

ASN ASM 2019: Travel Grant Report (Dr Lee Skeat)

I would like to thank the ANZSN for the opportunity to attend Kidney Week, the ASM of the American Society of Nephrology in Washington DC from the 5th to the 10th of November 2019. This is the first overseas meeting that I have attended as an advanced trainee and provided much insight into the international sphere of nephrology both in basic research as well as clinical practice. Having the opportunity to network with trainees and nephrologists from diverse backgrounds was incredibly valuable and hopefully will pave the way for future collaboration.

I attended the Glomerular Diseases Update Pre-Course prior to Kidney Week. This provided a solid base for revision of the latest evidence, particularly regarding ANCA vasculitis and IgA nephropathy. There were also several excellent talks on genetics in the clinical context for treating glomerulonephritis which is likely to be something that will be of increasing relevance in clinical nephrology over my career.

I had two poster presentations at the conference; *Association Between Abnormalities of Serum Phosphate and Increased Mortality in Incident Australian and New Zealand Dialysis Patients* and *the long-term kidney outcomes of Prune Belly Syndrome in Australia*. Both these posters were well received via informal poster sessions and allowed discussion with delegates from diverse backgrounds.

Attending the Kidney Week conference was a valuable experience. The program was varied with an incredible range of presentations from local and international speakers. The mix of basic science presentations through to clinical applications was highly informative and broadened by depth of renal knowledge. Particular highlights from the meeting included *an update on contrast associated AKI: Does it exist and what should we tell patients*, *an update session on onco-nephrology* and also a strong focus on conservative care pathways for end stage renal failure.

Once again, thank you to the ANZSN for the opportunity to attend and present at Kidney Week. This was a valuable educational experience and I has added to by clinical knowledge base and allowed me to network with members of the international renal community.

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