

2024 ASN Publications Year-End Report

Welcome to the American Society of Nephrology's inaugural Publications' Year-End Report. The editors of all four publications are pleased to provide an update on the society's journals, *JASN*, *CJASN*, and *Kidney360*, and news magazine, *Kidney News*.

ASN Journal Portfolio

The ASN Journal Portfolio (*JASN*, *CJASN*, and *Kidney360*) is led by Senior Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of the ASN Journal Portfolio and EIC of *JASN*, Rajnish Mehrotra, MD, MBBS, along with EIC of *CJASN*, Connie Rhee, MD, MSc, and EIC of *Kidney360*, Michael Allon, MD. In the last year, the ASN Journal Portfolio has simplified submission processes and launched features to enhance the author and reader experience.

Authors

- Updated [missions and scopes for all three journals](#)
- Streamlined [Information for Authors](#)
- "Simple Submission," an author-friendly path to publication
- Efficient [manuscript transfer process](#)
- New [Preacceptance Checklist](#)
- Updated [Author Publication Toolkit](#)
- Creation of a branded Visual Abstract for every original research article

Readers

- New cover design for all three journals
- [Read out loud tool](#) available on every article
- Key Points for every original research article
- Comprehensive accounting of authors' disclosures through publication of collated disclosure forms

ASN Kidney News

ASN's news magazine *Kidney News* is led by EIC Kenar Jhaveri, MD, FASN. In the last year, the magazine has modernized and standardized its submission and review processes and added elements to further enrich the content.

Authors

- New submission and review system: [Kriyadocs](#) [Kree-yuh-dox]
- Updated [Information for Authors](#), including submission checklist and [brand guidelines](#)
- Creation of a branded Visual Abstract and figure template for editor and author use
- Visual Abstract support from a new team of Visual Abstract Editors

Readers

- Visual abstracts or figures for nearly every article
- Improved subject area classification aligned with the ASN Journal Portfolio and Kidney Week abstracts
- Easier way for readers to sign up for print mailings
- Coming in early 2025: Search and discover content by subject area

ASN Publications by the Numbers in 2024

Total Submissions*

1,345
JASN

1,732
CJASN

956
Kidney360

*Submission numbers are through December 10, 2024.

Total Published Articles

232
JASN

254
CJASN

258
Kidney360

262
Kidney News

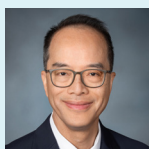
JASN Highlights

In 2024, *JASN* launched several new article types to further inform the nephrology community and advance innovations in kidney disease care.

- **Clinical Nephrology Insights** provide state-of-the-art reviews of diagnostic tests and treatments or their complications.
- **Designing Clinical Trials** describe the application of key components of clinical trials to kidney disease-related research.

- **Innovator Corner** articles give insight into development efforts of new targets/biomarkers/devices.
- **Mechanisms of Kidney Diseases** summarize the current understanding of the pathophysiology and mechanisms underlying kidney diseases, the effects of kidney diseases on other organs, or the consequences of treatment.
- Additionally, the first [ASN Kidney Health Guidance](#) published in the November issue of *JASN*. These articles encourage high-quality, person-centered care across the spectrum of kidney health and diseases and spanning the kidney care journey.

JASN is the home for both high-impact basic science and key clinical trials within nephrology. In 2024, *JASN* published five clinical trials simultaneously with their presentation at the [late-breaking clinical trial \(LBCT\) sessions at international meetings](#) (one with the 61st European Renal Association [ERA] Congress and four at Kidney Week 2024). *JASN* encourages investigators to submit their LBCT manuscripts for rapid consideration and peer review and, if accepted, online publication in *JASN* concurrent with ERA 2025 and Kidney Week 2025.



JASN would like to thank Dr. Alessia Fornoni for her leadership and contributions as Deputy Editor of the basic science research portfolio. The *JASN* Editorial Team wish

to congratulate her on her appointment to the ASN Council. Please join the Editorial Team in extending a warm welcome to Dr. Alan Yu who will replace Dr. Fornoni in this important role.

CJASN Highlights

CJASN is embarking on a new educational series titled “Lifestyle Medicine and Kidney Health” that is being coedited by Drs. Don Wesson, Mona Boaz, and Jaimon Kelly.

The series will be made up of approximately 17 review articles that will be published over the course of the next 2 years, with one introductory editorial. The series will include core topics highlighting the major pillars of lifestyle medicine and how it relates to kidney health. Cutting-edge topics in the series will focus on kidney nutrition, including articles on nutrition across the lifespan; race, socioeconomic status, and diet; food insecurity;



plant-based diets; ultra processed foods; precision nutrition; and culinary medicine. The series will also discuss other key aspects of lifestyle medicine, including physical function and exercise in kidney disease; obesity and metabolic health in CKD; stress management and spirituality in kidney disease; and the impact of sleep on cardio-kidney-metabolic health.

