



Dear BAPN Member,

Welcome to February's edition of the BAPN eNews. Please read on for details on meetings, updates, vacancies and more.

We hope you enjoy this month's read.

Best wishes,

**Mary McGraw** (BAPN President)

**Sally Feather** (BAPN Secretary)

## BAPN Website Survey

Leah Krischock, as Communications Officer, is interested in finding out your opinion on the BAPN website. We would be grateful if you would complete the following survey, which won't take more than five minutes: [Start the survey](#)

## RaDaR Update

The cohorts for the two preliminary studies in the UK Registry of Rare Renal Disease continue to grow with one hundred and twelve patients recruited from twelve regional centres, with MPGN and FSGS. The website affords both patient and clinician up to date information regarding disease background, recent literature of note and current UK research.

## Kids Kidney Research

### Funding for multicentre clinical research project

The round of grant applications adjudicated through the nephrology CSG has been completed. Three projects were shortlisted and sent for external peer review, and a final decision was made by a panel representing the BAPN, KRUK and KKR. An award of £66839 was made to the project: Development and Maintenance of the National Renal Rare Disease Registry - RaDaR, to incorporate: The National Study of Steroid Resistant Nephrotic Syndrome (SRNS). Primary applicant Dr Hugh McCarthy. Thank you to all who participated in a healthy field of applications.

## Scientific Member (Trainee Vacancy) Required

### Scientific Member (Trainee vacancy) required for MCRN/BAPN Paediatric Nephrology Clinical Studies Group

The Medicines for Children Research Network (MCRN) facilitates the conduct of randomised trials and other well-designed studies of medicines for children, including those for prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Thirteen Clinical Studies Groups (CSGs) oversee the development of a high quality portfolio of research for the MCRN and review proposed studies. Advice from CSG members contributes to decisions about whether studies are adopted into the National Institute of Health Research NIHR portfolio and whether studies should be supported by the MCRN.

This appointment offers an exciting opportunity to become a member of the MCRN/BAPN Paediatric Nephrology CSG and to influence the future care of children with renal disease by: Being responsible for developing and overseeing its portfolio of studies; proposing and developing new trials and other well-designed studies; considering studies proposed by others and advising the MCRN (and its Study Assessment Committee) and British Association of Paediatric Nephrology (BAPN); Providing specific advice to investigators; Ensuring consumer involvement in all activities.

CSGs currently hold 2-3 face-to-face meetings per year (plus teleconferences as and when required) and review research proposals per year electronically. Members review studies about a range of topics and with a range of methodologies. This varied work provides a unique insight into how research will influence the future

care of children with renal disease.

The MCRN are looking for an enthusiastic Paediatric Nephrology Trainee to join the CSG as the Trainee representative. The successful applicant will show enthusiasm in learning about the processes of undertaking renal research and a commitment to developing research into medicines for children with renal disease.

Selection will be made against set criteria (outlined below) and appointment will be made strictly on merit. The appointment is for three years and is a voluntary, not remunerated position. Travel expenses for meetings will be reimbursed.

**If you are interested in serving on the MCRN/BAPN Nephrology CSG, please submit a CV and covering letter outlining how you meet the listed criteria to the MCRN Portfolio Development Officer at [ann.byrne@liv.ac.uk](mailto:ann.byrne@liv.ac.uk) by Friday 25 February 2011.**

## Clinico-Pathology Meeting - Monday 21 March 2011

The annual meeting will take place on Monday 21st March at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Please contact Rukshana Shroff [ShrofR@gosh.nhs.uk](mailto:ShrofR@gosh.nhs.uk) for further details.

## Institute of Child Health Renal Course

### Tuesday 22nd - Friday 25th March 2011

The course will include basic science, clinical review and state of the art lectures. The course is aimed at physicians and surgeons working in the field of Paediatric Nephrology; parts of the course will also be of interest to other clinicians, including primary care paediatricians who look after children with renal tract disease, and adult nephrologists who are interested in the origins of adult renal disease and who are involved in the continuing care of children and teenagers with renal tract disease. Details can be found on the [Institute of Child Health website](#). Special rates have been negotiated for trainees

Course director is Dr Paul Winyard [pwinyard@ich.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:pwinyard@ich.ucl.ac.uk)

## BAPN Response to NICE Peritoneal Guidelines

The BAPN has responded to NICE peritoneal dialysis. Details of the response will be found shortly on the [BAPN website](#).

If you have any ideas or would like to include an article or event in eNews, please contact the Renal Association/BAPN Secretariat on 0870 458 4155 or [BAPN@mci-group.com](mailto:BAPN@mci-group.com)