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NEPHROLOGISTS SUMMARIZE NEW RENAL RESEARCH DURING PUBLIC POLICY NEWS BRIFING AT RENAL WEEK

San Francisco, CA (Friday, October 26, 2007) — Renal experts will summarize important new research on the topics of cardiovascular risk in chronic kidney disease, consequences of acute kidney injury, racial and ethnic disparities of kidney disease, and anemia management in kidney disease patients, being presented during the American Society of Nephrology's 40th Annual Meeting and Scientific Exposition in San Francisco at a policy-centered news briefing on Saturday, November 3.

“We hope that by highlighting significant research that could directly impact public health in America, we can ultimately improve health outcomes,” said Jonathan Himmelfarb, MD of Maine Medical Center, Chair of ASN’s Public Policy Board and moderator of the briefing.

Following a brief introduction by Dr. Himmelfarb, Mark J. Sarnak, MD, FASN of Tufts-New England Medical Center will discuss the link between chronic kidney disease (CKD) and cardiovascular disease (CVD) in his briefing presentation, “The CKD - CVD Connection.” Chi-yuan Hsu, MD, MS of University of California, San Francisco will address “The Consequences of Acute Kidney Injury.” The third topic, “Race, Ethnicity in Outcomes of Patients with Kidney Disease (Health Disparities)” will be presented by Neil R. Powe, MD, MPH, MBA, FASN of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Lynda A. Szczech, MD, MSCE, FASN of Duke University Medical Center will conclude the briefing with a discussion on “The Treatment of Anemia in Kidney Disease.”

The Public Policy News Briefing will take place on Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm in Room 236 of the Moscone Center South in San Francisco.

The ASN is a not-for-profit organization of 10,000 physicians and scientists dedicated to the study of nephrology and committed to providing a forum for the promulgation of information regarding the latest research and clinical findings on kidney diseases. ASN’s Renal Week 2007, the largest nephrology meeting of its kind, will provide a forum for 11,000 nephrologists, to discuss the latest findings in renal research and engage in educational sessions relating advances in the care of patients with kidney and related disorders from October 31 – November 5 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, CA.

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