In addition to the new Lifestyle Medicine series, *CJASN* is launching three new article types.

- **Kidney Health Watch:** These articles feature population health data on CKD, AKI, and end-stage kidney disease (including dialysis and kidney transplantation) and share information from the CDC Chronic Kidney Disease Surveillance Project, Insights of the USRDS, and US and international kidney disease cohorts.
- **Kidney Cross-Talk:** These articles highlight key aspects of multidisciplinary clinical care related to kidney disease and other health disciplines.
- **Trainee Spotlight:** These articles discuss topics of relevance to trainees from nephrology-related disciplines and are authored by trainees and/or mentors.

Kidney360 Highlights

In 2024, *Kidney360* launched a new series, “An Update on Onco-Nephrology,” and continues to publish its ever-popular “Debates in Nephrology” and “Clinical Images in Nephrology and Dialysis.”

- **An Update on Onco-Nephrology:** From its beginnings in 2010 as an area of interest among nephrologists, the field of onco-nephrology has now expanded to become a subspecialty within nephrology. To bring attention to this evolving field,

Kidney360 launched a new series: [An Update on Onco-Nephrology](#). This series, led by Drs. Anushree Shirali and Abinet Aklilu, covers topics such as AKI diagnosis in patients with cancer, AKI associated with immunotherapy, transplant onco-nephrology, and more.



- **Debates in Nephrology:** There continue to be uncertainties about the optimal diagnosis and management of many kidney diseases. To tackle these challenging topics, *Kidney360* facilitates [Debates in Nephrology](#). With 40 debates and counting already published in *Kidney360*, these articles give readers an overview on these areas of uncertainty, providing a Pro, Con, and Moderator Commentary for each controversial topic.
- **Clinical Images in Nephrology and Dialysis:** Every month, *Kidney360* highlights interesting clinical cases in our [Clinical Images in Nephrology and Dialysis series](#). Through the monthly quizzes and teaching points published with each case, these features are designed to be used as educational tools. Authors are welcome to submit images for consideration in our Clinical Images in Nephrology and Dialysis feature. These submissions should include a brief case description, followed by discussion and two or three bulleted teaching points. Images can include: urine microscopy, pathology, diagnostic radiology images (CT, MRI, nuclear med, etc.), and clinical images (skin, eyes, etc.). [Submit your images today!](#)

Get Involved in ASN Publications

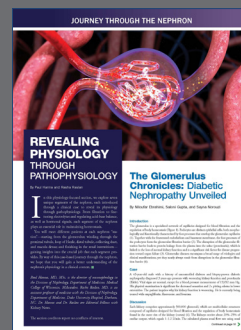
- ***Kidney360* EIC Call for Applications:** Interested in becoming the next *Kidney360* EIC? Applications are now open for the second EIC of ASN's open access, online only, general kidney journal that publishes scientifically rigorous basic, translational, clinical, epidemiologic, health policy, population science, and global health kidney research. This position provides a stipend and is a 6-year term from January 1, 2026–December 31, 2031.
- Stay informed with your #1 source for all things nephrology. Interested in submitting to *Kidney News*? [Learn more](#) and submit an idea or article today.
- Don't forget to [renew your membership](#) for 2025 to maintain your ASN journal subscriptions, educational discounts, networking opportunities, and more.
- The ASN Journal Portfolio advances the understanding and treatment of kidney diseases and is the home for your high-impact research. [Learn more](#) and submit your research today to your journal of choice.

Kidney News Highlights

In 2024, *Kidney News* has covered the latest news stories, timely research analyses, and engaging commentary on topics across the spectrum of kidney health, including deep-dives into themes such as nutrition, toxicology, mental health, and others through [special sections](#).

- **Editorial Board Restructure:** *Kidney News* restructured its editorial board to enhance its content and visual engagement, introducing two Deputy Editor roles and four Visual Abstract Editor positions. Dr. Prakash Gudsoorkar (University of Cincinnati) and Dr. Sam Kant (St. Vincent's University Hospital) were appointed as Deputy Editors in January, bringing diverse expertise to the review process and expanding the scope of invited content. To elevate visual engagement, the magazine welcomed Dr. Priyadarshini John, Dr. Edgar Lerma (Editorial Board member), Dr. Krithika Mohan, and Dr. Jia Ng (Editorial Board member) as Visual Abstract Editors, tasked with creating high-quality visual abstracts, figures, and infographics aligned with *Kidney News's* branding and style.

