General Session presentations will focus on Optimizing Clinical Care, Patient Safety, Productivity, Techniques, and Outcomes. Click here for General Session information.

Meeting Highlights

- Endovascular AV Access Creation by Nephrologists
- Air Embolism while placing CVC Catheter. What’s the risk?
- Debate: Role of Stents in Dialysis Access
- Adrenal Vein Sampling procedure
- Sharp Needle Recanalization for Salvaging 100% Occluded AV Access
- Bioengineered human acellular vessels for dialysis access
- Techniques for managing deep AVF
- Fluoroscopic PD Catheter Insertion Training
- Arterial and Venous Embolization after AV Declot
- Phase 3 Outcomes of PRT-201 on Radiocephalic AVF Outcomes
- Reimbursements/Coding 2017 and the Future
- MACRA: Quality Payment Program for Access Centers

PreCourse for Nephrologists and Fellows featuring:

- ACGME required procedures: CVC, Renal Biopsy, AV Exam
- AV Access creation and maintenance in CKD patients
- Ultrasound application in management of CKD patients
- Urgent Start Peritoneal Dialysis

Hotel Reservations

The Hilton New Orleans Riverside, will be the headquarters hotel for the Annual Scientific Meeting. To find out more about accommodations, visit: www.asdin.org/13hotel

Special ASDIN Group Rate: $229 Single/Double Occupancy
UPCOMING DEADLINES
Monday, October 31st!

We are now accepting applications for

RESEARCH GRANT IN VASCULAR ACCESS AWARD

ASDIN will once again award an annual $25,000 Research Grant
Grant applications will be accepted through Monday, October 31, 2016
with a funding start date of July 1, 2017.

Research Grant
Visit www.asdin.org/page/2017Research for more information and to submit.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS IS NOW OPEN

Abstracts are now being accepted for the 13th Annual ASDIN Scientific Meeting.
All abstract submissions must be submitted NO LATER THAN 11:30 p.m. PST on Monday, October 31, 2016.

Call for Abstracts
Visit www.asdin.org/13thCallforAbstracts for more information and to submit.

CALL FOR VIDEOS

Video selected for podium presentation will receive complimentary Scientific Meeting Registration. Accepted videos will be featured in On-Demand Video Session on 2/11-2/12 during the 13th Annual Scientific Meeting.

Deadline for Submission:
Monday, October 31, 2016

Call for Videos
Visit www.asdin.org/13CallforVideos for more information and to submit.

Fellow of ASDIN (FASDIN)
FASDIN applications will be accepted beginning November 1st through January 31st.
Click here for more information.
Final Physician Fee Schedule due to be published in mid-November

In response to the 2017 Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule, ASDIN has submitted comments to CMS. In our comments ASDIN urged CMS to avoid the drastic reimbursement changes currently proposed for the Dialysis circuit family of CPT codes 369x1-369x7.

ASDIN’s public comments are posted online - [click here to view].

Certification Update

ASDIN announced in July significant changes to two areas of our certification program that will have a significant impact on applicants and some certified physicians.

Hemodialysis Vascular Access (HVA) Recertification

After receiving feedback from ASDIN certified physicians, the HVA Workgroup as part of the ASDIN Certification and Accreditation Committee, has championed a significant change in recertification which should streamline the application process for certified physicians. Case notes will no longer be required as part of the recertification application process. This decreases the required paperwork burden for each candidate. All other recertification requirements remain the same. ASDIN values our certified physicians and is committed to working with this group to assure that they are able to maintain their valuable certification status.

The full HVA Recert application may be viewed [here].

Peritoneal Dialysis Placement (PD) Certification

The PD Workgroup as part of the ASDIN Certification and Accreditation Committee has completely restructured the PD Certification process for the first time since its inception in 2003 with a view to making the certification more valuable and streamlined.

Some of the changes in the process include:
• Removal of peer letter requirement
• Material Review Time Requirements Removed
• Removal of Agreement to Monitor Next 10 Placements
• Confirmation of Skills Letter may be submitted directly with application
• Electronic submission of application required

The PD Workgroup is also committed to providing PD resources to assist candidates in meeting material requirements. A new resource page has been created on the ASDIN website ñ www.asdin.org/PD. Currently two chapters of the ASDIN PD Curriculum on placement technique are available on the page. Materials, videos and trainer resources will be added as they become available. Now, more than ever, is the time to consider obtaining this valuable PD certification.

