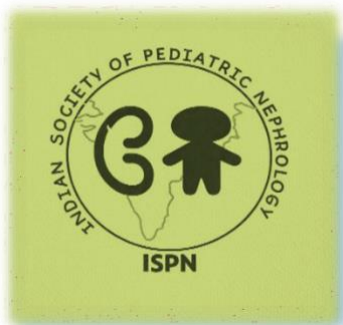




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ISPN Bulletin

News and Updates from the Indian Society of Pediatric Nephrology

Leadership Message: Second Quarterly Bulletin 2026

Inclusive ISPN: Expanding representation and strengthening engagement, we have launched **Associate membership for Allied health professionals** caring for children with kidney disease.

Stronger Communication: Members of the society are being regularly informed regarding events and initiatives through the official email.

Academic Growth: The new academic series-**ISPN PEARL Webinar Series** is being well-received by trainees and members

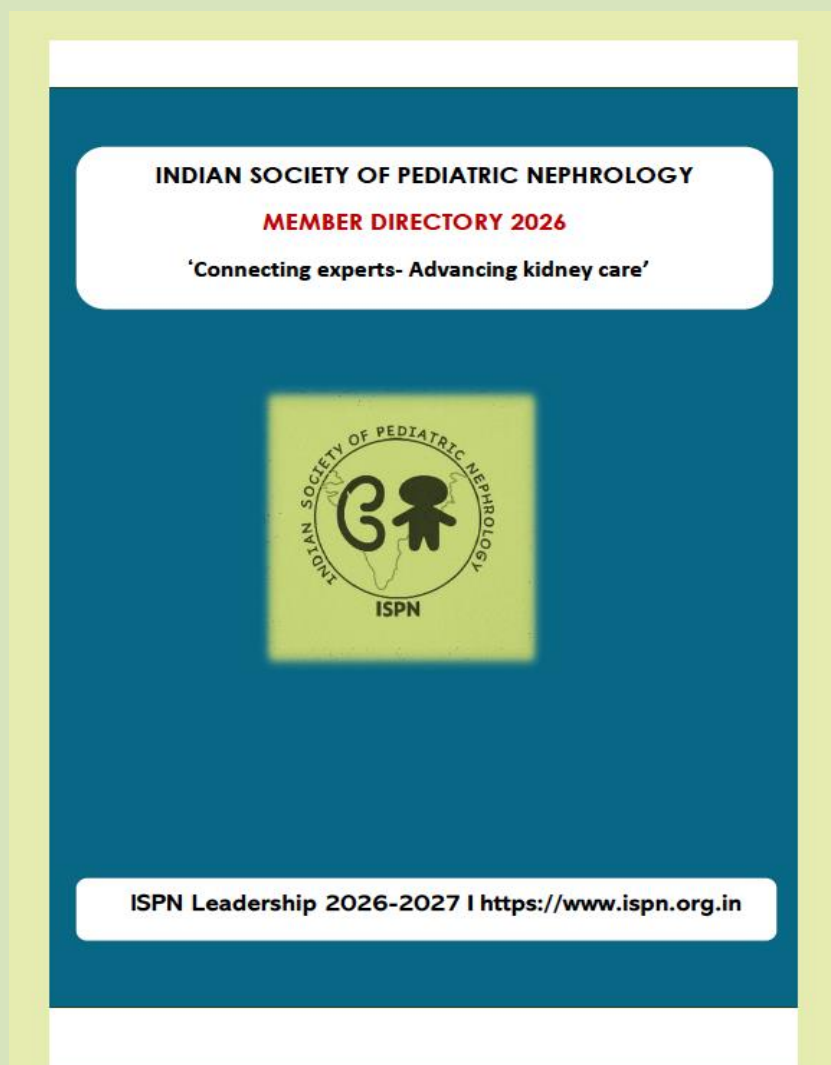
Connected Community: A **Membership Directory** has been compiled to reflect zone-wise members and their affiliations/ contact details

