

Dear ISPD Friends and Colleagues,

I am honored to take on the role as the President of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis. On behalf of the ISPD Executive and Council, I would like to brief you on the current status of the Society as it pursues its mission and vision to increase the global uptake, promote the quality practice, and achieve optimal outcomes of peritoneal dialysis.



Also, I would like to extend my thanks to my predecessor, Prof. David Johnson, for his excellent work and commitment during the last two years, injecting more dynamics into the Society.

If you would like to get involved in any of the ISPD's activities or have any suggestions about how we can improve our effectiveness, please contact us at admin@ispd.org. I look forward to working with you all along the course of next 2 years.

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Advocacy

ISPD continues to expand its efforts to improve access to PD, particularly for people living in low and middle income countries (LMIC), through both established and new initiatives:

- a) Saving Young Lives (SYL) program: The SYL initiative aims to develop sustainable programs for treating acute kidney injury using PD in sub-Saharan Africa, South East Asia and Latin America to be involved. ISPD is one of the 4 founding partners (along with International Society of Nephrology, EuroPD, and International Paediatric Nephrology Association) and contributes its members' expertise and \$25,000 USD each year to this project.

- b) International Liaison Committee: Chaired by Isaac Teitelbaum (USA), this committee works with developing programs to help maintain sustainable, acceptable standards of PD care through the support of educational programs, coordinated training for doctors and nurses, mentoring and establishing links with professional societies, government, non-governmental organizations, industry, and philanthropic organizations.
- c) End-stage Kidney Disease (ESKD) Care initiative: ISPD has been collaborating with the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) through the ESKD initiative to better understand the global differences in ESKD care and develop a strategy to sustainably improve access to dialysis, particularly in LMIC. A key mission of ISPD is to improve access to, and uptake of PD in LMIC, especially in Africa. The outcomes are shown as a white paper published in *Kidney International* in 2019. A manuscript entitled, “Strategic plan for integrated care of patients with kidney failure” has been submitted to *KI Supplements* and the implementation is anticipated to take 5-10 years. David is now a member of the MONITOR group and also advised on defining, recommending, applying and developing a monitoring for minimum and optimal safety and quality standards for sustainable PD and HD (Adrian is a co-chair of this group).
- d) As sustainable PD programs are established in Fiji and PD programs are about to be launched in Indonesia and Sri Lanka, we have to inject more efforts and resources in the LMIC or less developed parts of the world (Africa, Asia, South America, and Oceania) to synchronize their development with other parts of the world, in the wish of caring more patients with kidney diseases.
- e) Under the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, ISPD released the “Joint Statement on optimal care of patients with kidney disease during COVID-19 pandemic” with ISN, SLANH, IPNA and other societies. The ongoing pandemic prohibits patients with chronic disease from receiving medical treatment. The experience of COVID-19 in HD units has resulted in an awareness that dialysis at home has many advantages. Theoretically, people doing PD in their own homes should fare better than cohorted in HD units. Also, urgent need for alternative ways to deliver renal replacement are seen in the ICU setting, which led to a demand in many centres to explore PD.

Education

The ISPD, through its Education Committee chaired by Sharon Nessim (Canada), is continuing to expand educational opportunities for ISPD members:

- a) Online Lecture Series: A suite of PD educational slides with audio (10-15 minutes each) delivered by international experts has been uploaded on our website. 28 modules are planned and, thus far, 10 have been upgraded and accessible on the website. This program has been supported by an educational grant from Baxter Healthcare.

