



BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR PAEDIATRIC NEPHROLOGY E-NEWS MAY 2022

Dear colleagues,

I am delighted many of us were able to enjoy some deserved rest during the holiday season last month. Happy Easter, Eid Mubarak, Chag Sameach and Happy Vaisakhi to everyone. A special thanks to the many who were working harder than ever during this time to 'hold the fort' and look after children with kidney disease across the country. Whilst the Easter Bunny did its best to sabotage everyone's biochemistry, you kept those potassium levels low!

The work-force across the NHS continues to struggle with demand, staff sickness and vacancies. The workload and pressure has continued unabated, even when the NHS is no longer in the news with the winter months behind us. Nonetheless staff wellbeing is vital to our ability to work sustainably throughout the year, to live fulfilled and happy lives and to provide the excellent and compassionate care we are all proud to deliver. As the summer months approach, please make sure that your wellbeing is high on the priority list. Everyone will approach this in different ways, but please come together in your teams and families to look after the most precious resource we have, our staff.

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UKRAINE CRISIS – THE BAPN RESPONSE

Statement of support – Please see the latest [UKKA statement and support for Ukraine](#) published on 27/4/2022

Dialysis – there are approximately 40 children in Ukraine on dialysis, some of which are now receiving care in Poland and other neighbouring countries. We are closely monitoring our UK dialysis capacity and have made representations at the RCPCH Specialty Board that BAPN centres are ready to offer dialysis to evacuees on renal replacement therapy if needed. Please may dialysis centres confirm capacity and willingness to accept dialysis patients in principle to nabil.melhem@gstt.nhs.uk

Expertise – we have been making enquiries about offering remote advice for children with kidney disease. If this is practical and needed, we will be looking for volunteers to offer their time to assist with this. We are also approaching other allied multiprofessional groups including nurses, dietitians and pharmacists to ask if they would assist in offering advice if asked.

Donations - The Disasters Emergency Committee, a coalition of 15 leading UK charities, has launched [its collective appeal to provide emergency aid and rapid relief to civilians suffering during the conflict](#). In line with the RCPCH, we encourage any members to donate here. We are also discussing with UKKA about any other material contributions that we can make as a group.

Please also see attached a link on the RCPCH website to see how the college is supporting: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/supporting-ukraine>

BAPN PEOPLE

NEW JOB ADVERT

Leicester NHS trust are advertising a SPIN paediatrician post (consultant substantive and 10 PAs). Below is the link. If anyone is interested, please contact Dr Angela Hall for additional information.

<https://www.nhsjobs.com/job/UK/Leicestershire/Leicester/University Hospitals Leicester NHS Trust/Paediatric Medicine Nephrology/Paediatric Medicine Nephrology-v4080764?ts=1>

Closing date 20th May 2022

EOI FOR LAY REPRESENTATIVE ON BAPN EXECUTIVE

We are looking for expressions of interest for a new Lay representative on the BAPN executive committee. We would be grateful if members could suggest/recommend any motivated individuals that would enjoy this opportunity. Please could applicants write a brief paragraph expressing interest (Maximum 250 words) and email to nabil.melhem@gstt.nhs.uk. Closing date: 30th June 2022

CLINICAL IMPACT AWARDS

The clinical excellence awards (CEA) have now been replaced by the new Clinical Impact Awards (CIA) which was introduced this year. The advisory committee for clinical impact awards (ACCIA) has now replaced the formally named ACCEA.

Local Awards (LEA) will not change for people around the country, with level 9 LEA sitting just below the £40k award. National level awards will be £20, £30 & £40k for levels N1, N2 & N3 respectively. There is also an NO award in Wales worth £10k.

Applications for new awards are accepted from 27 April to 22 June 2022. Please see below links for application forms and more guidance.

[Clinical impact awards application form](#)
[Clinical impact awards application guidance](#)

The UKKA and the RCPCH are listed as a national nominating organisation (NNO). Applicants can now only ask for support from one NNO: If you wish to submit your application to the RCPCH to request support as a NNA, please visit <https://accia.rcpch.ac.uk/register/>.

