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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY
OF NEPHROLOGY

Advancing Kidney Health Worldwide.
Together.

ISN NAC Regional Board Meeting

16 October 2026, 9:00 EST

Online

Thank you for joining. The meeting will start shortly.

Welcome from Chair & Agenda Review

~Lori-Ann Fisher

Agenda



- **2025-27 Regional Board Activities; discussion** (all, moderated by L. Fisher)
 - Recently completed and ongoing activities
 - Planning for future 2026-2027 activities
- **ISN Activity Updates** (F. Arce)
 - WCN'27
 - Membership in ISN working groups and committees
 - Advocacy
 - Research
- **Open session: sharing country/region/ISN group/activity-specific updates** (all; moderated by E. Lerma)
- **Any Other Business, Thank You & Adjourn** (L. Fisher)

2025-27 Regional Board Activities; discussion

~All; moderated by L. Fisher

Current projects



- Joint webinar series with the Caribbean College of Family Physicians focused on early detection of kidney disease. Three sessions have been delivered:
 - Approach to elevated creatinine
 - Approach to proteinuria
 - Diabetes and CKD
- The next webinar is planned for November. Topic: Goal directed care in CKD

ISN ACADEMY WEBINAR

June 27 7 p.m. Jamaica

The Caribbean College Of Family Physicians ISN

**CCFP-ISN Lecture series on nephrology:
Approach to elevated creatinine**

MODERATOR

Lori-Ann Fisher
USA

SPEAKER

Edgar Lerma
USA

Live subtitles available in over 50 languages

ISN ACADEMY WEBINAR

March 9 4 PM EST

The Caribbean College Of Family Physicians ISN

**CCFP-ISN Lecture series on nephrology:
Approach to proteinuria**

MODERATOR

Sabine Karam
USA

SPEAKER

Lori Ann Fisher
Jamaica

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ISN ACADEMY WEBINAR

February 26 7 p.m. Jamaica

The Caribbean College Of Family Physicians ISN

**CCFP-ISN Lecture series on nephrology:
Diabetes and chronic kidney disease**

MODERATOR

Lori-Ann Fisher
USA

SPEAKER

Suman Behera
Canada

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Under review projects



Bilingual education amongst primary care physicians in Latin America and the Caribbean on kidney disease

- To improve knowledge and awareness of kidney disease amongst primary care physicians in the Caribbean
- To promote evidence-based management of kidney disease amongst primary care physicians

Community Screening and education initiatives for kidney disease in the Caribbean

- To estimate rates of chronic kidney disease amongst community-based populations in the Caribbean
- To assess knowledge and awareness of kidney disease in the community-based setting in the Caribbean

ISN Activity Updates

~ F. Arce



WCN'27



WORLD CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY 2027

APRIL 1-4, 2027 | KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

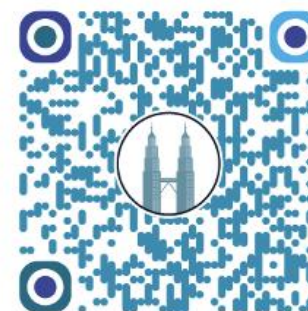
Give your research
the global audience
it deserves

Submit
your abstract

Deadline: October 28, 2026

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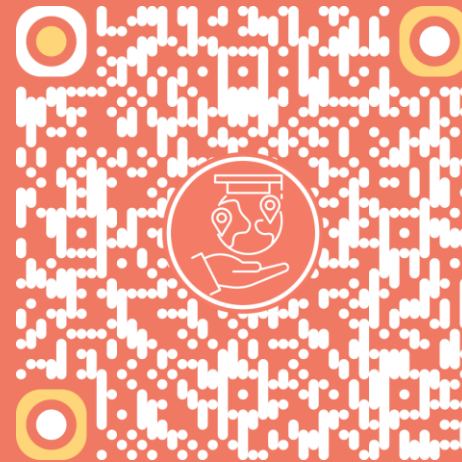
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Fellowship Program

10 fellows accepted from 10 different countries



Interventional Nephrology Scholarships

12 scholars to train at 11 Training Centers

Currently **27** Training Centers



Sister Centers Program (SRC/STC)

5 pairs graduated in January 2026

2026: 50 SRC pairs/trios, 23 ISN-TTS STC pairs/trios

Grand Rounds (Pediatric and Transplantation)



CME Program

35 speakers supported in **16 meetings in 2026** so far



Clinical Research Program

Funded 4 projects (out of 30 applications):

Two from India, one each from Uganda and Egypt



Scientific Writing Courses

1 face-to-face course in Malaysia



Mentorship Program

25 mentor-mentee pairs matched / 71 mentors available for new matching in 2026



Educational Ambassadors Program

8 trainings approved in 2026 (Peru x2, Guatemala, Argentina x2, Pacific Islands, Syria, Pakistan)



Emerging Leaders Program

Cohort 4 ELP, collaborative projects on AI and kidney care models (2026-2028)



Regional Training Centers

37 centers around the world in LIC, LMICs and UMICs!

