



ASN Continuing Education Mission Statement

Purpose

The purpose of the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) continuing education (CE) program is to close the knowledge and/or performance-in-practice gaps of nephrology clinicians, scientists, and other professionals regarding quality, person-centered health care. Accordingly, the Society provides scientifically rigorous, evidence-based educational activities. These activities will:

- Address identified educational needs for physicians, scientists, advanced practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, and other health professionals working and training in the field of nephrology; and
- Increase knowledge, skills, and competence levels; thereby
- Contributing to improved patient outcomes.

Fostering and promoting the development and translation of new scientific information into new therapies and best practices will improve professional competence, performance, and patient outcomes.

Content Areas

The scope of educational topics covered by ASN's CE 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 continuing medical education (CME) and be related to the specialty of nephrology.

Additionally, in order to address the professional practice gaps of the healthcare team, select activities must meet the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) standards for CE activities.

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 CE activities are physicians, scientists, advanced practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, and other health professionals working and training in the field of nephrology.

Types of Activities

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

- Courses: Kidney Week, ASN Highlights, Board Review Course & Update, and national and regional symposia and workshops.
- Enduring Materials: Nephrology Self-Assessment Program (NephSAP), Kidney Self-Assessment Program (KSAP).
- Internet (enduring materials): Webinars.
- Other worthwhile educational activities as may be determined from time to time by the ASN CPD Committee or the ASN Council.

Expected Results

ASN's CE program:

- Provides updates on new developments in the field of nephrology and related sciences (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).
- Incorporates the educational needs that underlie the practice gaps of the healthcare team.

Footnotes

- 1 "Continuing medical education consists of educational 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 CME Content: [Definition and Examples](#)]
- 2 "CME consists of educational 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 the 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." [AMA House of Delegates policy #300.988]