

## IPNA Best Practices & Standards Committee

The mission of the BPS committee is to create and distribute Clinical Practice Recommendations (CPRs) and Standard of Care developed or endorsed by IPNA for the management of children with kidney diseases for physicians, patients and their families.

### Tasks :

The main priorities of the BPS committee are:

- 1) Creating CPRs and defining Standard of Care for important kidney diseases by IPNA expert groups involving pediatric nephrologists from all IPNA regional societies, other subspecialties involved in the management of specific diseases, and patient representatives.
- 2) Developing and promoting IPNA Webinars devoted to Clinical Practice/Guidelines and aligning these with Webinars from ASPN, ESPN, ERKNET and ISN.
- 3) Distribute CPRs and Standard of Care through workshops, and conferences (regional societies, IPNA congress, IPNA teaching courses, and local meetings), and by publishing CPRs developed or endorsed by IPNA on the IPNA webpage.
- 4) Contribute to the program of IPNA congress.

The BPS committee operates through online teaching activities, regular video conferences, and in-person meetings (with call-in options) at regularly scheduled IPNA meetings.

### Special requirements :

If you are interested in contributing to IPNA Best Practices and Standards committee's activities please apply to be a member of the committee.

Pediatric nephrologist with the following attributes will be given preference:

1. From regions so far not represented in the committee.
2. Experience in conducting systematic review and meta-analysis
3. Training in GRADE methodology for guideline development
4. Past experience in formulating evidence-based clinical practice guidelines

## IPNA Communication Committee

### Tasks :

The Communications Committee oversees efforts of the Association that relate to letting the membership know what is happening. The primary efforts of the Committee include looking after the websites of both the Association ([theipna.org](http://theipna.org)) and the Foundation ([ipnafoundation.org](http://ipnafoundation.org)); development and dissemination of the newsletter (published six times a year); and organizing the social media presence and initiatives (including a Twitter-based journal club). The Committee is currently also active in carrying out the recent strategic plan and most recently has been involved in discussions about the development of an app for IPNA.

This is a dedicated and active Committee that meets virtually once per month, and we enjoy getting to help the membership know what's going on. We also have a great time working together. Join us and help us to promote the many efforts of IPNA around the world!

## IPNA Fellowship Committee

### Tasks :

IPNA has an established fellowship program to provide pediatricians who work far from a pediatric nephrology-training center with training in order to disseminate knowledge of pediatric nephrology to different regions around the world. The Fellowship Committee provides clinical fellowship for physicians coming from emerging countries.

### Special requirements:

1. Previous experience in a Training Center is highly desirable, but not required
2. Teaching experience is highly desirable, but not required
3. Current position at a Medical Faculty or Academic Hospital, required
4. Please detail why you would like to join the Fellowship Committee and what skills/experience you have that may be applicable.

## IPNA Patient Education Committee

### Tasks :

The remit of the Patient Education Committee is to compile material such as relevant articles, videos, talks and other links to useful, practical and up to date patient education material from different cultural and language backgrounds, from around the world, and make this material accessible through the IPNA website, as a form of education and psychosocial support to patients and their families.

This includes adapting the literature according to the cultural and geographical needs of various parts of the world and possible translation of the literature and modifying it accordingly. The involvement of junior members is always welcome.

## IPNA Professional Education Committee

### Tasks :

The mission of the PEC is to provide high quality IPNA sponsored pediatric nephrology education for pediatric nephrologists, pediatric nephrology trainees and physicians who care for children with kidney disorders.

#### **The 4 main priorities of the PEC are:**

- 1) Sponsoring (approving and funding) IPNA Teaching Courses that provide high value education about pediatric nephrology topics for physicians, trainees and allied health professionals in less developed areas of the world
- 2) Developing and implement advanced Pediatric Nephrology Master Classes for pediatric nephrology trainees and pediatric nephrologists
- 3) Developing and promoting IPNA Webinars devoted to Clinical Practice/Guidelines and aligning these with Webinars from ASPN and ERKNET
- 4) Contributing to the educational plan and innovative programs at 2025 IPNA Congress in Cape Town
- 5) Developing IPNA Global Educational Curriculum

**The PEC operates through online evaluations of proposed teaching activities, regular conference calls and in person meetings (with call in options) at regularly scheduled IPNA meetings.**

**If you are interested in contributing to important IPNA educational activities for our profession, please apply to be a member of our committee.**

## IPNA Sister Center Committee

### Tasks :

The remit of the Sister Centers Committee is to identify “mentor centres” in well-resourced regions to establish renal units on a 1 to 1 basis (with priority to centres from Emerging Countries and preference to support previously trained IPNA/ISN fellows) and supervise the whole programme.

The aim of this programme is to assist in improving:

Clinical training of staff (medical, nursing and allied health staff) involved in caring for children with kidney disease

Developing and upgrading services for children with kidney diseases

Education into the community for preventative strategies

Clinical research development.

### Special requirements:

Previous experience either as an ISN Fellow in a developing centre or experience mentoring a developing centre is desirable but not required. **Diversity of membership of our committee is an important tenet- applications from younger members and those with working knowledge of languages in addition to English are strongly welcomed.**

Please detail why you would like to join the Sister Program committee and what skills/experience you have that may be applicable

## IPNA Special Projects Committee

### Tasks:

The committee aims to define the major needs and barriers for the care of children with renal diseases in low-income countries around the world and develop strategies to improve the pediatric nephrology services in these regions.

### Subcommittees:

- Priorities in Low-Resource Countries Committee
- Disasters Committee
- Saving Young Lives
- World Kidney Day Committee