2017 Annual Scientific Meeting

The 13th Annual ASDIN Scientific Meeting was held February 10 – 12, 2017 at the Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana. The three-day event chaired by Bharat Sachdeva, MD, LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Rajeev Narayan, MD, FASDIN, San Antonio Kidney Disease Access Center, San Antonio, Texas provided attendees with a true perspective on Optimizing Outcomes in Dialysis Access Care. Over 360 physicians, nurses, techs, administrators, industry representatives and others with an interest in vascular access attended. The program was engaging and attendees left wanting more opportunity to interact. Program planners for 2018 are looking at ways to enhance Q&A and audience participation for our next meeting.

The Administrator/Manager Pre-Course was particularly timely with many sessions addressing concerns with the changing environment for access centers. A special late-breaking cost-saving session was added. Many thanks to the Administrative Pre-Course chairs that put the program together - Terry Litchfield, MPH, MS, Lifeline Vascular Access and Jennifer Etkin, Fresenius Vascular Care. Also, many thanks to Jim Bevis, II, RT(R) with NEPHCON Vascular Access Center, Huntsville, Alabama for assisting with moderating the session.
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New Councilors Elected

The American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology (ASDIN) announced the election of four new Councilors each to a three-year term at the ASDIN Business Meeting on February 11th. The following individuals elected by membership ballot began serving in their roles immediately:

Amy Dwyer, MD, FASDIN, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
Dirk Hentschel, MD, FASDIN, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA
Vandana Niyyar, MD, FASDIN, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Bharat Sachdeva, MD, LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, LA

Many thanks to two Councilors who just completed three years of service to the society:


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14th ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 16-18, 2018
THE GRAND AMERICA HOTEL
Scientific Meeting Abstract & Video Awards

The following were award recipients at the 13th Annual ASDIN Scientific Meeting:

Images shown from left to right. Daniel Patel, MD, an abstract selection judge, presented the awards.

(1) The First Place Video Award was presented to Jie Cui, MD and Zubin Irani, MD of Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School - *Balloon Assisted Thrombin Injection An Endovascular Approach to Large Pseudoaneurysms*

(2) 2017 Podium Abstract Award - 1st Place  
Jie Cui, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital  
*Statin Therapy Decreases Vascular Inflammation and Prolongs Patency in Murine Arteriovenous Fistula*

2017 Podium Abstract Award - 2nd Place  
Ru Yu Tan, Department of Renal Medicine, Singapore General Hospital  
*A Pilot Study in Evaluation of Dysfunctional Hemodialysis Vascular Access Using Syngo iFlow*

(3) 2017 Podium Abstract Award - 3rd Place  
Ammar Almehmi, MD, University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL  
*Outcomes of Peritoneal Dialysis Catheters: Elective Versus Urgent-Start Use*

(4) 2017 Poster Abstract Award - 1st Place  
Dirk Hentschel, MD, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA  
*Measuring Access Blood Flow with Doppler and Ultrasound: Where should we measure? A cohort study comparing flow measurement in the brachial artery, the outflow vein compared to invasive measurement with Angioflow meter.*

2017 Poster Abstract Award - 2nd Place  
Amy Dwyer, MD, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY  
*Assessment of Renal Transplant Using Image and Clinical-based Biomarkers*

(5) 2017 Poster Abstract Award - 3rd Place  
Juan Quevedo, MD, American Access Care of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY  
*Brachial Artery Embolization to Treat Dialysis Associated Steal Syndrome*
NEW ASDIN Awards Process

In order to involve all of ASDIN’s membership in selection of ASDIN Awards, the Awards Committee recommended changes to the process that the ASDIN Council approved in January 2017. The new process will be implemented this year for 2018 award selections. Please see the process below:

Awards Committee Awards Selection Procedure [Approved by Council 1/19/2017]

1. ASDIN provides three Awards
   - **Gerald Beathard Award**: Presented in recognition of teaching excellence, scholarly activity, and clinical excellence
   - **Lifetime Achievement Award**: Presented in recognition to overall contribution to interventional nephrology
   - **Distinguished Service Award**: Presented to individual who has provided distinguished service to ASDIN

2. ASDIN will open nominations for each of the awards to the membership of ASDIN. Members will nominate candidates for specific awards with a 200-word or less narrative supporting the nomination.

