

ASN Clinical Briefing

Welcome to the **ASN Clinical Briefing**, a monthly newsletter highlighting clinical leadership, resources, and key developments in kidney health. The **ASN Excellence in Patient Care (EPC)** team delivers timely updates, resources, and opportunities to help you advance your clinical care.

Please contact epc@asn-online.org with comments, questions, or suggestions to strengthen this newsletter.

KIDNEY HEALTH

Saving Kidneys, Hearts, and Lives (SKHL)

- ASN President Samir Parikh, MD, FASN addressed the kidney-heart connection in a recent article in The Washington Post: "[Scientists May Finally Know Why Kidney Patients Die of Heart Disease](#)"
- SKHL conducted its second Learning Collaborative, in which kidney community members discussed three core areas: Communication, Messaging, and cKm Education; Risk Stratification and Coordination of Care; and Research, Clinical Trials, and Implementation Science
- An SKHL working group submitted comments in response to the Call for Public Comment: American Heart Association Cardiovascular-Kidney-Metabolic Center Certification Requirements v1.0. [Read the Certification requirements](#)

Glomerular Diseases Collaborative (GD-C)

The GD-C Steering Committee is advancing the next phase of the GD Compendium while expanding its use to support targeted education initiatives. [Access the GD-C Compendium](#)

Transforming Dialysis Access Together (TDAT)

- [View the videos](#) on the importance of vascular access and identifying vascular access type.

INFECTION PREVENTION

Current and Emerging Threats (CET)

- CET monitors the current measles outbreak and promotes trusted resources, including the [Johns Hopkins Measles Tracker](#).
- CET has also compiled a [Measles FAQ for People with Kidney Diseases](#).

The Kidney Community Vaccination Collaborative (KCVC)

- While the winter respiratory virus season is coming to a close, vaccination for people with kidney diseases remains critical, particularly with COVID now a year-round concern. View trusted resources for vaccination on the [KCVC website](#).
- KCVC welcomes three new members to its Steering Committee: Dorey A. Glenn, MD, MPH (pediatrics - UNC Kidney Center), and Kim Wolfe, RN, and Sue Perron, RN - DaVita.

The Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) Core Interventions for Infection Prevention Workgroup

- The PD Workgroup will host a Journal Club webinar on June 16. Panelists will discuss the [Core Interventions for the Prevention of Peritoneal Dialysis–Related Infections](#), published in CJASN.

[Register for the Journal Club on June 16](#)

The Infection Prevention & Transitions of Care Podcast Series

- Coming in late April – the next episode of the series will address PD Core Interventions for Infection Prevention. [Listen to all 7 episodes in the series](#)



HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

Resources for Displaced Patients

- EPC developed FAQs and patient information cards to emphasize the need for life-saving therapies and medications for people living with kidney failure who are at risk of being detained and people experiencing displacement due to other circumstances.

[Read the FAQs](#)

Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) Podcast Series

- Two new episodes are now available:
 - "Measles in People Living with Kidney Diseases", featuring infectious diseases specialist Dr. Kristina Bryant, dropped on March 30. [Listen now](#)
 - "Water Quality, Dialysis, and Infectious Risk During Emergencies: Part One", featuring Dr. Matthew Arduino, was posted on April 13. [Listen today](#)

Sustainability

- April is Earth Month! Have you considered how to support sustainability initiatives in your facility? EPC's Sustainability Program Committee supports the work of ISN's GREEN-K initiative [Learn more about GREEN-K](#)

LEADERSHIP

Fostering Innovative Leaders in Nephrology and Dialysis (FIND)

- **Stay tuned:** the application period for the 2027 cohort will open in June 2026. [Learn more about the FIND Leadership program](#)

RESOURCE HUB

eGFR

- The eGFR Toolkit is a key resource for kidney professionals on best practices for GFR testing, promoting early detection of kidney disease, and advancing health equity. [Use the Toolkit](#)

ASN Kidney Health Guidance

- The latest Kidney Health Guidance addresses [Conservative Management in People with Kidney Failure](#)
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UPCOMING EVENTS AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Centers of Excellence in Home Dialysis (CoE)

- CoE will host focus group discussions in April and May to hear perspectives of what makes a home dialysis program excellent. Home dialysis patients, care partners, nurses, social workers, and administrators, we want to hear from you! [Register here](#) to join a one-hour virtual session.

ASN Home Dialysis Scholarship Program

- The ASN Home Dialysis Scholarship Program for fellows is accepting applications for the 2026/27 cohort. Applications will close on May 31, 2026. [Apply now](#)

ASN Excellence in Patient Care (EPC) strives to enhance kidney health by promoting prevention, early detection, timely intervention, and effective treatment.

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