The new PD Certification Application may be viewed [here].

Did you know???

Your ASDIN Membership includes 9 hours of FREE CME? [Click here] to access the Interventional Nephrology - Self Assessment Program (IN-SAP).
Access News
We welcome our members and industry partners to share their good news, accomplishments, and other announcements. All press releases and photos welcomed. Please submit to info@asdin.org.

New Fellowship Program at UC Davis
Jamie Ross, MD, Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine and Nephrology at the UC Davis School of Medicine is proud to announce the start of a new year-long paid fellowship earlier this month. Dr. Ross said, “We are hopeful that it will be at least every other year if not every year offering.” Dr. Ross is certified by ASDIN in Hemodialysis Vascular Access Procedures and the training program is also ASDIN accredited. For more information, email jamross@ucdavis.edu.

Program Particulars are:
Program Personnel: 6 RNs, 2 radiology technicians, 2 procedure rooms and a 7 bed pre-and post-procedure area.

Resident Eligibility Criteria: Must be either board certified or board eligible in Nephrology. The resident must have demonstrated interest and some aptitude for the Interventional Nephrology procedure set

Program Curriculum:
Follows the required format and curriculum as designed by ASDIN (on the website www.asdin.org)
Goals to be proficient in the procedures required by ASDIN and have a knowledge base regarding these procedures;
Placement and removal of tunneled catheters
Angiograms, angioplasties, use of stents and percutaneous thrombectomy procedures for fistulas and grafts
Optional training in PD catheter placement and port placement
Specialty Curriculum would be a lecture series based on the subject matter outlined as required information by ASDIN
This includes radiation safety, appropriate sterile technique
Management of clinical problems associated with each access type
Scholarly Activities for Fellow
Areas of clinical research are available for the fellow to either participate in or develop

Core competency statement
The Interventional Fellow will demonstrate the ability to perform virtually independently in the follow procedures and numbers as per the ASDIN
25 tunneled catheter placements or revisions
25 removals of tunneled catheters
25 angiogram and angioplasty treatments of fistulas or grafts
25 thrombectomy procedures of fistulas or grafts
5 stent placements

Duty Hours
Equivalent to a 50% time Fellow or 40 hours a week at a maximum
Evaluation will be based on technical skills as well as didactic and literature based knowledge
The ABIM qualifications will be met prior to the end of the fellowship and the candidate will be able to apply for Vascular Access Procedures from this governing body
NIKKISO AMERICA LAUNCHES DBB-06 HEMODIALYSIS SYSTEM WITH DIALYSIS DOSE MONITOR IN U.S.

Marks Nikkiso’s Entrance into U.S. Renal Market

The Medical Division of Nikkiso America, Inc., announced recently the U.S. launch of the DBB-06 Hemodialysis System equipped with Dialysis Dose Monitor (DDM), after receiving 510(k) clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in March. The DBB-06 System with DDM was tailored to address U.S. dialysis clinic needs and it offers exceptional efficacy, efficiency and reliability at an affordable life cycle cost. This launch marks the entrance into the U.S. renal market for Nikkiso Medical.

Nikkiso Medical is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of dialysis machines and a market leader in Europe and Asia. The company is the second largest producer of hemodialysis equipment globally with over 100,000 hemodialysis machines in clinical use.

“After achieving a strong position in the global markets due to our outstanding product reliability, we are now providing a new option in hemodialysis equipment for U.S. clinics,” said Thomas Kelly, president of Nikkiso America’s Medical Division. “Nikkiso America is committed to continuing our company’s legacy of innovation to improve hemodialysis treatment outcomes while also addressing the needs of the care team.”

