

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.

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KIDNEY HEALTH

Saving Kidneys, Hearts, and Lives (SKHL)

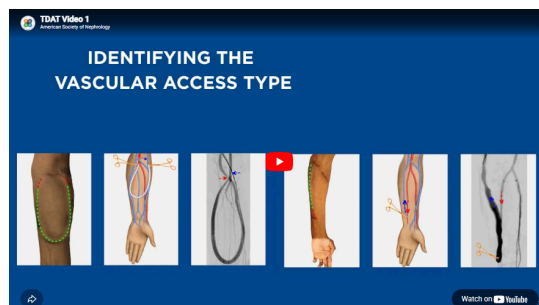
- The SKHL initiative promoted the [#LoveYourKidneys campaign](#) from Valentine's Day and National Donor Day until World Kidney Day

Glomerular Diseases Collaborative (GD-C)

- The GD-C works to advance high-quality care and close gaps in knowledge, training, and awareness across glomerular diseases.
- The GD Compendium serves as a centralized hub connecting health care professionals to key resources that support better diagnosis, management, and access to treatment. [Explore the GD Compendium](#)
- Early identification and referral are key priorities of the GD-C. Dr. C. Nicole Swiner, family practitioner, shared the importance of protecting kidney function. [Watch the video](#)

Transforming Dialysis Access Together (TDAT)

- TDAT increases exposure to dialysis access during undergraduate and graduate medical training. TDAT has released the first two of seventeen planned education videos and three CJASN publications. [View more information](#) / [Click the image below to view a video](#)



INFECTION PREVENTION

Current and Emerging Threats (CET)

- CET works continuously to protect against bacterial, viral, and fungal pathogens.
- Look for these new measles resources, including: [Measles FAQ for People with Kidney Diseases](#) and [US Measles Tracker](#)
- The [MDRO Compendium](#) updates are now live, with a new section on *C. auris*.

The Kidney Community Vaccination Collaborative (KCVC)

- The KCVC site has up-to-date vaccine information. [Download these resources now](#)
 - Short, case-style video on vaccine communication
 - Vaccine information flyer for dialysis clinics
 - Trusted vaccination resources flyer
- A partnership with Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network (CPESN) launched in January to support pharmacy education and vaccination in two pilot dialysis facilities.
- Trusted vaccination sources, including those below, are available for adults and pediatrics with kidney diseases. [Review all resources](#)
 - American Medical Association: Vaccines, Vaccinations, and Immunizations
 - American Academy of Family Physicians: Fall Immunization Recommendations
 - American Academy of Pediatrics: Immunization Schedule
 - Common Health Coalition: 2025-2026 Combined Respiratory Vaccine Recommendations

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

- The PD Workgroup recently published the [Core Interventions for the Prevention of Peritoneal Dialysis–Related Infections](#) in *CJASN*. Stay tuned for an upcoming podcast, webinar, and website to support this work.

The Infection Prevention & Transitions of Care Podcast Series

- “Talking with Teens about Fistulas” is the latest podcast in the series. The series includes:
 - Preventing Infections During Transitions of Care in Dialysis
 - Infection Prevention Strategies Amongst In-Center and Home Dialysis Patients Related to Reducing Catheter-Related Blood Stream Infections
 - Best Practices for Dialysis Technicians Related to Infection Prevention
 - Infection Prevention from the Patient Perspective
 - Catheter Care in Hemodialysis
 - Safe Catheter Connections and New Techniques

[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

- The EPR podcast series' latest episode features ASN's partnership with Direct Relief. Series topics include:
 - Emergency preparedness and response in kidney care during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Facility preparedness: what is unique to nephrology practices
 - A discussion with Direct Relief: bridging kidney care gaps during global crises

[Listen to the series](#)

Sustainability

- Sustainability Program Committee supports the work of ISN's GREEN-K initiative [Learn more about GREEN-K](#)
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LEADERSHIP

Fostering Innovative Leaders in Nephrology and Dialysis (FIND)

- FIND successfully graduated its inaugural FIND Class in December 2025.
 - The Class of 2026 launched in January, bringing together an expanded cohort of 17 emerging clinicians and researchers committed to shaping the future of nephrology.
 - **Stay tuned:** the application period for the 2027 cohort will open in June 2026. [Learn more about the FIND Leadership program](#)
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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

- ASN Kidney Health Guidance is available on the following topics:
 - [Outpatient Management of Patients with Dialysis-Requiring Acute Kidney Injury](#)
 - [Potassium and Phosphorus Food Additives](#)
 - [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 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.

Human Factors

- The Human Factors engineers are hosting focus group discussions with dialysis staff to discuss the feasibility of implementing a "no interruptions zone" during dialysis put-on and take-off. The engineers want to hear from more in-center dialysis nurses and technicians! Email Kerry Leigh at kleigh@asn-online.org to join a one-hour focus group.

ASN Home Dialysis Scholarship Program

- The ASN Home Dialysis Scholarship Program for fellows will soon begin accepting applications for the 2026/27 cohort. Applications will open in April and close on May 31, 2026.

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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