



Joint Statement from ASN, ERA, and ISN: Announcing the ASN-ERA-ISN Kidney Support Initiative

(February 18, 2025) — The leadership of the American Society of Nephrology (ASN), the European Renal Association (ERA), and the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) launched the ASN-ERA-ISN Kidney Support Initiative in December 2023. With representatives from all three societies, and coordinated by ERA, the initiative includes:

Representatives from ASN

- Volunteer ASN: **Professor Jeffrey I. Silberzweig**, MD, FASN (USA), current Chair of the ASN Emergency Preparedness Initiative Steering Committee.
- ASN Staff: **Susie Stark**, ASN Vice President for Excellence in Patient Care.

Representatives from ERA

- Volunteer: **Professor Mehmet Şükrü Sever**, MD, FERA (Türkiye), current Chair of the Kidney Relief in Disasters Task Force – ERA, and expert in “disasters.”
- ERA Staff: **Monica Fontana**, ERA Executive Director.

Representatives from ISN

- Volunteer: **Professor Ali Abu-Alfa**, MD, FASN, FISN, FAHA (Lebanon), current Chair of the ISN Renal Disaster Preparedness Working Group (RDPWG).
- ISN Staff: **Danielle Miller**, ISN Marketing and Communications Director.

Launched with a kick-off meeting on April 12, 2024, the initiative is focused on creating a unified emergency response strategy and enhancing global preparedness and response for nephrologists, health care workers, and patients. The Task Force will collaborate with key stakeholders, consolidate resources from the societies, and translate and circulate these materials. Ethical considerations, preparedness training courses, and patient education materials, including booklets and infographics, are key priorities.

A partnership with [Direct Relief](#), a humanitarian aid organization with a mission to improve the health and lives of people affected by poverty or emergencies, is among the goals to ensure kidney patients receive essential care during humanitarian crises. This initiative demonstrates the commitment of ASN, ERA, and ISN to support people with kidney disease and their caregivers during times of greatest need.

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