Accepting applications for new RTCs in NIS & Russia and Eastern & Central Europe



Saving Young Lives

Workshops at WCN'26 and in Bolivia: 43 participants trained in English and Spanish. ISPD workshop end of September.



Infographic

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Our Impact

A snapshot of the difference made 2015-2025



North America & the Caribbean region



- ISN Endorsed several events such as:
 - Nephrology Boston 2026
 - Columbia Renal Biopsy Course - as part of the ISN's collaboration with this internationally renowned course, 10 registrations were offered to attend the course online (ISN Renal Pathology Bursaries)
 - Onconeurology Symposium
- Educational Ambassadors supported from USA
- 2 Mentors and 2 Mentees from North America & the Caribbean region
- SRC/STC: 21 partnerships with Supporting Centers/Mentoring Centers from the region
- 1 ELP cohort 4 members (from USA)
- One Fellow selected to train in region (Canada)

The Professor Donal O'Donoghue Global Kidney Policy Forum (WCN'27)



When: Thursday, 1 April 2027 (before the official opening)

Format: 120 min

- 10 years of GKPF
- 10 years of GKHA evidence
- WHO kidney health resolution implementation
- Kidney health in UHC and NCD strategies
- Country experiences and patient perspective
- Regional priorities for the next decade

Opening

Marcello Tonelli · Ifeoma Ulasi

Fireside

Aminu Bello · Talengsak Kanjanabuch

Keynotes

WHO · Ministry of Health Malaysia

Country panel

Indonesia · Australia · Philippines ·
PLAG patient voice



UNGA81: The Health System Stress Test

Integrated NCD care for UHC — using kidney health as a benchmark for system readiness.



22 Sept 2026 • New York • 10:00–11:00 am

Why now: A strategic moment before the 2027 UHC High-Level Meeting and as countries implement the NCD Political Declaration and WHO kidney health resolution.

Core message: If a health system can prevent, detect and manage kidney disease, it is better equipped to deliver true UHC for complex chronic care.

What it advances: Move from disease silos to integrated primary care, smarter financing, access to diagnostics and medicines, and country-led solutions.

Format in 1-hour with speakers from:

- ISN leadership (Marcello Tonelli)
- global health advocates (UHC2030),
- primary health care providers (PATH),
- national decision makers (Guyana Minister of Health)
- global decision makers (Dr Barbosa head of WHO PAHO),
- international development banks (World Bank Group),



This initiative is supported by the [ISN Strategic Partner Program](#).



*Devex side event
"The Health System Stress Test"*



*The ISN delegation at UNGA81 meeting with the Algerian
Permanent mission to the UN in NY*



The ISN delegation at UNGA81



*Side event "Why Women Wait Years Longer for
a Diagnosis" convened by the Partnership for
Women's Wellness and Siemens Healthineers*



*Side event "Reducing the Stroke Burden:
Translating the WHA Resolution Into Action"
hosted by the World Stroke Organization*

2027 THEME

Launched Sep 14

“KIDNEYS, HEART, AND METABOLISM: THE CORE OF YOUR HEALTH”

The theme

Kidney health is fundamental to overall health. Healthy kidneys play a vital role in maintaining cardiovascular and metabolic health, while conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity, and cardiovascular disease are among the leading causes of chronic kidney disease.

By promoting an **integrated approach to prevention, early detection, and care**, the campaign aims to raise awareness of the interconnected nature of kidney, cardiovascular, and metabolic health, and inspire action to protect kidney health worldwide.

 Scientific editorial guest authors: **Prof. Peter Rossing & Prof. Vlado Perkovic**



**KIDNEYS,
HEART AND
METABOLISM**
The core of your health



**World
Kidney
Day**

11 MARCH 2027

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World Patient Safety Day (17 September)



- **2026 theme:** *'Safe care for life!'*, with a focus on **non-communicable diseases (NCDs)**.

For the very first time, ISN is honored to be part of the **WHO World Patient Safety Day Steering Committee** and will contribute to the global campaign, thanks to its focus on NCD's.

