



# Member Benefits Guide



**“With any specialty  
one must ask;  
is there  
opportunity  
for growth?**

Since its inception,  
nephrology has  
been progressing  
and more-so  
within the last decade.  
With a strong supportive  
community and push  
for innovation, now  
is the optimal time  
to be a part  
of this dynamic  
specialty.

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# Welcome to ASN

The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) is working to create a world without kidney diseases. With your help, we educate health professionals and scientists, advance research and innovation, communicate new knowledge, and advocate for the highest quality of care.

As a member of ASN, you are now an important part of a vibrant community with more than 22,000 medical professionals—representing over 130 countries—that are transforming the specialty of nephrology and bettering the lives of people with kidney diseases.

## **Your new membership entitles you to many benefits, including:**

- +** Unparalleled opportunities to connect with colleagues from around the world.
- +** Complimentary subscriptions to all ASN publications.
- +** Access to research funding grants.
- +** Discounted registration to the world's premier nephrology meeting, ASN Kidney Week.
- +** Career development grants, research fellowships, & travel support.
- +** Private access to the ASN Compensation Tool, with nephrology specific compensation and productivity data (U.S. based members only).
- +** And much more!

Be sure to reference this guide and the information on the ASN website to get the most out of your membership.

**If you have any questions, please contact staff by email at [membership@asn-online.org](mailto:membership@asn-online.org), or by phone at 202-640-4660.**

# Getting Started

Getting the most out of your ASN membership is easy.



## Visit [www asn-online org](http://www asn-online org)

From continuing education opportunities to funding for your latest research project, the ASN website provides you with tools to get your job done better and faster. Login and get started today!

## Make it Official, Become a FASN

Becoming a Fellow of the American Society of Nephrology (FASN) is a great way to show your commitment to improving kidney care.

## Member Discounts

ASN members receive exclusive discounts on all ASN products and services.

## Get the Latest Clinical and Scientific Information

ASN members receive complimentary subscriptions to the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*\*, the *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*\*, and *Kidney News* magazine. You also have access to *In the Loop*, ASN's daily newsletter.

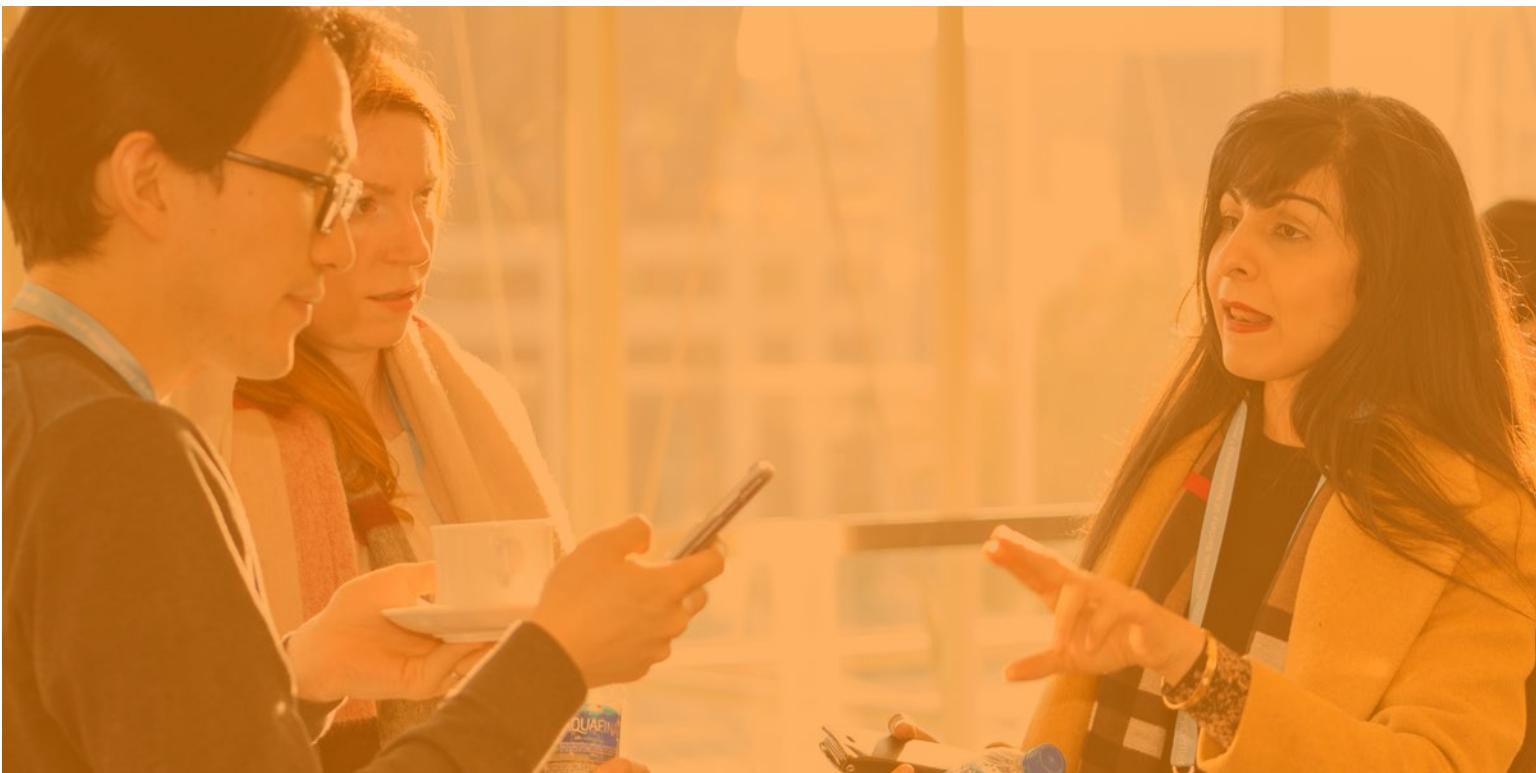
## Exclusive Tools to Manage Your Career

