



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.

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## New Board Members

Congratulations to **Cara Slagle** (Neonatology) and **Shina Menon** (Nephrology) on recently being voted in as new members to the NKC Board!



Dr. Cara Slagle offers a diverse set of skills, experience, and background that will be of benefit to the NKC. She has a comprehensive understanding of neonatal healthcare, including challenges and opportunities associated with neonatal kidney health. Her focus to be a strong servant leader through communication and problem solving will be essential in her effectiveness as a Board member.



Dr. Shina Menon's leadership roles at Seattle Children's and the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology have provided her with valuable experience in the areas of operations, organization, education, and advocacy. Her past leadership experiences will allow her to make a meaningful impact and contribution to the NKC mission.

## Moving to Emeritus

We want to take a moment to highlight and thank **Maroun Mhanna** and **Carolyn Abitbol** for their commitment and passion not only to the NKC, but to their patients, families, and future baby kidneys everywhere!

Maroun and Carolyn have been sitting on the Board for the NKC since its inception. Their wisdom, perspectives and service have helped the NKC get to where it is today. They will now begin serving on the Emeritus Board as Cara and Shina transition onto the Board. We are extremely grateful to Maroun and Carolyn for the time spent building the NKC into what it is today.



## Keep up with the NKC and let us know how we are doing

Please continue to utilize our website, [www.babykidney.org](http://www.babykidney.org) to see member spotlights, articles of the month, important announcements, opportunities to participate in neonatal nephrology projects, an archive of AWAKEN publications, and much more!

If you have suggestions of things you'd like to see more of or ways we can communicate better please feel free to email us at [nkc@uabmc.edu](mailto:nkc@uabmc.edu).