

## Key Outcomes and Highlights of the World Congress of Nephrology (WCN) 2019

The opportunity to attend WCN with the aid of a travel grant by ANZSN provided me with a valuable opportunity to keep up to date with current nephrology concepts in both basic and clinical sciences.

One of the most anticipated sessions was the late breaking clinical trials session, especially the CREDENCE trial- the first trial dedicated to a therapy background to standard-of-care specifically measuring renal outcomes in patients with CKD and T2 DM. This was novel as previous trials didn't specifically look at renal outcomes- EMPA-REG OUTCOME. The use of Canagliflozin was shown to be superior to standard of care in improving glycemic control and reducing adverse renal outcomes. Other trials such as SONAR study comparing the efficacy and safety of the selective endothelin antagonist atrasentan with placebo in patients with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease was discussed as well as a clinical trial of intensive dialysis study ( THE ACTIVE) was also highlighted. This session provided a unique opportunity for understanding trials, their results and implications and certainly has encouraged me to continue to use SGLT2 inhibitor therapy in my selected patients.

One of the other highlights was the presentation and discussion of the Affordable Dialysis Project. As Professor Kerr mentioned, one of the big messages of the congress and the Society is equitable access to dialysis. Almost all of the people dying from kidney failure live in low-middle income countries and the main driver of lack of access to dialysis is money. This project offers a low cost, more sustainable and innovative system of delivering PD to those that can least afford it, thus affording accessible dialysis.

Another memorable event was the ISN Community Film Award, where we got the opportunity to experience some personal and beautiful patient stories about their dialysis journeys from across the globe. Definitely a pioneer event that should be continued at future global conferences.

The Nephrology Biennial Review Course was excellent and the activities to meet other young nephrologists provided a nice social balance to a wonderful congress.

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