

WCN Melbourne 2019

During my time at WCN Melbourne I was fortunate enough to attend both the update course and the conference itself.

The update course provided me with important educational updates in treatment for IgA nephropathy, ANCA vasculitis, improvement in PD patient care and challenges for the paired kidney exchange program. Though many of these sessions were adult focused there was still relevance for me as a paediatric nephrologist.

The WCN conference gave me the opportunity to meet with nephrology colleagues and mentors both past and present, from around the world. Given the rarity of many of the conditions that we treat as paediatric nephrologists, national and international collaborations are vital in order to encourage high quality and robust research. I attended a variety of informative presentations on genetic and tubular disorders, nephrotic syndrome throughout the lifetime, infectious complications in transplantation and end of life supportive care for renal patients. The daily poster sessions were also of significant educational benefit to me as they gave a snapshot of the exciting and novel research being undertaken in centres both large and small worldwide. I presented two posters at these sessions.

The ISN session on '0 by 25' on changing AKI care in low resource settings I found to be a particular highlight of the conference. I was fortunate enough to have been able to meet Professor Mignon McCulloch in person and discuss her "Saving Young Lives" project. She is truly an inspiring nephrologist and crusader for children with kidney disease.

Overall, I found both the course and conference of great benefit to both my clinical and research work. I am grateful to the ANZSN for providing me with a travel grant so that I was able to attend.