- **Trainee Spotlights:** Through its Editorial Fellowship Program and [Fellows First column](#), *Kidney News* prioritizes the voices of trainees while fostering the editorial and publication skills of early-career nephrologists. In 2024, the program expanded to add three selected fellows and introduced a comprehensive training curriculum to enhance its value for participants. Editorial Fellows (2023–2024) Dr. Paul Hanna and Dr. Rasha Raslan successfully coordinated two impactful special sections: [Navigating Nephrology During Crises](#) and [Journey Through the Nephron](#), both enriched with striking imagery and illustrations. *Kidney News* congratulates Dr. Hanna and Dr. Raslan on the successful completion of their fellowships and their significant contributions to the magazine.



Best of ASN Journals Session

For the last 7 years, the ASN Journal Portfolio has hosted the Best of ASN Journals session at ASN's Kidney Week. This year, Associate Editors from each of the ASN journals highlighted high-quality articles that focused on the themes of:

- AKI and Intensive Care Unit Nephrology
- Care of Patients Undergoing Long-Term Dialysis
- Glomerular Diseases
- Therapeutic Advances in CKD

The articles presented during the 2024 Best of ASN Journals session are available in a [special collection online](#).

ASN Kidney Translation Podcast Series

This year, under the direction of Matthew Sparks, the ASN Journal Portfolio launched a brand-new podcast series titled "[ASN Kidney Translation](#)," highlighting timely, hot topics published in articles across *JASN*, *CJASN*, and *Kidney360*. Topics have included:

- PPI, Antivirals, and Cough Syrups: Nephrotoxins and Kidney Injury
- Gender Equity in Nephrology
- ASN Kidney Health Guidance on the Management of Obesity in Persons Living with Kidney Diseases
- Novel Therapies for IgA Nephropathy
- Genetic Testing in Nephrology

In addition to the new portfolio-wide podcast series, each journal offers its [own podcast](#), featuring author interviews on the latest research.

Podcast Downloads in 2024

379,676 <i>JASN</i> /Kidney Translation	287,088 <i>CJASN</i>	100,219 <i>Kidney360</i>
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More to Come

- **Basic Science:** *JASN* and *Kidney360* aim to publish the best basic science focused on renal physiology, kidney development, and mechanisms of kidney diseases, its complications, or treatments in upcoming issues. For more information on the types of basic science *JASN* and *Kidney360* seek, check out [this podcast](#) featuring *JASN* EIC Rajnish Mehrotra and Deputy Editors Alessia Fornoni and David H. Ellison.
- **Trainee of the Year:** The ASN Journal Portfolio is committed to the next generation of nephrologists and encourages junior colleagues as they begin their careers. In honor of this commitment, each journal will award a Trainee of the Year prize at the annual ASN Kidney Week meeting. This prize contest recognizes the best article submitted to each journal by a trainee as the first author.
- **Editorial Fellowship Program:** In March 2025, the ASN Journal Portfolio will launch a single Editorial Fellowship Program across the three journals to commence in July 2025. Stay tuned for additional information.
- **Social Media:** Find us on Bluesky in January 2025.

Top 5 Reviewers

Peer review is integral to publishing high-caliber, valid research. The ASN Journal Portfolio Editors are grateful for the contributions of its many reviewers and would like to recognize the following individuals for their time, insights, and dedication.

JASN Top 5 Reviewers

- Andrew Samuel Beenken, MD, PhD
- Alessandra Boletta, PhD
- Edouard Fu, PhD*
- Reiko Inagi, PhD
- Opeyemi A. Olabisi, MD, PhD

CJASN Top 5 Reviewers

- Joyita Bharati, MD*
- Rolando Claure-Del Granado, MD
- Adrian Covic, PhD, MD, FRCP, FERA, FESC
- Helen Liapis, MD
- Giovanni Tripepi

Kidney360 Top 5 Reviewers

- Miguel Bigotte Vieira, MD*
- Valerie Luyckx, MD, MSc, PhD
- Kalani Raphael, MD, MS, FASN
- Silvi Shah, MD, MS, FASN, FACP
- Manish Sood, MD, MS, FASN

**Dr. Fu, Dr. Bharati, and Dr. Bigotte Vieira are past participants of an ASN Journal Trainee program.*



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Did you know that *JASN*® and *Kidney360*® are eager to publish your basic research?

The journals are not just committed to groundbreaking clinical studies—we enthusiastically welcome and publish high-quality basic research articles too. We're actively seeking laboratory research that drives directly into the mechanisms of kidney disease. Whether you're exploring new therapeutic approaches or uncovering systemic effects, we want to publish your research.

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