Deadline for the RCPCH is **11th May 2022 at 5pm**

To seek UKKA support, applications must be submitted to ukka@ukkidney.org by **18 May 2022**. Please include your surname and ACCIA in the e-mail title and your full application. UKKA will notify applicants if their application will be supported on **1 June 2022**

For more information visit: <https://ukkidney.org/renal-association/news/national-clinical-impact-awards-2022>



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RCPCH 2009 HYPERNATRAEMIA (SALT POISONING) GUIDELINE UPDATE - EOIS INVITED

We are inviting expressions of interest for colleagues to be part of the guideline development group for the update of the 2009 RCPCH guideline "The differential diagnosis of hyponatraemia in children, with particular reference to salt poisoning". The RCPCH want this to be led by the BAPN, and we are seeking paediatric nephrology representatives on this group, as well as a Chair and clinical lead for the guideline development group.

We have already received some EOIs, but we would be grateful if any other interested colleagues could get in touch with Matko Marlais (BAPN Guideline Lead) if they would like to be part of this guideline update group: matko.marlais@gosh.nhs.uk

NICE GUIDELINE UPDATE – UTIS IN CHILDREN

From the 11th May 2022 there will be a 2 week consultation for an update on the NICE UTI guidelines. Matko Marlais will be contacting centre leads for comments and responses so that we can upload a unified BAPN response. Please see the review question attached in preparation for this.



review-questions.pdf

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

KQUIP LEAD

We are delighted to appoint **Dean Wallace** as our new KQUIP lead to follow-on from the fantastic work Dal Hothi has championed. This role will help to direct and build upon the great quality improvement work streams which are ongoing. We look forward to Dean starting in this role this summer.

EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

Shazia Adalat from the Evelina London has secured funding for 12, 3-minute long animated educational videos for explaining renal conditions to children. We hope these will be a really useful resource for patient education complementary to the resources on InfoKID and would be keen to recruit interested individuals across the paediatric nephrology community (patients and professionals) who would be interested in collaborating or having input into these, so that these become a resource for every centre to be able to use and promote. Please email Shazia.adalat@gstt.nhs.uk if you wish to be part of this.

PATIENTS KNOW BEST

The national patient-facing system linked to the Renal Registry is being changed from PatientView to the [Patients Know Best](#) personal health records platform. Work on this is ongoing. Please see the following link

for more information about how this changeover will work: [PatientView → Patients Know Best | The UK Kidney Association](#). The switch to PKB is expected to be complete by the end of 2022 and PatientView maintenance will then cease.

CLINICAL NEWS

ALTAPLASE SHORTAGE

Colleagues have raised the issue of a national shortage in Alteplase, particularly 2mg vials used for smaller lines in paediatric patients before starting dialysis and as a line lock between dialysis sessions. The UKKA Kidney Patient Safety Committee is aware and has raised this with DHSC. If your unit has been affected, or has implemented alternative practice, we'd be grateful if you could please let us know by emailing renal@renal.org.

COVID VACCINATION

General information about the vaccine is available on the BAPN and RCPCH websites. The Pfizer vaccine is now licensed for children and young people 5 years of age and older. RCPCH advice is online. <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/coronavirus-vaccination-programme-statement>

Further information is to be included in the new chapter of the Green Book <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-the-green-book-chapter-14a>

We have also updated our guidance and will continue to review this regularly. Links to all of our guidance are on the website. <https://renal.org/health-professionals/covid-19/bapn-resources>

COVID TREATMENT

Sotrovimab is a MAB therapy that is being advised by NHS England and NHS Improvement in those with COVID, 12 years of age and older and >40kg in high risk groups, which includes some of our patient groups. It is for use in mild – moderate COVID in the community to prevent hospitalisation and for those with COVID symptoms severe enough to need hospitalisation. NHS England will be contacting people they think are eligible. The treatment has been shown to be safe and effective in over 18 year olds.

The MHRA information is available online [Summary of Product Characteristics for Xevudy - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[MHRA approves Xevudy \(sotrovimab\), a COVID-19 treatment found to cut hospitalisation and death by 79% - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Currently we would advise an individual risk / benefit discussion with any eligible patients as the incidence of serious illness with COVID is much lower in children and young people.

Additional guidance is also available from NICE – [COVID-19 rapid guideline: Managing COVID-19 \(magicapp.org\)](#)



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RESEARCH NEWS

NAMED AWARDS - KIDNEY RESEARCH UK

KRUK are now inviting applications for [Named awards - Kidney Research UK](#). These awards are in addition to their grants rounds and highlight their commitment to building a stronger and broader research community. All awards will be made in line with KRUK's research strategy and all applicants are advised to consider this carefully prior to submission.

