



# KIDNEY WEEK 2021

San Diego, CA | Nov. 4-7

# FAQs

*This information is subject to change.  
ASN will update this document as needed.*

**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 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. [Click here](#) for additional instructions and a How-to-Register video.

### **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. [Click here](#) for housing information.

## **Program/Content**

### **8. Where can I access Kidney Week 2021 program offerings?**

Early Programs information is available [here](#). Annual Meeting information is available [here](#). The program is subject to change.

### **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 (in-person or virtual) 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?**

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## **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 opened on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, and will 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 early September for more details.

**Exhibits/Support/Advertising Opportunities**

**14. Will there be an exhibit hall?**

Kidney Week will include in-person exhibits in San Diego, CA, and virtual exhibits on the meeting website/platform on Thursday, November 4, Friday, November 5, and Saturday, November 6.

**15. When can I select my exhibit booth location?**

Priority Point selection will take place from Wednesday, July 28, through Tuesday, August 17. Beginning August 18, general sales will open, and companies may reserve a booth at <https://events.jspargo.com/asn21/Public/enter.aspx>. Contact [Emily Dowling](#), Senior Account Manager, SPARGO, Inc., for more information.

**16. What are the fees to exhibit at Kidney Week 2021?**

Please refer to page 5 of the [Exhibitor Prospectus](#).

**17. My institution/company is interested in exhibiting. Who should I contact?**

[Emily Dowling](#), Senior Account Manager, SPARGO, Inc.

**18. How can my company support and/or sponsor Kidney Week 2021?**

Available opportunities are listed in the [Corporate Support Catalog](#). Contact [Kara Page](#), ASN Vice President for Business Development, for more information.

**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?**

[Kelley Russell](#), National Sales Manager, The Walchli Tauber Group.

**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, OR must receive a negative COVID-19 test, taken within 72 hours prior to attending Kidney Week 2021. Vaccination status must be provided at the time of registration. For information on vaccination requirements, please see our [Health and Safety Policies](#). You may be required to provide proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test in-person onsite.

**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. Please view our [Health and Safety Policies](#) for more information. These policies are subject to change.

## **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 via the Kidney Week 2021 website/platform.

### **25. Are there opportunities for ancillary events at Kidney Week 2021?**

Yes, all companies and institutions interested in hosting an event in conjunction with Kidney Week should review the [Ancillary Event Guidelines](#) and submit an [Ancillary Event Request](#).

*Updated Wednesday, August 4, 2021*