3. The Awards Committee will curate the nominations and will complete a roster of nominations for each award and provide the recommendations to the Council for consideration.

4. Council will make final selections for the award(s).

5. Scrutiny of a nominee can stop at any level.

6. The Award Committee will have the option of providing one selection or a roster per award category.

7. Not all awards will necessarily be awarded each year.

8. The recipient of the Gerald Beathard Award will serve as the Beathard Lecturer and present the keynote presentation on a topic of their choosing at the Scientific Meeting at which they will receive the award.

9. All award recipients will be notified in advance of their selection.

10. The awards nomination process will begin in 2017 for presentation at the 2018 Scientific Meeting.
We congratulate our Fellows of ASDIN!

ASDIN is proud to honor and recognize members of the society who have distinguished themselves by exceptional contributions in the field of interventional nephrology through the designation of Fellow of the American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology (FASDIN). FASDIN represents an individual’s commitment and dedication to the mission of the society and outstanding personal achievement in this specialized field.

Class of 2016

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Ammar Almehmi, MD
Arif Asif, MD
Saravanan Bala, MD
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Micah Chan, MD
Randy Cooper, MD
Amy Dwyer, MD
Abigail Falk, MD
Karn Gupta, MD
Nabil Haddad, MD
Naveed Haq, MD
Syed Hasni, MD
Dirk Hentschel, MD
Jeffrey Hoggard, MD
Nishant Jalandhara, MD
Ali Raza Khan, MD
Timmy Lee, MD
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Rajeev Narayan, MD
Vandana Niyyar, MD
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Aris Urbanes, MD
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Call for Papers

To celebrate the Second Anniversary of the affiliation between ASDIN and The Journal of Vascular Access (JVA), Editors are pleased to invite ASDIN members to submit to JVA the most recent results of their research as well as studies on novel and existing procedures to improve the care of patients with kidney disease. Full articles of abstracts presented at the 13th Annual Meeting held in New Orleans are also welcome.

All manuscripts submitted in 2017 will be eligible for:

✓ a fast-track independent peer-review process
✓ no extra page charges
✓ no charges for the publication of full color figures, both online and in print
✓ publication online within 4 weeks after acceptance
✓ 50% discount on Open Access publication which increases visibility and impact of your article, ensures compliance with funding agencies and allows authors to retain copyright on their work.

Prior to submitting your manuscript, read the Instructions to Authors available on JVA website to conform to the Journal’s standards.
Submit your article to JVA at www.editorialmanager.com/jva before December 31, 2017 to take advantage of the benefits granted to ASDIN members only.

Editors will ensure a fair peer-review process and priority publication on acceptance.

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Peritoneal Dialysis Placement (PD) Certification

The PD Workgroup as part of the ASDIN Certification and Accreditation Committee has continued to improve and enhance PD Certification.

There is NOW a PD Certification – Practice Experience Application

In an effort to increase PD certification, ASDIN is now offering an alternative pathway to PD certification. This is the Practice Experience Track. Thus, radiologists, surgeons or interventional nephrologists who have been placing PD catheters for a long time are eligible. The application recognizes both fluoroscopic as well as peritoneoscopic technique of placement. A total of 25 cases for each technique is required. For further details please visit the ASDIN certification webpage. The new application may be viewed online here.

AND, PD Certification now includes a formal PD Re-Certification Process

The ASDIN PD Certification Workgroup has worked diligently over the past few months to develop optimal recertification criteria for PD to strengthen the program and assure that certification will be valued by our members and the publics ASDIN serves. That recertification process is now in place and the ASDIN Council has extended all currently expired PD certification expiration dates through June 30, 2017. That will give our PD certified physicians an entire year to submit a recertification application – due by March 31, 2018.

