

Lori-Ann Fisher



Short Bio/CV

Dr. Lori-Ann Fisher is a Consultant Nephrologist and Intensivist at the University Hospital of the West Indies, Mona Jamaica. She is an honorary Lecturer in the Epidemiology Research Unit of Caribbean Institute of Health and is an Associate Lecturer in the Department of Medicine at the University of the West Indies, Mona.

After completing residency and fellowship training in the United States in Internal Medicine, Nephrology and critical care medicine, she returned to Jamaica, with an interest to improve quality of care in persons living with kidney disease in the Caribbean and improve the awareness of kidney disease in the region. She has engaged with local advocacy groups to improve knowledge and awareness of kidney disease through social media campaigns, engagement in local and regional conferences in addition to media appearances. Her research interests include the epidemiology of kidney disease and its risk factors in the Caribbean, as well as sickle cell nephropathy and has published on Acute Kidney Injury and Chronic Kidney Disease in Jamaica.

Candidate's Statement

Millions of people live with kidney disease worldwide, with inequities in quality of care and outcomes even in high income countries within North America. Despite limited data, a disproportionate kidney disease burden exists in the Caribbean. Informed decisions on policy and improved public funding of kidney disease can be achieved through patient advocacy, increased public awareness and research lessening this disparity. Through existing partnerships with North America we can improve research output in the Caribbean. As a current ISN North American board member I have been active in research collaborations within the region within the past year which I plan to expand on in my tenure as regional board leadership with an ultimate long term goal of reinvigorating and sustaining the Caribbean renal registry. For the most part kidney disease is not visible and therefore does not get attention from policy-makers. Working with other ISN regional board members, I am enthusiastic to organize and engage with regional patient advocacy groups through social educational media campaigns on kidney disease to improve awareness in the public domain. My vision in the capacity of board leadership is to enhance the regional inclusivity to allow policy change for improved outcomes in kidney disease.