What's Inside This Quarter

Membership Directory Launch
Academic Activities
Website Update
Allied Health membership
IPNA and ISPD Fellows in India
Endorsed Academic Events
Young Investigator Award Application
Kidney Crossword

Announcements: **ISPNCN 2026 Registration and ISPN PG Quiz**
AsPNA - ACPN 2026
IPNA Congress 2027

ISPN MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE



335 Life Members and counting!

12 new Associate Members as Allied Health Professionals

Zonal distribution of life members: North: 85

Central: 33

West: 75

East: 36

South: 98

Overseas: 8

Academic / Training-related activities

ISPN-Webinar

1 9th April | 5.30pm-7pm

Topic: Basic Research Webinar

For trainees/ fellows/ early career nephrologists

NEfPRO Series

- Post graduate in Pediatrics

Bi-monthly case discussion

1 2nd & 4th Saturdays | May -June 2026

Sessions conducted thus far:

Childhood Nephrotic Syndrome

Hematuria and kidney Biopsy Interpretation

Acute glomerulonephritis

AKI: Diagnosis & management and Kidney support therapies in AKI

ISPN PEARL Series:

Case based discussion for Fellows and Residents

- Fellows & DM Program

Monthly case discussion

1 3rd Friday | May-June 2026

Sessions held thus far:

Urodynamic studies in children: From indication to interpretation (SJMCH, Bangalore)

CKRT tailored for children (Mehta Hospital, Chennai)

ISPN Website updates:

<https://www.ispn.org.in>

The ISPN website is updated to include the new **Allied Health Membership** category, **membership directory** and registration links for **NefPRO/ PEARL** sessions.

A **website redesign** is in progress to enhance user experience, navigation, and overall functionality.

IPNA FELLOWS IN INDIA 2026

Anish Gourisaria, India (IKDRC, Ahmedabad)

ISPD FELLOWSHIP 2026

Mritunjay Kumar (AIIMS Raebareli)

Khoo Teck Puat National University children's Medical Institute, NUH, Singapore

NEW IPNA TRAINING CENTRE IN INDIA

ICH, Kolkata

Kindly encourage your Allied health staff to avail the ISPN Associate membership opportunity!



Indian Society of Paediatric Nephrology

ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

ISPN warmly invites allied health professionals working in Paediatric Nephrology to join our growing community and contribute to advancing child kidney health care across India.

Who can Join

- Nurses
- Social Worker
- Transplant Coordinator
- Dialysis Technicians
- Renal Dieticians
- Research Scholar/ Fellow

Member Benefits

- CONFERENCE ACCESS**
Access CME, workshops, conferences and educational resources
- NATIONAL NETWORK**
Connect with experts and peers across India
- RESEARCH IMPACT**
Collaborate and contribute to advance pediatric kidney care

Apply for Membership today

Membership Fee Only INR 500/-

APPLY NOW

More Info : >>>>>>>> www.ispn.org.in

ISPN Endorsed Academic Events April-June 2026

Endorsement:

The 8th Annual Pediatric Nephrology Conclave scheduled on **25-26th September 2026** at Bhopal being organized by AIIMS Bhopal.

Young Kidneys 2026 scheduled on **4-5 July 2026** at Chennai being organized by Mehta Hospital, Chennai

Conference/ CME entitled Renal Replacement Therapy in Pediatrics, held on **17 May 2026** at Dr Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda

The 10th Annual Pediatric Nephrology CME- NephKids 2026 (Theme: Office practice in Pediatric Nephrology. South Asia Zone, scheduled on **26 & 27 September 2026**, Chennai, India (Hybrid Mode)) being organised by Apollo Hospital, Chennai