ASDIN is now accepting recertification applications. To review the process, click here.

PD Resources – The PD Workgroup has also developed additional PD Training Resources - Available online on ASDIN website – under Resource main header - http://www.asdin.org/?page=NewPDRessources

The site includes:

- Links to Videos: Both fluoroscopic and peritoneoscopic placement
- First Aid Powerpoint

This educational presentation will help the interventionist recognize some of the complications that occur during PD Catheter Placement. A brief description on recognition & management of bowel and bladder perforation is also provided.

- 2 chapters from the PD Core Curriculum page
2017 ASDIN Research in Vascular Access Grant

The 2017 ASDIN Research in Vascular Access grant was presented to Florian Toegel, MD, Renal Division, Brigham and Women's Hospital for his research project entitled Molecular transcription factor signature of flow induced changes in veins after fistula creation.

The specific aims of the research project may be found here: http://www.asdin.org/resource/resmgr/2017_Grant_Submission.pdf

IVN Certification – Grandfather ends – 6/30/2017

During the first two years of ASDIN Associate Certification Program (running from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017), there has been a grandfather clause period to provide credentialing for those who have at least 15 years of experience in the field of Diagnostic Interventional Nephrology, Vascular Surgery or Interventional Radiology. To receive certification through the grandfather clause, ASDIN Membership will be required. Any grandfather clause request will be reviewed and deemed appropriate by the ASDIN Associate Certification Board on a per case basis upon submission of the following items.

Grandfather Checklist
• Associate Certification Grandfather Clause form
• Application fee ($150/members)
• CV Also required
• Peer letter from Physician – to be submitted directly to ASDIN by peer letter author
• Peer letter from Colleague - to be submitted directly to ASDIN by peer letter author

Additional documentation may be requested by the ASDIN Associate Certification Board in determining grandfather status.

ASDIN reserves the right to deny an applicant’s grandfather clause request, if in the judgment of the Associate Certification Board, the candidate does not meet the intent of the special grandfather clause status.

Transonic has released a short new eBook that delves into the question – What does a “day in the life” of a vascular coordinator look like?
To find out more, visit http://blog.transonic.com/asdin
**Did you know???
Your ASDIN Membership includes 9 hours of FREE CME?
[Click here](#) to access the Interventional Nephrology - Self Assessment Program (IN-SAP).

Your ASDIN Membership includes access to the ASDIN/RPA Coding Manual
Updates have been made to the 2017 Coding Manual. To access the updated version, go to [2017 Coding Manual](#).

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**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 or view previous posts/discussions.**

Check out the blog [here](#).

**Thank You!**

**2017 NonPhysician Session in New Orleans**
Special thanks to LaShawn Scott, RN, MSN, CCRN, CCBS and Melissa Hicks, BA, RT(R)(IV) with University of Louisville Hospital Interventional Nephrology Center for chairing the program.

**Abstract Judging**
Thanks to Rajiv Dhamija, MD, PIH Health, Long Beach, California, Sean Kalloo, MD, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, New York and Daniel Patel, MD, Volusia-Flagler Vascular Center, Daytona Beach, California for serving as reviewers and Onsite Judges for ASDIN’s 2017 abstract program.

**ASC Webinar**
Many thanks to Jason Greis, Partner, McGuire Woods, LLP, Chicago, IL and Aris Urbanes, MD for presenting a recent webinar on converting to an ASC. There were over 100 participants on April 5. More webinar offerings are in the planning stages.

We appreciate our 2017 corporate sponsors for their continued support of 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

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John Reed, MD
Jamie Ross, MD
Bharat Sachdeva, MD

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Joshua Sysak, MD
Abraham Thomas, MD
Shouwen Wang, MD

Renal Ultrasound Cert.
Albert Osei, MD

ReAccreditation
Congratulations to
Shariar Moossavi, MD, PhD, training program director, and staff of Dialysis Access Group of Wake Forest University, on successful HVA Re-Accreditation.