ASN provides members with exclusive access to nephrology-specific compensation and productivity data via the ASN Compensation Tool. Learn more at [www asn-online org/compensationtool](http://www asn-online org/compensationtool)

\* Complimentary print copies are available to members residing in North America.

# Get Connected

Introduce yourself to a global network of kidney professionals.



## Join the Discussion Online

ASN Communities is an online resource where members can collaborate, network, and discuss important issues in a private environment with kidney professionals from around the world.

Learn more at [community asn-online.org](https://community asn-online.org).

## Mentoring Resources

ASN has developed an extensive set of educational resources designed to help both newer and seasoned kidney professionals connect and learn from one another. Learn more at

[www asn-online.org/mentors](https://www asn-online.org/mentors).

## Follow ASN on Social Media

Be sure to check out our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages for the latest nephrology news!

## Celebrate Achievements

Check out ASN's awards program that celebrates the accomplishments and professional achievements of those who exemplify the very best in the specialty. Learn more at

[www asn-online.org/awards](https://www asn-online.org/awards).

## Find Your Next Opportunity

Access the latest jobs, filter by positions, and more in ASN's Career Center. Learn more at [www asn-online.org/careers](https://www asn-online.org/careers).

# Get Engaged

Jump in and maximize the value of your ASN membership.

## BACKGROUND/AIMS

- Different methods for calculating time to % estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) decline outcomes may differentially characterize kidney disease progression.
- We compared the traditional "two-point method" to a "regression method" (Zee et al. AJKD 2018), with and without an additional restriction that eGFR<90 at the event time.

## METHODS

- Study sample: N=616 patients with available data from NEPTUNE, a multi-site observational cohort study of patients with glomerular disease.

### Outcome calculation methods:

- "Two-point method" - using baseline eGFR to determine the decline threshold and first subsequent eGFR lower than the threshold for the event time.
- "Regression method" - fit a regression line to all eGFRs to calculate the threshold and event time for each patient
- Two-point method with additional restriction of eGFR<90 at the event time
- Regression method with additional restriction of eGFR<90 at the event time

- Statistical methods: Cox models of time to 40% eGFR decline (or end-stage renal disease) across 4 different methods, adjusted for patient demographic and clinical characteristics

