



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.

December 2023



Happy December! This month marks the end of our first year as a 501(c)3 and the tremendous efforts our collaborative has put forth in advancing neonatal kidney care, research, and support! It has been an incredible journey and we are thrilled to share it with each of you.

Celebrating One Year of Progress: A Look Back

As we reflect on the past year, we're proud to have accomplished so much together. Our collaborative spirit has led to:

- **Research Milestones:** We wrapped up the second phase of our ALMOND study and are excited to open up the opportunity for more groundbreaking research in phase 3. If you would like to make a proposal for phase 3 [click here!](#)
- **Knowledge Exchange:** We hosted our second educational symposium in October! We intend to add more educational videos to our resource library in the coming year. These symposiums and

videos facilitate an exchange of valuable knowledge, discussion, best practices, and the latest research findings to clinicians around the world.

- **Community Building:** Our collaboration has grown stronger, with members forming connections across disciplines and geographies. We welcomed our second set of Six-2 Crew members and are forming our first-ever family advisory council!

Upcoming Events!

To continue our momentum into the new year, we have some exciting events planned for the coming year.

- **January 23rd** – Our first-ever Professional Development Session (Virtual)
- **February 27th – 28th** – NIH-Sponsored Neonatal AKI Follow-Up Consensus Meeting (In-Person, Indianapolis, Indiana)
- **May 1st** – The second meeting of RINK, the Research Incubator in Neonatal Kidney disease (In-person, Toronto, Canada)
- **September 11th – 15th** – The Inaugural International Neonatal Nephrology Symposium (In-person, Birmingham, AL)

Family Engagement Forum



We are vigorously working our way toward our first-ever Family Advisory Council. We are going to host a virtual discussion in the coming weeks with these patient families to see how our collaboration can better engage and serve families with children who were born with kidney disease. If you have a patient family or know someone who would be interested in potentially serving on this future council please have them fill out a form on our website, <https://www.babykidney.org/family/family-engagement-forum-application>, or print and share the attached flyer in your clinics!

As always, we want to express our deepest gratitude to each member of this collaborative for your commitment, enthusiasm, and hard work. Our success is a testament to the dedication of this incredible community. Thank you for making the past year so memorable, here's to many more years of collaboration, discovery, and impact!

Don't forget to [visit our website](#) for more membership perks such as the Resource Library, recorded presentations, or X (previously known as Twitter) Journal Clubs!