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INNOVATIONS IN KIDNEY EDUCATION CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

ASN contest spurs new ways to teach the kidney's vital role in the body

Highlights

- The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) announced the winners of the ASN Innovations in Kidney Education Contest, a competition to develop novel methods of teaching the kidney's vital role in maintaining overall health.
- Winners will present their innovative tools during a plenary session at the society's annual meeting, ASN Kidney Week 2015, the largest gathering of kidney disease specialists in the world.

More than 20 million Americans have kidney disease, the 9th leading cause of death in the U.S.

San Diego, CA (November 8, 2015) — The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) announced the three winning entries for the inaugural ASN Innovations in Kidney Education Contest (IKEC). Designed to spur new ways to teach the kidney's key roles and mechanics to medical students, the winning entries will convey important concepts about kidney physiology and therapies for kidney diseases. Winning entries will be presented at a plenary session at ASN Kidney Week 2015, November 3-8 at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA.

"Innovations in education are driving the need for exciting new tools to more effectively teach and learn about the physiology and diseases of the kidney," said ASN Councilor Mark E. Rosenberg, MD, FASN.

The IKEC received creative submissions from medical students, graduate students, post-doctoral trainees, nephrologists and PhD faculty. After narrowing the field to six finalists, judges selected three winners based on the entry's effectiveness, appeal, interest, and engagement. The winners represent the best of these innovative approaches to teaching about kidney health and diseases.

"The goals of the Innovations Contest in Kidney Education were to foster the development and sharing of interactive tools to educate, excite and enhance interactions

between teachers and learners,” added Dr. Rosenberg, who also serves as Chair of the ASN Education Committee.

The three winning entries of the inaugural IKEC are:

- **Water Homeostasis** *John Danziger, MD and Team; Nephrologist, Harvard Medical School*
A web-based tool that uses animation and text to demonstrate the kidney’s key physiologic function of maintaining water balance in the body.
- **Nephropoly: Urine Trouble** *Dorey A. Glenn, MD and Team; Fellow, University of North Carolina Kidney Center*
The board game challenges participants in various aspects of the physiology of the nephron (the functional unit of the kidney).
- **The Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy Simulator** *Kamalana K. Sambandam, MD; Nephrologist, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School*
Using PowerPoint macros, students can simulate multiple clinical cases that require continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT).

These innovative tools will help stimulate interest in nephrology among medical students and residents. The IKEC is among multiple ASN initiatives to increase interest in nephrology careers.

ASN Kidney Week 2015, the largest nephrology meeting of its kind, will provide a forum for more than 13,000 professionals to discuss the latest findings in kidney health research and engage in educational sessions related to advances in the care of patients with kidney and related disorders. ASN Kidney Week 2015 will take place November 3–8, 2015, at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA.

Founded in 1966, and with nearly 16,000 members, the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) leads the fight against kidney disease by educating health professionals, sharing new knowledge, advancing research, and advocating the highest quality care for patients.

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