### Comparison of estimated effects of predictors of interest:

- Serum anti-Phospholipase A2 receptor (PLA2R) among membranous nephropathy (MN) patients only
- Urine biomarkers (epidermal growth factor [EGF], urine protein:creatinine ratio [UPCR])
- Morphologic damage (global sclerosis, interstitial fibrosis, tubular atrophy)
- Apolipoprotein L1 (APOL1) high-risk genotype among black race patients only

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## Sharpen Your Skills

Take part in our online self-assessment programs, the Nephrology Self-Assessment Program (nephSAP) and the Kidney Self-Assessment Program (KSAP). nephSAP is geared towards clinical nephrologists and professionals looking to renew and refresh their knowledge and skills. KSAP uses case vignettes to review core elements of nephrology based on the ABIM exam blueprint. Both are complimentary to ASN members.

## RESULTS

Figure 1. Schematic of time to event definitions method comparison



Figure 2.



Table 1. Patient characteristics

	N	Age, years	Pediatric (age<18 years)	Male	Race: Black/African American	White	Asian	Other	Unknown
Age, years	616								
Male	330								
Race: Black/African American	330								
White	286								
Asian	10								
Other	66								
Unknown	10								

Table 2. Predictors of interest

	N	EGFR (baseline normalized, mg/dL)	UPCR (mg/mg)	Global sclerosis (% of control glomeruli)	Interstitial fibrosis (%)	Tubular atrophy (%)	APOL1 high risk, among Black/African American patients	Other risk factors	Unknown
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Other risk factors	330								
Unknown	10								

Figure 3. Median time to 40% eGFR decline for each predictor of interest

Predictor of interest	Median time to 40% eGFR decline (years)
Serum anti-PLA2R	1.0
UPCR	1.0
Global sclerosis	1.0
Interstitial fibrosis	1.0
Tubular atrophy	1.0
APOL1 high risk	1.0
Other risk factors	1.0
Unknown	1.0

Figure 4. Median time to 40% eGFR decline for each predictor of interest, among age subgroups

Predictor of interest	Median time to 40% eGFR decline (years)
18-39	1.0
40-59	1.0
60-79	1.0
80+	1.0

## CONCLUSIONS

- Using the regression method, effect estimates were similar or larger than those using the two-point method. Therefore, even with few events, the regression method can facilitate detection of smaller exposure effects.
- Given a previous study showing increased accuracy of the regression method over the two-point method (Zee et al. AJKD 2018), we recommend the regression method for calculating time to percent eGFR decline for increased accuracy of effect estimates.
- The eGFR<90 restriction had a greater impact among children, many of whom had very high eGFR at baseline.
- The eGFR<90 restriction can capture at least 10% of kidney function at the event time, so it is recommended to use this restriction when hyperfiltration at the event time is suspected.

## Supercharge Your Professional Development

Attend ASN Kidney Week, the world's premier nephrology meeting. Each year, more than 10,000 kidney professionals from across the globe come together to take part in exciting and challenging opportunities to exchange knowledge, learn the latest scientific and medical advances, and listen to engaging and provocative discussions with leading experts in the field. ASN members receive discounted registration. Learn more at

[www ASN-online.org/kidneyweek](http://www ASN-online.org/kidneyweek)

# Get Ahead

Take advantage of resources that support you at every stage of your career.



## Face the Boards with Confidence

Whether taking the ABIM Nephrology board examination for the first time or looking for a refresher, ASN's Board Review Course & Update provides a comprehensive update for fellows, practicing nephrologists, and healthcare professionals. ASN members receive discounted registration. Learn more at [www asn-online org/BRCU](http://www asn-online org/BRCU).

## Nephrology Training

ASN is committed to the next generation of nephrologists, acting as a "home" for training program directors and nephrology fellows. Learn more at [www asn-online org/education/training](http://www asn-online org/education/training).

## Shaping Public Policy for Nephrology Health Professionals

ASN promotes the highest quality care by serving as **the** professional organization informing health policy in kidney disease.

## Invest in the Future

KidneyCure, the ASN Foundation, awards approximately \$3,000,000 annually to fellows and early-career researchers working across the kidney disease spectrum. Learn more and support the foundation at [www asn-online org/foundation](http://www asn-online org/foundation).

ASN provides travel support to trainees to attend Kidney Week. Learn more at [www asn-online org/grants/travel](http://www asn-online org/grants/travel).



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