

Many thanks to the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology for supporting my attendance at the 2019 American Society of Nephrology Scientific Meeting in Washington DC, USA from November 5-10. I had the opportunity to present a poster detailing the results of my PhD studies into the role of the gut microbiota in the pathogenesis of diabetic nephropathy. I was delighted to meet several leading experts in the field who took an interest in my work and gave valuable feedback and insights. Highlights of the many scientific sessions included the 'High Impact Trials' session, which provided great insight into the methods, pitfalls and new directions for designing clinical trials in nephrology. During this session, the results of a phase 3 RCT of Difelikefalin, the first drug with evidence for treatment of uraemic pruritus was presented! Additionally, 'case studies in glomerular disease', a new panel guided clinical case discussion proved both entertaining and educational. The knowledge I acquired during the conference was invaluable. Overall, it was a fantastic learning opportunity for both advancement of my clinical knowledge and research. I am deeply grateful to the ANZSN for supporting my attendance at this meeting.

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