

International Pediatric Nephrology Fellows Conferences 2009 to 2012: “Serious Learning - Serious Fun”

Report to Stakeholders by the founders and co-directors:

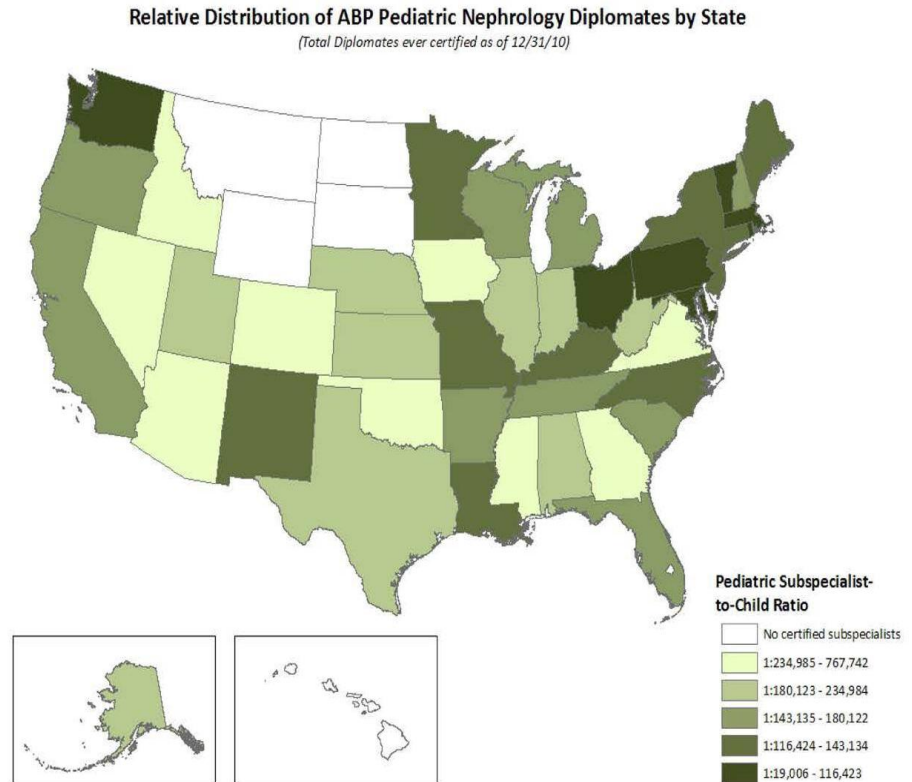
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The Problems

- There is a shortage of pediatric nephrologists
- Pediatric nephrologists have to focus on clinical care, leaving less time for research...long hours
- Patients have to travel long distances
- Few centers have enough patients to make significant research => need multi-site protocols



One solution

- The International Pediatric Nephrology Fellows Conference was created to
 - Address the shortage/attrition of pediatric nephrology the work force
 - Foster collaboration and multi-institution research

Vision and Mission

Vision: To improve the lives of children adolescents and emerging adults with chronic kidney disease by fostering friendships and collaboration among pediatric nephrology trainees

Mission: To provide a forum where fellows and teaching faculty share teaching and collaborative experiences that will ultimately produce well-prepared and productive pediatric nephrologists. This will be accomplished through a yearly conference that focuses on topics centered on administration, teaching, patient outcomes, quality improvement leadership, and research collaboration.

Goals

- To provide tools necessary for a successful career as a health care provider of children, adolescents and emerging adults with chronic kidney disease.
- To teach the future pediatric nephrologist pearls on administration, teaching, patient care, quality assurance, leadership, and research.
- To foster friendships and collaboration between the trainees that will translate into future multi-institutional and multidisciplinary research.

International Participants 2009-2011



Outcomes

- **Abstracts:**
 - 18 abstracts accounted for 25% of all RRI meeting in 2011
 - 3 “Best Abstract of the Year Award” in 2010 and 2011
- **Manuscripts:**
 - Manuscripts in the journals Renal Failure and in Blood Purification
- **Other outcomes:**
 - Friendships visible at other national meetings.
 - Lasting relationships/friendships among the future pediatric nephrologists of the world, can then translate into multi-center research projects.
 - Fellows have found mentors outside their training institutions

2011 Pediatric Nephrology Fellows



2012 International Pediatric Nephrology Fellows Conference

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

12:00 PM	General Nephrology Pearls: John Mahan
1:00 PM	What can go wrong in the PICU: Stu Goldstein
2:00 PM	Pediatric Dialysis Billing & Coding/CMS regulations: Joseph Flynn
3:00 PM	Metacognition and teaching: Engaging adult learners Todd Zakrajsek
4:15 PM	Peritoneal Dialysis Pearls: Maria Ferris and David Tauer
5:15 PM	Genetic Conditions: Peter Kotanko
6:15 PM	Clinico-pathology pearls. Tim Bunchman and Pat Walker
7:00 PM	F and F [Fellowship and Fun] Penny Harrington

Wednesday January 25, 2012

7:00 AM	Effective presentation of your work: Debbie Gipson
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Thursday, January 26, 2012

4 to 6 PM	Board Review Questions: Val Panzarino and Sharon Perlman
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- Nephropath™
- Fresenius Medical Care
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- The Ohio State University
- American Kidney Fund (2010)
- Our volunteer interdisciplinary faculty members