- b) Global PD Catheter Insertion Program: This program for helping proceduralists to standardize and improve their PD catheter insertion skills and outcomes has been rolled out effectively in Europe and North America, with plans to expand further abroad. The Vienna 2019 ISPD PD University for Surgeons got positive feedbacks and the 2020 meeting is rescheduled for 2021. Until now, most of the trainees from this course are distributed in Europe, yet a global network for dialysis catheter insertion training is planned to be built up to reduce the incidence rate of catheter complications in a wider range.
- c) Endorsement of Educational Programs: The Committee has endorsed 16 programs and several meetings over the last 2 year around the world. As physical meetings are not happening now, we have started endorsing webinars and hybrid events. They are available on the website on the calendar of events <https://ispd.org/events/category/ispd-endorsed-meetings/>.
- d) “Questions about PD” on the ISPD website has gained great recognition.
- e) Collaboration with ERA-EDTA and EuroPD: ISPD has renewed its agreements with ISN, ERA-EDTA, and EuroPD to work together more closely to disseminate PD knowledge through education and training.
- f) The Standards and Guidelines Committee, co-chaired by Edwina Brown (UK) and Javier de Arteaga (Argentina), oversaw the publication of ISPD Guidelines (Prescribing high quality PD in 2020) and is currently coordinating the publication of 2 guidelines (PD for Acute Kidney Injury and Membrane function testing guideline).
- g) The Society’s journal, Peritoneal Dialysis International (Impact Factor 1.934), finished transition from Multimed to SAGE. It continues to thrive under the leadership of Martin Wilkie and his editorial team, and Jeff Perl is appointed as the new EIC while Martin will stay on until January 2021 for handover. PDI should shoulder the role of academic exchanges highland to enable the environment for the dissemination of PD novel studies. Continuous efforts to be made for the quality improvement in its indicators including the criteria for scientific rigor and the IF value.
- h) Patient-training care mode: Clinical treatment should involve the training of patients to make it respectful of, and responsive to individual patient preferences, needs, and values. Guidelines could be made to standardize the treatment process to prolong patients’ life extension, improve their quality of life to give them the chance to live normally in society. Till now, the Prescribing High Quality PD has also discussed the patient involvement and grouped the comments from patients to achieve a global guideline in this regard.
- i) With all established PD educational programs, we need to put our foresight on the future generation by cultivating high-level PD experts to replenish the team, and stimulate more enthusiastic young doctors to participate.

The ISPD Congress joint meeting with Euro PD in Glasgow was scheduled on 2- 5 May 2020, but is deferred to 27- 31 March 2021.

With the unpredictable duration of the pandemic, the Congress is now organized to be a hybrid one in case there are lockdowns in certain countries and regions.

Indonesia ISPD-APCM has been cancelled due to too many events in same area (in 2021-22). Preparations are now well underway for the next ISPD Congress in Singapore on 14- 17 May 2022.

Research

In order to better inform shared decision-making between clinicians and patients in PD, the ISPD is committed to addressing the dearth of high quality PD evidence that currently exists through a series of strategic research initiatives:

- a) Funding international research programs: The International Studies Committee raised its budget to provide \$30,000 USD in 2020 (not permanent) to support international research collaborations that address problems of importance to the international PD community (clinicians, patients, caregivers). Currently, one project is funded each year, but there are plans to expand this level of funding and to facilitate the formation of a Global PD Research Collaborative.
- b) Peritoneal Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study (PDOPPS): Since 2012, ISPD has partnered with Arbor Research to design, conduct, analyze and report the PDOPPS in an attempt to identify modifiable practices that are associated with better outcomes for patients. In its first phase, 7629 patients were consented from 215 dialysis facilities in 7 participating countries (Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and the US). Now in its second phase, data collection is continuing and has recently launched in South Korea. Now the largest international PD-research study conducted, research is progressing in several key clinical areas, including peritonitis, hypokalemia, anemia, patient training, time on therapy, functional status, and PD prescription.
- c) SONG-PD: ISPD has provided funding and expert input into SONG-PD, which aims to identify high priority core research outcomes that are important to clinicians, patients, caregivers, and policymakers to enable patients and clinicians to make informed decisions about the relative effectiveness of PD interventions, based on outcomes of common importance. It has now completed five phases.
- d) PD Registry: ISPD contributed \$10,000 for the establishment of Middle East PD Registry and is negotiating with LAC/ SLANH to fund Latin American PD registry.
- e) International Paediatric Peritoneal Dialysis Network (IPPN) Registry: ISPD provides financial support (\$15,000 USD per year) to this global consortium of paediatric nephrology centres dedicated to the care of children on chronic PD.
- f) More inclusive researches with greater influence should be supported for the development of PD. Novel studies can constantly benefit the PD practice, and used for the formulation of criteria to benefit patients universally.
- g) Global Kidney Health Atlas 2019, launched at WCN Policy Forum, included the information from 160 countries on the availability, accessibility, affordability, and quality around the world and was published in BMJ.