ISN activities:

- **Social media posts:** In collaboration with the **Patient Liaison Advisory Group (PLAG)**, ISN shared patient perspectives through short videos and quotes responding to **"What I wish I knew as a patient."**
- **Ahead of WPSD:** PLAG posts have been published on ISN channels ahead of WPSD, with reposts from WKD, to amplify the campaign and drive traffic to the PLAG webpage.
- **17 September: General ISN post** marking World Patient Safety Day, with a repost from World Kidney Day.
- **29 September:** Feature on the campaign in the **ISN Advocacy Newsletter**.

Learn more about WPSD theme: <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-patient-safety-day/2026>

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"Safe care for life means being our own advocate at every step, from prevention, diagnosis to daily self-care. I wish I had known that having the psychological safety to ask for clarity and to speak up about concerns, whether it's medication or medical procedures, aren't signs of weakness, but essential acts of self-protection, and quite often, a line of final defence in a fragmented system."

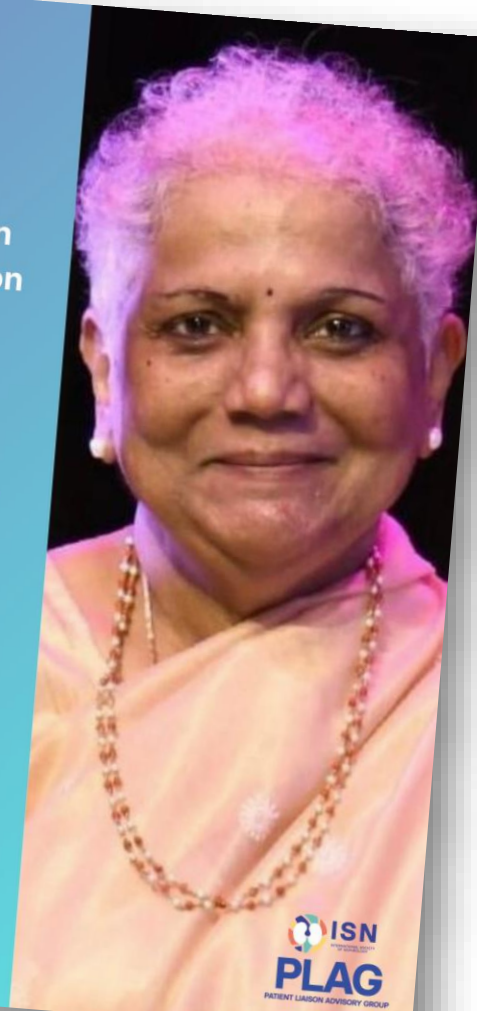
- Bill Wang
Hong Kong

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"For 30 years, I wore guilt on my sleeves. A second opinion for bed wetting would have changed health outcomes. In hindsight, placing wholehearted trust on a doctor's advice absolves you of your responsibility to your health priorities. Be the author of your destiny, review, consider, seek a second opinion."

- Vasundhara Raghavan
India

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Improving the global nephrology community's participation in clinical trial research (ISN-ACT)



ISN TRIALWATCH

Stay up to date with notable kidney trials worldwide

A **bi-monthly** list of the latest notable **randomized controlled trials** (RCTs) from around the world selected by the ISN-ACT team

TAKE IT
FURTHER



ISN Global Kidney Trials Insights: A Guide for Everyone

Making clinical trial insights accessible to patients, families and the wider kidney community

HELP US BRING THESE RESOURCES TO MORE PEOPLE



Share TrialWatch and the Guide across your region and networks



Help us reach patients, families and kidney care communities



Contribute to the ISN TrialWatch! Connect with us!

... and many other resources available on

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ISN iNET-CKD

Help us **grow** the global network of CKD cohort studies

32 cohorts in the network • Detailed data insights from 26 cohorts

32
cohorts
GLOBAL NETWORK

26
cohorts
DATA OVERVIEW

82,000+
patients
REPRESENTED

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- 01 **Prospective observational CKD cohort**
- 02 >1,000 adults or >300 pediatric participants
- 03 >3 years follow-up
- 04 CKD outcomes + biosamples

Affiliate membership may also be considered for selected cohorts / regional CKD registries



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YOUR REGIONAL BOARD CAN HELP

Do you know CKD cohorts
in your region?

- 1 **IDENTIFY**
potential CKD cohorts
- 2 **CONNECT**
us with investigators

research@theisn.org

ISN MEMBERS: APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN ISN COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS



Deadline:
October 29
at midnight CET



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Open Session: Sharing Country/Region/ISN Group/Activity-specific updates

~All; moderated by E. Lerma

Any Other Business
Thank You
Adjourn

~L. Fisher



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