Dear Nephrology Division Chief:

On behalf of the American Society of Nephrology (ASN), thank you for your support of nephrology and the fight against kidney disease. The Nephrology Division Chiefs Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 12, 2014, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST** at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown in the Grand Ballroom Salons I/J (please check the hotel activity board for any last minute location change).

The agenda is now available. Thank you to those Division Chiefs who responded with interest in attending the meeting. Space is still available for the Town Hall. If you would like to attend but haven’t responded already, please RSVP to Kurtis Pivert by Wednesday, September 24.

We look forward to seeing you at the Town Hall meeting and ASN Kidney Week 2014, Building New Paths to Kidney Health.

Sincerely,

Raymond C. Harris, MD, FASN, ASN Councilor and Co-Moderator Town Hall Meeting
Mark D. Okusa, MD, FASN, ASN Councilor and Co-Moderator Town Hall Meeting

ASN Executive Director Video: Early Programs at ASN Kidney Week 2014

ASN Executive Director Tod Ibrahim previews the Early Programs for ASN Kidney Week 2014 held on Tuesday, November 11, and Wednesday, November 12.

Kidney Health Initiative Hosts Open Workshop on Standardized Pharmacokinetics Assessment in Patients Receiving CRRT

The Kidney Health Initiative (KHI) is hosting an open workshop to present recommendations from the KHI Project: "Standardized Pharmacokinetics Assessment in Patients Receiving Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT)." This workshop will review and critique the recommendations developed by a KHI workgroup on pragmatic study designs to generate pharmacokinetic data to guide drug dosing in patients receiving continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT). The workshop will take place Tuesday, November 11, 2014, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Registration is complimentary but required as space is limited. For more information or to register, please visit www.kidneyhealthinitiative.org or contact KHI staff at khi@asn-online.org

News of Note

NIH Loan Repayment Program Now Accepting Applications
In order to encourage outstanding health professionals to pursue careers in biomedical and clinical research, the NIH is offering a loan repayment program. Successful applicants must commit 2 years to conducting qualified research funded by a domestic nonprofit organization or U.S. federal, state, or local government entity during which NIH may repay up to $35,000 of your qualified student loan debt per year, including most undergraduate, graduate, and medical school loans. Loan repayment benefits are in addition to the institutional salary received for research. The deadline for applications is Monday, November 17.

**ISCHEMIA-Chronic Kidney Disease Trial (ISCHEMIA-CKD) Now Recruiting Patients**

The purpose of the ISCHEMIA-CKD trial is to determine the best way to manage stable coronary heart disease in patients with advanced CKD. The ISCHEMIA-CKD trial compares two standard treatments for advanced CKD patients with stable, moderate to severe cardiac ischemia to see which one saves more lives and prevents more myocardial infarction. Approximately 1000 patients at 340 sites worldwide will participate in ISCHEMIA-CKD. Participants will be assigned at random to a routine invasive strategy with cardiac catheterization followed by revascularization plus optimal medical therapy or to a conservative strategy of optimal medical therapy, with catheterization and revascularization reserved for those who fail optimal medical therapy. More information is available at the ISCHEMIA-CKD Website. If you are interested or if you would like to know if your hospital is already participating in the trial please email ischemia@nyumc.org.

**New NIH Guidance on Significant Changes to Animal Activities**

The NIH has released new guidance on significant animal activities for Public Health Service (PHS) awardee institutions and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUCs). More information is available from the NIH.

**New Funding Notices and Award Opportunities**

(Re)Building a Kidney Coordinating Center (U01)

(Re)Building a Kidney: Cells to Organ (UH2/UH3)

NIDDK Clinician Scientist Mentoring Award to Promote Workforce Diversity (K05)

Metabolic Disease after Bariatric Surgery in Humans (R01)

Consortium on Beta-cell Death and Survival (HiRN-CBDS) (UC4)

**PCORI Announces New Funding for Pragmatic Clinical Trials**

PCORI announced $90 million in funding for its Pragmatic Clinical Studies Initiative. Required letters of intent are due Wednesday, October 1 by 5 p.m. (EDT).

**Howard Hughes Medical Institute Medical Research Fellows Program**

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) is now accepting applications for the HHMI Medical Research Fellows Program. The application deadline is Monday, January 12, 2015.

**Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Complications IMPACT Award (DP3)**
Advancing Interventions to Improve Medication Adherence (R01)

Advancing Interventions to Improve Medication Adherence (R21)

Prize Competition: Challenges in Single Cell Analysis

Sheikh Zayed Prizes for Pediatric Device Innovation

Questions or Comments

ASN welcomes all feedback regarding the ASN Division Chief Executive Summary. Please send your comments or suggestions to communications@asn-online.org.