatment early mean more patients will get essential care before it is too late.

0by25

The 0by25 initiative aims to establish a sustainable infrastructure for preventing, educating and training, detecting and managing AKI, responding to local needs and resources. Some examples of our projects include the Global Snapshot Study, which collected brand new data on new and existing data on the incidence, diagnosis, management and treatment of this disease*.

Our current focus is the 0by25 Pilot Feasibility Project, which has been launched in three renal centers in Asia, Africa and South America. These pilot projects focus on improving AKI detection and management through training and education.

*S  Published in The Lancet, April 2016: http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(16)30240-9/abstract

**According to the findings of the AKI Global Snapshot

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**Saving Young Lives

**Africa and South East Asia

25% of patients don’t have access to proper dialysis. Saving Young Lives develops sustainable programs for treating acute kidney injury in sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asia. In partnership with the International Paediatric Nephrology Association, the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis, EuroPD and the Sustainable Kidney Care Foundation, we have set up tailor-made workshops to train local doctors with much needed dialysis skills.

*www.theisn.org/0by25

**www.theisn.org/programs/syl
Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD): closing the gaps in kidney care

Up to 10% of the world’s adult population is affected by CKD. Millions die each year due to a lack of access to affordable treatment, especially in low and middle-income countries.

Several advocacy, education and research activities within the ISN Closing the Gaps initiative aim to redress how patient care is coordinated, financed and regulated, from diagnosis to accessing renal replacement therapies.

The ISN Global Kidney Health Summit

From an advocacy perspective, the ISN Global Kidney Health Summit 2016 set out to define a road map, guiding kidney care, research and health policy over the next five to 10 years.

The ISN Global Kidney Health Summit convened global kidney experts to develop a new and cohesive approach to tackling the global epidemic of CKD, leading the way for the ISN Global Kidney Policy Forum.

ISN Global Kidney Policy Forum

The ISN Global Kidney Policy Forum was the first in a series of meetings to stimulate discussion with policy makers in the hope of making substantial changes in order to prevent and managing kidney care.

Subsequent ISN Policy Forum meetings will put forward policy proposals, sharing information and best practices on a regional and international level.

ISN Global Kidney Health Atlas

Findings from the ISN Global Kidney Health Atlas report are building a platform for championing the cause of CKD and providing the foundation for a global CKD care surveillance network.

The Lancet Kidney Campaign

The Lancet Kidney Campaign, a collaboration between The Lancet and ISN, is raising awareness about acute kidney injury and chronic kidney disease by offering a collection of timely updates to a broader readership, showcasing nephrology events and breakthroughs.

www.theisn.org/initiatives/ckd
We collaborate with 94 national and regional nephrology societies as well as several other organizations in the field.

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Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (DOPPS) Program  
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