

IN EMERGING COUNTRIES, KIDNEY DISEASE ACCOUNTS FOR OVER A MILLION DEATHS A YEAR. A LACK OF FORMAL MEDICAL TRAINING, INADEQUATE SCREENING TOOLS AND LIMITED FUNDING MEANS THAT THESE POPULATIONS ARE LOSING OUT ON PROPER CARE.

By focusing on prevention, education and awareness, there is hope for better treatments. Bringing together the expertise of its members, the **International Society of Nephrology (ISN)** is leading the way for better prevention and more effective treatments to reduce the impact of renal and associated cardiovascular diseases in the developing world.

**ISN Global Outreach (GO) Programs** (formerly known as **COMGAN**) identify the educational and clinical needs in emerging countries through the ISN GO regional committees. They offer valuable training and educational activities for kidney specialists of all levels, clinical physicians and other healthcare professionals.



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- ➔ Improve the level of global medical care by sponsoring an **Educational Ambassador** or supporting an **ISN Fellow** to study in the developed world.
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- ➔ Provide funding to develop lasting partnerships between **emerging renal centers and centers of excellence**.
- ➔ Play a role in advancing the treatment and diagnosis of kidney disease by supporting the costs of a training course or a **screening and prevention program** in an emerging country.
- ➔ Increase networking and educational opportunities for doctors and physicians to attend ISN conferences by funding a **travel grant**.

### YOUR DONATIONS COUNT

Your donations make a difference in so many ways. They further the ISN philanthropic and humanitarian goals that include delivering expert nephrology training and education, screening patients for kidney disease in regions where there are no facilities and helping hospitals in developing countries become leaders in preventing and treating kidney diseases.

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# TRAINING AND EDUCATING KIDNEY SPECIALISTS

## ➔ FELLOWSHIPS

Central to ISN GO Programs, the **Fellowship Program** promotes and helps educate physicians coming from emerging economies. So far, over **500** ISN-trained nephrologists from developing countries have taken on leading healthcare positions in their regions.

**Glendah Kalunga** will become the second nephrologist in Zambia thanks to the ISN Fellowship Program.

**Dibya Singh Shah** carried out the very first renal transplantation in Nepal with her Australian colleagues. Many transplantations are now being carried out by an independent Nepalese surgical team.



## ➔ CREATING CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

The **Sister Renal Center (SRC) Program** links renal units in the developing world with centers of excellence in the developed world. Each year, it provides funding and education to some **30** sister-center pairs.

**Arabkir Joint Medical Center in Yerevan, Armenia and the Institute of Child and Adolescent Health at Antwerp University Hospital, Belgium.**

In 1999, this partnership led to the first kidney transplantation performed with a living donor in Armenia. Since then, some **35** Armenian doctors and nurses have been trained in Antwerp. Equipment has also been upgraded with **19** dialysis machines and new laboratory facilities.

**Zhong Da Hospital at the Southeast University of Nanjing, China and Cardiff University of Wales, UK.**

In 2007, a peritoneal dialysis unit was established in Nanjing thanks to this partnership. The Zhong Da Hospital has now become the key center in teaching clinical and renal research in China's Jiangsu province.

## ➔ LEARNING FROM LEADING EXPERTS

The **Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program** shows how ISN GO Programs are educating future experts in the field. It connects small groups of ISN experts to medical audiences throughout the emerging world. In 2009, **42** CME courses took place in **28** countries, providing high-quality updates and clinical knowledge to about **10,000** renal healthcare providers.

A **CME meeting in Mexico** focused on educating primary care physicians on Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) detection and prevention. The committee was invited to work with Mexico's Health Secretariat to implement this initiative.

In **Africa**, a very encouraging aspect of this CME trip was visiting nephrology leaders in several countries who have emerged from the ISN Fellowship Program.



## ➔ BUILDING A NETWORK OF EDUCATIONAL AMBASSADORS

The recently-launched **Educational Ambassadors Program** sends experts to developing renal centers for one to four weeks. These specialists provide hands-on training or help develop new services, community-based research or screening programs.



# SUPPORTING KIDNEY DISEASE RESEARCH

## ➔ SCREENING, PREVENTION AND RESEARCH

So far, the **Research and Prevention Program** has implemented **28** research, prevention and screening programs in **19** emerging countries. The Kidney Disease Data Center in Bergamo, Italy, has been set up to follow and analyze data from over **40,000** individuals recruited through this program.

**Sanijb Kumar Sharma** started a community program in three districts of Eastern Nepal screening some **13,000** people.

A **CKD screening and awareness program** was set up in Egypt and supported by the European Kidney Institute network (EKI) Sister Renal Center.



# NETWORKING AND ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE

## ➔ TRAVEL GRANTS

To increase accessibility, ISN provides **travel grants** to its biennial World Congress of Nephrology, the ISN Forefronts conferences, the Nexus Symposia and other selected educational events of high scientific value.