UK DIALYSIS AND RESEARCH INNOVATION NETWORK – VACANCY FOR CHAIR

[UK Dialysis and Research Innovation Network – vacancy for chair - Kidney Research UK](#)

This is an exciting opportunity in the early-stage development of a UK Dialysis and Research Innovation Network (UKDRIN) for the position of two co-chairs. The co-chairs will lead the important work of this network and drive forward research and innovation in this area. The network will sit under the UK Kidney Research Consortium (UKKRC).

COMMITTEES: PROGRAMME GRANTS FOR APPLIED RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR | NIHR

[Committees: Programme Grants for Applied Research Subcommittee Chair | NIHR](#)

We are pleased to announce an exciting opportunity to participate in NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research assessment committees as a Sub-Committee Chair. This prestigious appointment offers senior applied health, public health and social care researchers the chance to lead the sub-committees that formally assess applications and subsequently make funding recommendations for large-scale, high-quality programmes of research for the benefit of patients, service users, carers and the NHS.

CSG MEETING

The BAPN Clinical Studies Group (CSG) supports the development and delivery of high-quality multi-centre clinical research studies across UK paediatric nephrology centres in order to improve treatments for children with kidney disease. The CSG has representation from each centre and meetings are open to all who have an interest in clinical research affecting children with kidney disease. The next meeting will be held virtually on 13th May 10-12pm on Teams. Please contact sally.johnson15@nhs.net if you would like to attend.

SURVEY OF MANAGEMENT OF RELAPSES IN SSNS

As part of the work plan towards a further funding application for a trial of using lower dose prednisolone to treat relapses (PREDNOS 3) led by Martin Christian, we are interested to survey views on our current practices for managing relapses. We would be very grateful if you could take 10 minutes to complete a short survey that takes you through a typical child with SSNS having several relapses. We are particularly interested in the views of SPIN paediatricians and general

paediatricians so if you can also forward the survey onto your local colleagues we would be very grateful.

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JXX6FDP

Please can this be completed by 31st May 2022.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON SUPPORTIVE CARE IN ESKD

Please see attached a questionnaire from the UKKA Paediatric Supportive Care Working group about supportive care in paediatric end stage kidney disease. We are asking for responses from every unit. We Please send replies to: ben.reynolds@ggc.scot.nhs.uk



PHASE 3 TRIAL OF NEDOSIRAN IN PH1 AND PH2

GOSH has just opened recruitment for two industry phase 3 trials of Nedosiran for children with PH1 and PH2. The time windows to recruit are short (estimated 2-3 months) as the numbers are small and it's an international study.

If you have a patient with PH1 or PH2 who may be eligible please contact Wes Hayes Wesley.Hayes@gosh.nhs.uk for more details. Travel and accommodation expenses are covered for participants and their families.

TRAINEES AND TRAINING

BAPN TRAVEL AWARD WINNERS!

Congratulations to our trainees on their successful applications for the BAPN travel awards. Each winner will be awarded a £500 travel award for successful abstract submissions to international conferences. This year's travel award recipients are:

Momitha Choudhury, 4th year med student supported by BAPN member – abstract accepted for ESPN

Julien Marro, medical student supported by BAPN member – abstract accepted at ESPN

Colin Higgins, GRID trainee – abstract submitted to IPNA, outcome pending

TRAINEE REPRESENTATIVE ON BAPN EXECUTIVE

We would like to announce the appointment **Ashish Patel** as our new trainee representative on the BAPN exec, starting this summer. We look forward to working with Ashish on the exec committee to continue our close working relationship with trainees. Special thanks also to Ashish's predecessor Karen Norman for her hard work and excellent trainee representation.

TRAINING DAYS

The next GRID training days will be in Manchester on 12th and 13th May. At present this will be a face-to-face event, rather than a hybrid



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arrangement. Please contact karen.norman1@nhs.net if you are interested in attending face-to-face, or if you wish to be kept informed should a virtual option become available.