Communication

The Communication and Media Committee chaired by KS Nayak (India), is composed of a strong team of social media savvy ISPD members. It aims to act as an avenue by which the Society disseminates knowledge to ISPD members, PD community, medical professionals, patients, caregivers, policymakers, and people 'at large' on issues regarding PD and home dialysis. The Committee also insist on issuing the quarterly ISPD Newsletter during the pandemic, collaborating with PDI on social media, and disseminating promotional slides.

We are also striving to refine and improve the ISPD Website. Please forward any suggestions for improvement to admin@ispd.org.

Other Member Benefits

The membership has steadily increased from a nadir of 735 members several years ago to 1062 in 2018 and experienced a slight fall to 961 now. In addition to individual memberships, ISPD is offering collective and institutional memberships to try to offer affordable membership options for people in LMIC. We have implemented a membership platform that allowed rolling membership, which will simplify promotion and facilitate recruitment and retention of members. The membership charging is also shifted to a more flexible rate.

ISPD members are able to access a number of other benefits:

- Peritoneal Dialysis International journal subscription and online access.
- ISPD Fellowships to promote PD by encouraging eligible individuals to extend their knowledge and expertise in PD by visiting, for a period of up to 3 months, an established PD centre with experience in training new PD specialists. The ISPD Council has agreed to increase the number of funded fellowships to 12 per year (up to a maximum of \$5000 USD each).
- ISPD Research grants for international research collaborations. ISPD funds exceptionally up to 3 projects (\$30,000 USD) in 2020.
- John Maher Award (\$5000 USD) for outstanding contributions to the field of PD by an individual younger than 45 years.
- Additional Program Support: ISPD called for expressions of interest for worthy PD programs/projects needing funding, culminating in the funding of the establishment of a Middle East PD Registry (\$10,000 USD), expansion of the International Paediatric Peritoneal Dialysis Network (IPPN) Registry (\$10,000 USD) and translation of ISPD guidelines (\$5000 USD). ISPD plans to call for further expressions of interest later this year, depending on available funds.
- Special registration rates for all ISPD Congresses, ISPD Chapter Meetings and the Annual Dialysis Conference (organized by the University of Missouri).

Please take a moment to check that your member profile is up to date [by clicking here](#).

We are also exploring further avenues that would provide additional value for ISPD members including exclusive access to key educational content. Please forward any suggestions for improved membership benefits or queries about membership to admin@ispd.org.

ISPD would like to thank its Corporate Members for their support which assists the society to fulfil its mission.

Governance

Following the ISPD General Assembly on 15 July 2020, a number of positions have turned over within the society's Executive and Council, and various Committees.

Hereby I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the stinging contributions of our predecessors:

President: David Johnson

Secretary: Adrian Liew

Treasurer: Anjali Saxena

ISPD Past-President: Isaac Teitelbaum

North America - Jeff Perl

Latin America – José Carolino Divino Filho

Western Europe – Lambie Mark

Western Europe – Thierry Lobbedez

Eastern Europe – Monika Lichodziejewska-Niemierko

Africa - Middle East – Brett Cullis

Asia - Yasuhiko Ito

Asia – Angela Wang

Oceania – Neil Boudville

Nurses Rep – Angellina Graham

Nurses Rep - Helen Hurst

Pediatrics Rep - Kim Yap Hui

as well as welcome the [new Council members](#):

ISPD President-elect: Edwina Brown

ISPD Secretary: Adrian Liew

ISPD Treasurer: Anjali Saxena

North America - Jeff Perl (Canada)

North America – Eric Wallace (USA)

Latin America - Magdalena Madero (Mexico)

Western Europe – Lambie Mark (UK)

Western Europe – Johan Morelle (Belgium)

Eastern Europe – Jolanta Malyszko (Poland)

Africa - Middle East – Brett Cullis (South Africa)

Asia - Yasuhiko Ito (Japan)

Asia – Angela Wang (China)

Oceania - Yeoung Jee Cho (Australia)

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