For Kidney Week 2021, ASN will make every effort to:

- Emphasize the health and safety of participants, vendors, staff, and other stakeholders.
- Manage the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic as proactively as possible.
- Ensure a meaningful experience for every participant (regardless of virtual or in-person participation).

1. **Why did ASN decide on a hybrid meeting?**
   Given the progress of vaccine dissemination in some countries (including the United States), the current policies in the state of California and City of San Diego, and the desire of many in the kidney community for in-person networking, engagement, and interactivity, the ASN Council approved a hybrid format for Kidney Week 2021.

2. **What are the dates of Kidney Week 2021?**
   - **Wednesday, October 27, and Thursday, October 28, 2021,** for Early Programs – fully virtual with live-streamed and on-demand content.
   - **Thursday, November 4, through Sunday, November 7, 2021,** for the Annual Meeting – in-person and virtual components including plenaries, 100+ sessions, poster presentations, exhibits, and more.
   - All meeting content will be available on the Kidney Week 2021 website/platform until Friday, January 7, 2022.

3. **What is the time zone of Kidney Week 2021?**
   Pacific Daylight/Savings Time (PDT/PST) in the United States.

4. **What does Kidney Week 2021 include?**
   - All Early Programs (October 27–28) are fully virtual and include live-streamed and on-demand content, as well as access to all recorded presentations for up to three years. Each program has a separate registration fee and offers continuing education credits.
   - The Annual Meeting (November 4–7) is hybrid with in-person and virtual components including plenaries, 100+ sessions, poster presentations, exhibits, networking, and more. *All meeting content will be available to all in-person and virtual participants on the Kidney Week 2021 website/platform until Friday, January 7, 2022. In late January 2022, this content will move to the ASN eLearning Center for up to three years and continue to be complimentary to meeting participants who obtain an access code. Access code information will be available in October 2021.*
Registration and Housing

5. **How do I register for Kidney Week 2021?**
   Early registration will open on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, and close on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. Standard registration will open on Thursday, September 16, 2021, and close on Friday, December 31, 2021. [Click here](#) for registration fees and information.

6. **Why are in-person registration rates the same as virtual registration rates?**
   All in-person and virtual participants will have access to all content at Kidney Week 2021. In-person participants will have full access to the virtual platform and all virtual content. Virtual participants will have access to approximately 25 in-person sessions via live streaming and approximately 30 in-person sessions on-demand within one day of onsite presentation. All participants will have access to in-person and/or virtual posters, exhibits, networking opportunities, ASN assistance, and more. All participants are eligible for the same number of continuing education credits, whether in-person or virtual. Finally, all participants will have access to the educational content for three years via the ASN eLearning Center.

7. **How do I make a housing reservation for Kidney Week 2021?**
   Housing will open on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, and close on Friday, October 1, 2021, Housing information will be posted in August 2021.

Program/Content

8. **When will the Kidney Week 2021 schedule be available?**
   Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at [www.asn-online.org/kidneyweek](http://www.asn-online.org/kidneyweek).

9. **How will I access Kidney Week 2021 virtual content?**
   ASN will host a dedicated website (virtual platform) for Kidney Week 2021 that all participants can access. You will need to register for the meeting and log in with your ASN account. ASN will provide detailed instructions closer to the meeting.

10. **How long will I have access to the recorded content?**
    All meeting content will be available on the Kidney Week 2021 website/platform until Friday, January 7, 2022. In late January 2022, this content will move to the ASN eLearning Center for up to three years and continue to be complimentary to meeting participants who obtain an access code. Access code information will be available in October 2021.

Abstracts

11. **I submitted an abstract by the deadline on Friday, June 2, 2021. When will I receive the decision?**
    Abstract notifications will be emailed on Friday, August 13, 2021.

12. **Will ASN offer additional opportunities to submit abstracts?**
    The call for late-breaking clinical trials will open on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, and close on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. EDT.
13. How will posters be viewed, presented, etc.?
All abstracts accepted for poster presentation can be uploaded as ePosters for viewing on-demand starting Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. PDT. There will also be an opportunity for in-person posters as well. Please check back in August for more details.

Exhibits/Support/Advertising Opportunities

14. Will there be an exhibit hall?
Kidney Week 2021 will include in-person exhibits in San Diego, CA, on Thursday, November 4, Friday, November 5, and Saturday, November 6, and virtual exhibits on the Kidney Week 2021 website/platform. Please check back in August for more details.

15. When can I select my exhibit booth location?
In mid-July, companies with ASN Priority Points accumulated in 2018, 2019, and 2020, will be contacted by a member of the SPARGO, Inc., exhibit sales team regarding 2021 space selection. All appointments will be assigned based on Priority Point ranking and held via phone or online self-selection with access to the online sales office and floor plan. Please have your IT staff add kidneyweekAO@spargoinc.com and the spargoinc.com domain to your safe sender list for emails. Companies without ASN Priority Points may contact Emily Dowling with SPARGO, Inc., to reserve an exhibit booth at Kidney Week 2021. Space selection for all companies will open in August.

16. What are the fees to exhibit at Kidney Week 2021?
In-Person Exhibit: In-line space is $37 per square foot; island space is $45 per square foot; non-profit booth is $1,000 (first booth only).
Virtual Exhibit: Virtual profile only is $5,000 flat fee; non-profit virtual profile is only $1,000 (first booth only); virtual profile premier placement add-on is $10,000 (limited to eight companies); virtual profile "real time" reporting access add-on is $500.
Please check back in mid-July for more details in the Exhibitor Prospectus.

17. My institution/company is interested in exhibiting. Who should I contact?
Ronny Coombs, ASN Senior Coordinator for Meetings and Exhibits.

18. My company is interested in supporting and/or sponsoring Kidney Week 2021. Who should I contact?
Kara Page, ASN Vice President for Business Development.

19. My company is interested in advertising in ASN's newsmagazine, Kidney News, which will be mailed to participants in advance of the meeting. Who should I contact?

In-Person Participant Information

20. What is the vaccination policy for in-person participants?
All in-person participants, including but not limited to attendees, exhibitors, staff, and vendors, are required to attest that they are fully vaccinated or will be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by Monday, November 1, 2021, prior to Kidney Week OR agree to have a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours prior to attending Kidney Week. Vaccination status must be provided at the time of registration.
21. **Will there be policies on masks, social distancing, etc., for in-person participants?**
ASN follows best practices recommended by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and abides by the legal mandates from the state of California at the time of Kidney Week 2021. ASN will post health and safety information in late July that will be updated as needed.

**Other**

22. **Will there be continuing education credits (CME/CNE/CPE) and maintenance of certification (MOC) points for Kidney Week 2021? If so, how many credits/points?**
Annual Meeting participants can claim up to 75 continuing education (CE) credits and American Board of Internal Medicine MOC points. For Early Programs, CE credits vary from program to program, and MOC points are not offered.

23. **How can I get my Certificate of Attendance?**
Please check back in October for this information.

24. **Will there be social events at Kidney Week 2021?**
ASN will host a Welcome Reception open to all in-person participants on Thursday, November 4, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. PDT. Attendees participating virtually will have an opportunity to network informally via the Kidney Week 2021 website/platform.

25. **Are there opportunities for ancillary events at Kidney Week 2021?**
Information on in-person ancillary events and the process for organizing them will be available in late August. Please contact meetings@asn-online.org with any questions.

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