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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **American Society of Nephrology's (ASN) 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Scientific Exposition on November 8-13, 2005 in Philadelphia, PA**

**What:** Presenting research on the latest issues and scientific breakthroughs in nephrology.

**How:** ASN News Briefings on stem cells and pediatrics will address key renal issues.

#### **Stem Cells and the Kidney News Briefing**

**Thursday, November 10, 2005; 12:15 pm–1:15 pm**

**Room 303A, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA**

Moderator: Joseph V. Bonventre, MD, PhD

- **The Use of Human Embryonic Stem Cells for Therapy**, Laurie Jackson-Grusby, PhD  
*Basic and Clinical Science Symposia, Thursday, November 10, 1:30 pm–3:30 am, Room 105*
- **Mesenchymal Kidney Stem Cells**, Qais Al-Awqati, MD  
*Basic and Clinical Science Symposia, Thursday, November 10, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm, Room 105*
- **Administration of Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSC) to Rats with Ischemic Acute Renal Failure (ARF) Protects Renal Function and Enhances Recovery Primarily through Paracrine Renotropic, Anti-Inflammatory and Vasculo-Supportive Mechanisms**  
Florian E. Toegel, MD and Christof Westenfelder, MD  
*Free Communications [SA-FC015], Saturday, November 12, 4:20 pm–4:30 pm, Room 204A*
- **Kidney Derived Stem Cells: In Vivo Localization and Cellular Therapy of Acute Renal Failure**  
Sandeep Gupta, MD  
*Free Communications [SA-FC019], Saturday, November 12, 5:00 pm–5:10 pm, Room 204A*

#### **Pediatrics and the Kidney News Briefing**

**Friday, November 11, 2005; 12:15 pm–1:20 pm**

**Room 303A, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA**

Moderator: Lisa M. Guay-Woodford, MD

- **The Metabolic Syndrome in Children: Antecedents of Overt Cardiovascular Disease**  
Bonita E. Falkner, MD  
*Basic and Clinical Science Symposia, Saturday, November 12, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm, Room 107*
- **Hypertension in Children and Adolescents Is Not a Silent Disease**, Daniel I. Feig, MD, PhD  
*Free Communications [F-FC096], Friday, November 11, 4:20 pm–4:30 am, Room 109*
- **Mild Renal Insufficiency Is Associated with Poor Outcome in Children with Acute Decompensated Heart Failure: Evidence for a Pediatric Cardiorenal Syndrome**  
Stuart Goldstein, MD  
*Poster Session [F-PO908], Friday, November 11, 10:00 am–12:00 pm, Room Halls A/B*

**MORE**

- **Urine Protein Biomarkers Distinguish Steroid-Sensitive and Steroid-Resistant Idiopathic Nephrotic Syndrome of Childhood**, Robert Woroniecki, MD  
Free Communications [F-FC056], Friday, November 11, 4:40 pm–4:50 pm, Room 105
- **Sports Participation by Children with a Single Kidney: Opinions and Comparative Risks**  
Matthew M. Grinsell, MD, PhD  
Poster Session [F-PO1023], Friday, November 11, 10:00 am–12:00 pm, Room Halls A/B

***Other Highlights:***

- **F-FC095: Nighttime Blood Pressure Level and Diurnal Rhythm Are Associated with Cognitive Dysfunction**, Gary L. Schwartz, MD, FASN  
*Free Communications, Friday, November 11, 4:10 pm–4:20 pm, Room 109*
- **F-FC155: Long Term Cardiac Outcomes in Renal Transplant Recipients Receiving Fluvastatin: The ALERT Extension Study**, Hallvard Holdaas, MD  
*Free Communications, Friday, November 11, 4:10 pm–4:20 pm, Room 108*
- **SA-FC108: Kidney Injury Molecule-1 (KIM-1) as an Early Marker for Donor Brain-Death-Associated Renal Injury**, Henri Leuvenink, MD  
*Free Communications, Saturday, November 12, 4:20 pm–4:30 pm, Room 113A*
- **SA-FC112: Carbamylated Erythropoietin (CEPO) Reduces Renal Inflammation during Brain Death**, Henri Leuvenink, MD  
*Free Communications, Saturday, November 12, 5:00 pm–5:10 pm, Room 113A*
- **Gender Issues in Large Clinical Renal Trials**, Julia Lewis, MD  
*Basic and Clinical Symposia, Sunday, November 13, 10:00 am–12:00 pm, Room 107*

**Where:** Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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November 8: ASN Management Office, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 304, (215) 418-2061  
Wednesday, Nov. 9–Sunday, Nov. 13: ASN Press Room, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Room 303B,  
(215) 418-2058 (Press Room), 202-236-8142 (after hours)

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**Please note:** additional highlights for Renal Week 2005 can be located within ASN's Press Guide. This information is obtainable through the media portion of the ASN website at <http://www.asn-online.org>. All individuals identified within this Media Alert are available for comments; see contact information above to arrange interviews.

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