



ASN Continuing Medical Education (CME) Mission Statement

Purpose

The purpose of the American Society of Nephrology's (ASN) continuing medical education (CME) program is designed to close the knowledge and/or performance-in-practice gaps of ASN's physician members regarding quality, patient-centered health care. Accordingly, the Society provides scientifically rigorous, evidence-based educational activities. These activities will:

- Address identified educational needs for both scientists and clinicians working in the field of nephrology; and
- Increase knowledge, skills, and competence levels; thereby
- Contributing to improved patient outcomes.

Fostering and promoting the transformation of new scientific information into useful clinical best practices will improve physician competence and performance.

Content Areas

The scope of educational topics covered by ASN's CME program shall be broad, but all activities must meet the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)¹ and the American Medical Association (AMA)² definitions of CME and be related to the specialty of nephrology.

These topics address medical and scientific advances, in both clinical and basic science research, ethical and social issues, and professional development and include, but are not limited to:

- General nephrology.
- Hypertension.
- Dialysis.
- Transplantation.

Target Audience

The target audiences for ASN's CME activities are physicians and physicians-in-training in nephrology. Additional audiences include research professionals (PhDs) and other members of the nephrology patient care team (Physician Assistants (PAs), Nurse Practitioners (NPs), Registered Nurses (RNs), and others).

Types of Activities

ASN's CME program includes, but is not limited to:

- Courses: Kidney Week, Renal Weekends, Board Review Course and Update, and national and regional symposia and workshops.
- Enduring materials: monographs.

- Internet (enduring materials): activities hosted on the Internet.
- Journal CME: Nephrology Self-Assessment Program (*NephSAP*).
- Other worthwhile educational activities as may be determined from time to time by the ASN Education Committee or the ASN Council.

Expected Results

The ASN CME program:

- Provides updates on new developments in the field of nephrology (knowledge).
- Helps participants to develop, maintain, or strengthen their application of:
 - Abilities and strategies in practice (competence).
 - Skills and accepted methods of diagnosis and treatment to provide services for patients (performance).

Footnotes

¹ “Continuing medical education [CME] consists of activities which serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills, and professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public, or the profession. The content of CME is that body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession as within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of clinical medicine, and the provision of health care to the public.” [ACCME Accreditation Policies 140_20080128]

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