



The NKC's mission is to improve the health of newborns with or at risk for kidney disease through multidisciplinary collaborative research, advocacy, and education.

May 2021

Dear NKC Members,

We hope everyone enjoyed the PAS meeting – see below for a brief summary and other news and events.

PAS Summary

We hope that everyone who was able to virtually attend had a good meeting. We would like to congratulate all of the NKC members who had platforms, posters, or workshops – there was a lot of really great neonatal kidney content at the meeting! If you're catching up on content, make sure to check out the Neonatal AKI Platform Session, the Management of CAKUT: From Genetics to Optimizing Nephron Function and the Neonatal Nephrology poster sessions.

Also – special congrats to **Shina Menon** and **Matt Harer** for winning the inaugural NKC PAS Bingo game. Dave Selewski was a close runner up.

Hope to see you all next (hopefully in person!) at PAS 2022 in Denver!

Six 2 Crew

We are accepting applications for our inaugural class of The Six-2 Crew – a 2-year internship for trainees with an interest in neonatal nephrology. The Six-2 Crew will provide longitudinal mentorship and exposure to the research, advocacy, educational and communication work of the NKC.

Who: Any level of trainee, including medical students, residents, and fellows interested in neonatal nephrology. The application form will be open through May 31, 2021. Interns will be selected for the upcoming academic year (July-June) for a two-year commitment. We plan to take 4 interns in our first cohort.

What: Interns will rotate on each NKC committee for 6 months. During each rotation, interns will attend meetings (as able) and will complete activities related to each committee. Additionally, interns will be assigned longitudinal mentors to provide them with mentorship, overall career guidance, and advice.

Why: Early exposure to the work of the NKC, involvement in the work of committees, and networking opportunities. Additionally, interns can seek a letter of recommendation (if desired) at the completion of the internship.

How: Apply by visiting the NKC website and filling out an application (<https://www.babykidney.org/education/six-2-crew-application>). If you have any questions about the internship, or want to talk more about the commitment to see if it would be a good fit, please contact Michelle Starr (mcstarr@iu.edu) or Matthew Harer (mwharer@uwisc.edu)

Member Spotlight

Congrats to our newest member spotlight – Dr. Keia Sanderson.

Dr. Sanderson is an assistant professor pediatric nephrologist and pediatric dialysis director at the University of North Carolina (UNC) in Chapel Hill, NC. She obtained her medical degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO. She completed her pediatric residency training at the University of South Carolina and her pediatric nephrology fellowship training at Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics. After joining the UNC Pediatric Nephrology group, she obtained her Masters of Science in Clinical Research at the UNC Gillings School of Public Health

In her role as a clinician researcher, she is dedicated to reducing pediatric kidney disease morbidity and mortality via research on early recognition and early intervention of kidney disease in children. She has published research on neonatal dialysis outcomes, neonatal acute kidney injury and nephrotoxic medications and necrotizing enterocolitis, and adolescent kidney outcomes after extremely preterm birth. She is excited to work with NKC colleagues to support research collaboration and progress related to neonatal kidney disease.

Her long-term goal is to use precision medicine to develop individualized risk prediction models and evidenced based clinical-decision support systems to most appropriately screen, identify, and risk stratify infants and children at risk for acute and chronic kidney disease.

Dr. Sanderson enjoys supporting her children’s activities, attending college athletic events, traveling to find amazing food, and has become an avid cyclist.



Best Wishes,
Michelle Starr and Matthew Harer
NKC Communication Committee Co-Chairs