A unique feature integrated into the DBB-06 System is the Blood Volume Monitor, designed to help the clinician evaluate and react to the patient’s hydration status by continuously monitoring relative blood volume during treatment. The Blood Volume Monitor does not require additional disposables or cost per treatment. The DBB-06 System with DDM also includes:

• A full range of features, such as ultrafiltration profiling, ultrapure dialysate, patient blood pressure monitoring
• A self-prompting, intuitive touchscreen user interface and the storage and recall of up to 16 patient prescriptions
• Enhanced automation, with programmed self-test/extracorporeal circuit priming and automatic disinfection and decalcification, saving time
• Data connection to the electronic medical record (EMR)
• Exceptional quality and reliability
• The Dialysis Dose Monitor to assist the care provider in real-time to ensure an adequate treatment for the patient
• Safety features, including a battery backup system in the case of power failure and continuous monitoring of the fluid removal system
• Extremely quiet operation

The DBB-06 Hemodialysis System with DDM is now available across the country. To learn more about the DBB-06 Hemodialysis System equipped with Dialysis Dose Monitor, visit: http://nikkisoamerica.com/dbb-06-dialysis-system/.
ASDIN Blog

The ASDIN Physicians Blog has had high traffic the past few months. There is an informational posting as well as great feedback weekly. Join in on the conversation today!

Check out the blog [here](#).

The Journal of Vascular Access is the official journal of ASDIN

ASDIN members now enjoy the Journal of Vascular Access online as part of their membership benefit. If you have not done so already, please activate your complimentary access.

[Click here](#) and enter the email address of record with ASDIN to receive your unique password via email. You may then log on to the journal website and change your password to something more memorable. Each month, you will receive an email with either a new issue or notification of new content.

If you need any assistance with your JVA subscription, contact the ASDIN office, [info@asdin.org](mailto:info@asdin.org) or the customer service team at [customer.service@wichtig.com](mailto:customer.service@wichtig.com).

If you would like to receive a print copy of JVA the fee is $35 annually. Contact the ASDIN office if you would like to add this to your membership account.

Article Submission

All health professionals with an interest in interventional nephrology are encouraged to submit articles for consideration for publication in JVA. When you submit articles to JVA's submission site, [www.editorialmanager.com/jva](http://www.editorialmanager.com/jva), indicate that you wish to have the ASDIN Editorial Board review the article. You may accomplish this in the Select Section/Category screen. There is a pull down menu – select “ASDIN.”
ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Associate Certification is available to:
Registered Nurses (IVN-RN), Licensed Vocational Nurses (IVN-LVN),
Licensed Practical Nurses (IVN-LPN), Radiologic Technologists (IVN-RT)

Congratulations to the following who have earned IVN certification during the inaugural year of certification. For more information on associate certification, visit http://www.asdin.org/AssocCert

HVA Certification
Masoud Afshan, MD
Morcella Borzatta, MD
Roger Carbajal-Mendoza, MD
Hemant Dhingra, MD
Ning Fu, MD
Michael Gersch, MD
Antonio Jimenez, MD
Baudauin Leclercq, MD
Phillip Madonia, MD
Amit Mitra, MD
Keven Pandya, MD
Sumia Rashid, MD
Bassem Rouphael, MD
Mohammad Samih, MD
Matthew Schaefer, DO
Sunil Skaria, MD
Ajay Srivastava, MD
Adam Stern, MD
Kawan Swain, MD

HVA Recertification
Emil Abdulhayoglu, MD
Ammar Almehmi, MD
Naveen Atray, MD
Saravanan Balamuthusamy, MD
George Behrend, MD
Jerry Chellini, MD
Ryan Evans, MD
Pedro Frommer, MD
Anwar Gerges, MD
Karn Gupta, MD
Kevin Harned, MD
Alpesh Jethva, MD
Mark Kasari, MD
Kaveh Kian, MD
Chebel Khalil, MD
Verachai Lohavichan, MD
Rizwan Moinuddin, MD
Shahriar Moossavi, MD
Joseph O’Gorman, MD

HVA Recertification Cont.
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Mohamed Rahman, MD
Ahmed Rehan, MD
Bharat Sachdeva, MD
Antoine Samaha, MD
Moro Salifu, MD
Sandep Sharma, MD
Francisco Torre, MD
Ruben Villa, MD
Thomas Watson, MD

Renal Ultrasound Cert.
Varun Agrawal, MD
Bassem Rouphael, MD

Peritoneal Dialysis Cert.
Bassem Rouphael, MD
Ning Fu, MD