SPIN NEPHROLOGY CURRICULUM

The updated SPIN Nephrology curriculum is available on the RCPCH website;

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/special-interest-spin-module-application-guidance>

The training services team will set a date for completion of the old curriculum, and trainees completing beyond that date will be recommended to move over and re-tag to the new curriculum. All new applicants will be provided with the new curriculum on their eportfolio. Questions and feedback on curriculum content can be sent to Dr Adamu Sambo Adamu.sambo@nhs.net.

KIDNEY SCHOOL

Kidney School is a virtual peer group for all trainees with GRID or SPIN interest. The feedback is very good and it is a much appreciated resource.

If you are a trainee with GRID/SPIN interest and would like more info on how to access this or some of the other educational and social events organised by the trainees contact the trainee rep Karen Norman (email: karen.norman1@nhs.net).

FUTURE EVENTS

EWOPA 13TH AND 14TH MAY 2022

We are happy to announce that the next EWOPA meeting will be held on **Friday, 13 May and Saturday, 14 May 2022** in Nijmegen, The Netherlands!

The 51st EWOPA annual meeting will be held onsite at the Amalia Children's Hospital, Radboud University Medical Centre in Nijmegen on Friday, 13th May and Saturday, 14th May 2022. This meeting was postponed in 2020 and 2021 because of COVID-19. To ensure that the 2022 meeting will happen, it has been decided to shorten the meeting and allow for onsite as well as online registration; [You can register by clicking here](#).

For more information see the conference website [here](#) and the EWOPA website [here](#).

THROMBOTIC MICROANGIOPATHY IN PAEDIATRICS HYBRID SYMPOSIUM – 25TH MAY 2022

The agenda for the event will focus on the wide presentation of TMAs that occur in the paediatric population and should be of interest to multiple paediatric specialties including: Nephrology, Haematology, Critical Care, Emergency Care, Immunology, Rheumatology, Genetics, Gastroenterology, Pharmacy & Apheresis. There is the option to attend

this meeting in-person or via a virtual platform. Poster attached for more details.

This meeting is organised and funded by Alexion. Alexion products will be discussed in the context of aHUS Management at this meeting



TMA & Paediatrics
Invitation with agenda

UK KIDNEY WEEK 6-9TH JUNE 2022

UKKW 2022 will take place 6th-9th June 2022 in the Hilton Birmingham Metropole. This will be a hybrid conference and is the largest multi-disciplinary event of its kind in the UK.

UKKW 2022 will include up-to-date research, state-of-the-art lectures, educational sessions, industry partnership programmes and networking with clinicians, academics, scientists, kidney charities and trainees, and is a fantastic example of collaboration throughout the kidney community.

Registration is now open, with discounts for group nephrology unit bookings. For more information and to register, see the conference website: <https://ukkw.org/>

[Copy of PROGRAMME \(ukkw.org\)](#)

UCL GREAT ORMOND STREET INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH INAUGURAL SYMPOSIUM – 9TH JUNE 2022

The UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health Inaugural joint paediatric nephrology symposium will be on Thursday 9 June 2022 from 2.30pm. This is a hybrid event at the ICH and Zoom but must be booked via Eventbrite at [UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health Inaugural Symposium Tickets, Thu 9 Jun 2022 at 15:00 | Eventbrite](#)

MOVING ON UP TOGETHER! 10TH JUNE 2022

The 6th Annual Renal conditions: Moving on up together!

Working together to manage paediatric onset renal conditions moving into adult services

A fantastic study day focussed on transition on the Friday 10th June 2022 hosted by University Southampton Hospitals/ZOOM

For more information and registration go to:

www.readysteadygo.net/mout.html

A PAEDIATRIC URODYNAMIC COURSE ON UNDERSTANDING CHILDHOOD BLADDER DYSFUNCTION – 16-17TH JUNE 2022

A paediatric urodynamic course on understanding childhood bladder dysfunction at Evelina London Children's hospital. 16-17th June 2022.



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Two day online course covering non-invasive and invasive bladder assessment. Limited places. Booking link is: <https://paediatric-urodynamics-course.eventbrite.co.uk>

RCPCH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 28TH -30TH JUNE 2022

The RCPCH Annual Conference 2022 will be taking place from 28 to 30 June in Liverpool. This year's theme is 'Connect, Energise, Inspire' – Celebrating Paediatrics and Child Health Together'. The BAPN will be co-hosting an afternoon session on Wednesday 29th June with the Paediatric Critical Care Society. Book your place now: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/news-events/rcpch-conference/book-your-place>.