

Hyeong Cheon Park



Short Bio/CV

Hyeong Cheon Park, M.D., Ph.D., is a Professor of Medicine at Yonsei University College of Medicine, South Korea. He received both MD (1992) and PhD (2000) from Yonsei University and has been working at Gangnam Severance Hospital for the last 20 years. Currently, he is Director of Clinical Support Affairs and Vice Director for Research at Gangnam Severance Hospital, South Korea.

As a clinical nephrologist, Hyeong Cheon has actively advocated delivery of “Better Dialysis Treatment for All”. When he was Director of the Insurance and Legal Affairs for Korean Society of Nephrology (KSN, 2012 to 2016), he worked with the government and other stakeholders to improve reimbursement plans for dialysis and lupus nephritis patients. Thanks to his collaborative efforts, the Ministry of Health and Welfare permitted the first line use of MMF in lupus nephritis patients in 2014 and improved the flat rate pay system for hemodialysis therapy for economically underprivileged patients in 2021, thereby allowing them an access to improved dialysis care. He served as a member of the Technical Committee on Evaluation of New Medical Technologies and Welfare National Pension Reexamination Committee Medical Advisory Group for the Ministry of Health and Welfare.

When serving as the Director of the External Affairs and Cooperation for KSN (2016 to 2020), he promoted active interactions between KSN and Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology (APSN), Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) as well as other national nephrology societies in the Asian-Pacific region. Such efforts resulted in regular Continuing Medical Education (CME) symposiums and Joint Meetings with both APSN and KDIGO during the annual KSN Congresses. He has actively engaged in these events, chairing and giving lectures in the ASPN CME courses and KDIGO Joint Symposiums to help educate young nephrologists. He is currently the auditor for Korean Nephrology Research Foundation, Chair of KSN Sarcopenia Working group, and KSN’s representative at APSN CME committee. He has also served as Honorary Secretary of APSN since March, 2022.

His research focuses on anemia and iron therapy in CKD, hemodialysis therapy, sarcopenia in chronic kidney diseases as well as utilizing extracellular vesicles for promoting kidney regeneration with more than 84 peer reviewed publications.

Candidate’s Statement

I wish to contribute to the mission of the ISN in advancing worldwide kidney health through education, research and advocacy. COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted traditional structure of medical education. Young nephrologists missed the opportunities to experience educational

conferences that influence their academic trajectories. I hope to implement the expertise I have in promoting virtual education programs in North and East Asia.

Second, I would like to focus on geriatric nephrology. Global Kidney Health Atlas has indicated countries in the region have a large aging population with metabolic diseases. These patients have multiple medical co-morbidities, but geriatric syndromes are most challenging for nephrologists. I wish to promote collaboration between geriatrics and nephrology for the best patient care and better healthcare outcomes.

Lastly, I would like to promote environmentally responsible health-care practices in North and East Asia. Strategies to improve environmental profiles of dialysis treatment can lead to less carbon emission. Now is the time to optimize waste management and focus on sustainability in kidney healthcare.

I strongly believe that my previous background in working with various stakeholders, and experiences in KSN and APSN will enable me to actively promote the mission of the ISN, especially in North and East Asia.