



Dear Member,

Welcome to October's BAPN eNews. Please read on for details on courses, opportunities, bursaries and more.

We hope you enjoy this month's read.
Best wishes,

Mary McGraw
BAPN President

Sally Feather
BAPN Secretary

BAPN Winter meeting Friday 9 December Birmingham Children's Hospital (Education Centre)

The 2011 BAPN Winter meeting will take place from 10.00-16.00 on Friday 9 December at Birmingham Children's Hospital and will include BAPN AGM, state of the art presentations (HUS including use of Eculizumab: Dr Sally Johnson, Newcastle and International aspects of Paediatric Nephrology: Dr Mignon McCulloch, Evelina Children's Hospital) and trainee presentations. To register your interest (in order to plan refreshments) please email sally.feather@leedsth.nhs.uk

Announcement of 2012 BAPN AGM, Renal Association Conference 2012, Gateshead

Please note the BAPN AGM will be held on Tuesday 12th June 2012 during the Renal Association Conference 2012.

Nominations for Honorary Membership of BAPN (Closing date Friday 11 November)

BAPN members are invited to nominate retired colleagues for Honorary Membership of the BAPN. Please send nominations to sally.feather@leedsth.nhs.uk. Nominations will be considered at the BAPN executive meeting on 18 November and announced at the BAPN Winter meeting.

Notice of vacancies on BAPN Executive Committee in 2012

The following offices will become vacant in early 2012: BAPN President, BAPN Research Secretary, Chair of Registry and Audit and Paediatrician with a special interest in nephrology. The formal call for nominations will appear early 2012.

RCPCH meeting 2012, Glasgow

The RCPCH meeting 2012 is in Glasgow and the Nephrology session is on 24 May. This year will be a joint session with Genetics, and there are 2 excellent invited speakers:

Fiona Karet, Cambridge - inherited renal disorders: old (and new) diseases, new horizons

Kate Tatton Brown - Institute of Cancer Research - Whole exome sequencing using Next Generation technologies

Please submit abstracts, and encourage your trainees to submit (they don't have to be genetics related) by 21 November 2011.

Successful applicants for the BAPN Travel Bursary

The following applicants received £500 bursary each:

Wesley Hayes - Nottingham
Hugh McCarthy - Bristol
Chrysothermis Brown - London, GOS
Louise Watson - Liverpool

Message from BAPN Treasurer

The running of the BAPN is now financed through the Renal Association funds. The BAPN has a ringfenced account with about £29,000. We are currently providing three travel bursaries to trainee BAPN members, presenting at conferences, in total around £1500 per year. We would like to ask you for any ideas how to spend the ring fenced monies, with the understanding that we do not have any regular money coming into this account. Please e-mail suggestions to Judith van der Voort, Judith.vandervoort@wales.nhs.uk.

Thank you

Calling paediatric nephrology professionals to support exciting new project to produce public information

Access to high quality information is crucial to partnership working between families and health professionals. It facilitates patient and carer involvement in the decision making process and improves the overall patient experience.

Over the next two years the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, in partnership with BAPN and with funding from the British Kidney Patient Association, will produce a national resource of information leaflets about paediatric renal disease. We will involve young people and their families throughout the process so that the leaflets are accessible and meaningful. We also plan to liaise with a representative from each of the paediatric nephrology units in the UK - this will ensure the information is accurate and comprehensive, and is disseminated to everyone who needs it.

We currently need a representative from each of the following units: Belfast; Cardiff; Evelina; Newcastle; Liverpool; Manchester; Southampton.

This is where you can come in! If you are a member of a paediatric nephrology team and are interested in supporting this project, please contact Kirsten Olson, RCPCH, on kirsten.olson@rcpch.ac.uk or 020 7092 6175 for more information.

RCPCH Quality Improvement workshop - 9 January 2012

The RCPCH Clinical Standards Committee would like to invite you to attend a workshop on 'Pursuing Better Care: Quality Improvement in Paediatrics and Child Health' to be held on Monday 9 January 2012, 10:00-15:00 at the RCPCH in London. There is a small fee of £50 per person and CPD points are available for participating.

Please forward this invitation to your colleagues who would be interested in attending.

The workshop aims to provide an introduction to quality improvement methodologies, including approaches to measuring outcomes to achieve high-quality care.

Registration is now open for all Consultant Paediatricians and Specialist Trainees levels 4 to 8. Please go to www.rcpch.ac.uk/qualityworkshop for further details and to register.

Registration will close on Friday 25 November 2011 and places are limited to 60. I would urge you to register now to avoid disappointment.

I do hope that you and your colleagues can make what promises to be an informative and interactive day - I look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions about the workshop please do not hesitate to contact the Clinical Standards team at clinical_standards@rcpch.ac.uk.

Attention ALL Nephrologists!

I am an Adult Nephrology trainee in the UK.
As part of a Masters programme in Nephrology and Management, I am researching Less Than Full Time (LTFT) working in both Adult and Paediatric Nephrology.

I would be grateful if you could spare 10 minutes to complete a short survey regarding this - I am looking for responses from both LTFT and Full-time doctors.

Please click on the links below to enter the survey, please respond by Friday 11 November.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/LTFTSURVEY

Many thanks
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Surveillance of Haemolytic Uraemic syndrome in children under 16years

The British Paediatric surveillance Unit will begin a study on HUS beginning October 2011 for 13 months. A previous BSPU study on this was carried out 1997 - 2001 and gave us the best epidemiological data we have on the condition. It is important that all cases are reported and we ask all paediatric nephrologists to ensure that all new cases that come to their attention are reported. For further details please click [here](#).

Invitation to apply for membership of the Guideline Development Group for the Short Clinical Guideline on chronic kidney disease

The Centre for Clinical Practice develops clinical guidelines which form recommendations on the appropriate treatment and care of people with specific diseases and conditions within the NHS. They are based on the best available evidence. Guidelines help health professionals in their work, but they do not replace their knowledge and skills.

NICE have been commissioned by the Department of Health to develop a short clinical guideline on the management of hyperphosphataemia in patients with stage 4 or 5 chronic kidney disease with or without dialysis.

For Full details of the positions available please see the NICE website, by clicking [here](#)
The closing date for applications will be 5pm on Wednesday 16th November 2011

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