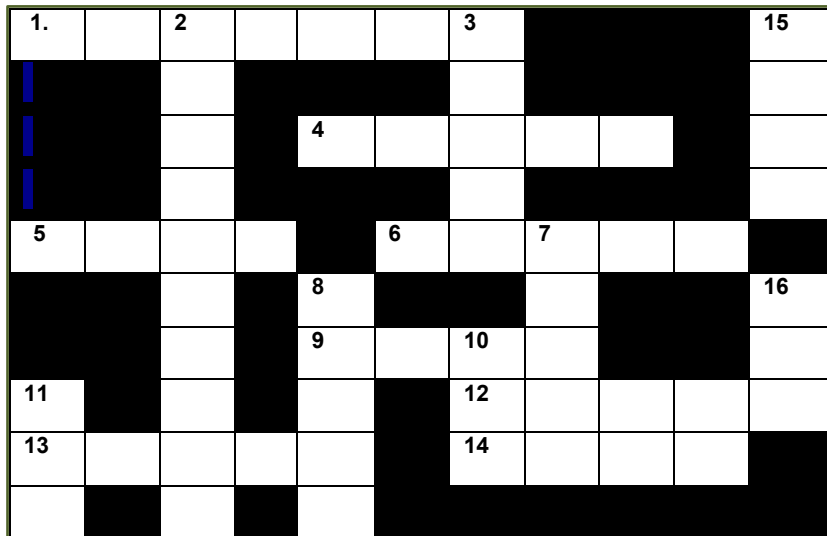
NUTRIPACK PRO Certification Course: Basics of Pediatric Renal Nutrition organised by the Pediatric Renal Indian Nutrition Taskforce (PRiNT) - a 2 day interactive virtual teaching course on **24-25th September 2026**.

Introducing the **ISPN Young Investigator Award 2026**

- **ISPN Young Investigator Award** has been instituted to recognize outstanding young investigators for excellence, innovation, and creativity in **basic, translational, or patient-oriented research** related to pediatric kidney diseases.
- The award is open to **ISPN members aged 45 years or younger** (as on December 31 of the award year) who have maintained **continuous membership for the preceding three years**.
- Selection will be based on evidence of **substantial independent research** or a **major collaborative contribution** to pediatric nephrology research.
- The award aims to recognize **early- and mid-career investigators** who have made significant contributions to advancing the science and clinical practice of pediatric nephrology.
- The **ISPN Academic Committee** will oversee the nomination and evaluation process, with the **ISPN Executive Committee** serving as the final approving authority.
- Further details regarding the **nomination process, eligibility, and application form** will be announced soon.

Tickling the neurons to crack the nephron crossword

- Dr Swathi Kiran Shiri (Bulletin Committee)



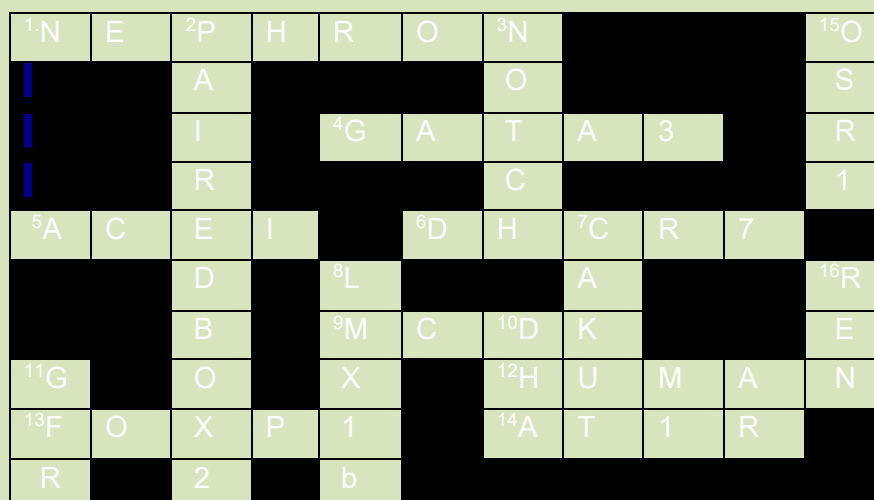
Across:

1. In preterm neonates this increases by 25,000 for each 100g of birth weight (5)
4. Gene affected in an autosomal dominant disorder with hypoparathyroidism, renal dysplasia and sensorineural hearing loss (5)
5. Maternal intake of this drug results in potter syndrome and skull ossification defects in neonate (4)
6. Gene affecting 7-dehydrocholesterol reductase resulting in renal agenesis, dysplasia, microcephaly, micrognathia, poly/syndactyly, cataract and heart defects (5)
9. CAKUT with incidence of 1 in 2200 to 4300 live births with 5% risk of undescended testis (4)
12. ----- kidney develops from ureteric bud and metanephric mesenchyme at 5th week GA (5)
13. Gene associated with CAKUT and structural brain anomalies; codes for forkhead family of transcription factors (5)
14. One of the gene affected in renal tubular dysgenesis (4)

Down:

2. Transcription factor signaling affected in papillorenal syndrome (10)
3. This receptor signaling mediated by Rbphsuh (principal DNA transcription factor) is critical for proximal nephron patterning (7)
7. First coined in 1998, is the most common cause of CKD in children
8. Essential transcription factor for podocyte differentiation, when affected results in SRNS (5)
10. Crystals causing red staining of diapers in APRT deficiency (3)
11. The volume of plasma ultrafiltrate formed by the kidneys per unit time (3)
15. Transcription factor involved in the condensation of metanephric mesenchyme around the ureteric bud (4).
16. Gene affected in an inherited tubulointerstitial disease causing severe anemia and CKD (3)

Answer key



ISPNCN 2026 Registration and Abstract submission will be open soon!



ISPNCN 2026

38th Annual Conference of
Indian Society of Paediatric Nephrology



Dates: December 4-6, 2026



Venue: St. John's National Academy of
Health Sciences, Bengaluru

Theme: "Paediatric Kidney Care: Emerging Insights, Real-World Solutions"

WORKSHOPS

December 4



NephroCrit: Hands-on Dialytic Therapies in the ICU



Bladder Bootcamp: Mastering lower urinary tract disorders



Paediatric Hemodialysis & CKRT for Technicians & Nurses

CONFERENCE

December 5-6

Highlights:

Complementary Mediated Kidney Disease - Dr David Kavangh

Chronic Kidney disease - Dr Rukshana Shroff

Acute Kidney Injury - Dr Shina Menon

PAEDIATRICIAN CME

December 6



**Registrations & Abstract
Submissions will open soon!**



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Indian Society of Pediatric Nephrology 5th National Quiz for Post-Graduate 2026

Eligibility: All PG Students (MD/DNB)

Four round



College Round (July)
Respective College



Divisional Round (August)
Divisional Co-Ordinator
(Online)



Zonal Round (October)
Zonal Co-ordinator



National Round (ISPNCN 6th December 2026, Bengaluru)

- ❖ Quiz format: Seven rounds comprising questions from basic science, diagnostics, and treatment of kidney disorders
- ❖ Certificates will be provided to all the teams participating in the zonal and National rounds
- ❖ Top 3 of 5 teams in the national round will get cash prizes

Prize: 30,000 for final winner and 15,000 for runner up

Arpana Iyengar
President, ISPN

Yashu Saini
Zonal Co-ordinator North

Hamsa V
Zonal Co-ordinator South

Sriram Krishnamurthy
Secretary, ISPN

Aditi Sinha, Jitendra Meena
National Co-ordinators

Mritunjay Kumar
Zonal Co-ordinator Central

Susan Uthup
Chair Academic Committee, ISPN

Kinnari Vala
Zonal Co-ordinator West

Amit Satpathy
Zonal Co-ordinator East

Indian Society of Pediatric Nephrology 5th National Quiz for Post-Graduate 2026

The **5th ISPN National Quiz for Postgraduates 2026** is open to **MD/DNB Pediatrics postgraduate students** across India.

The competition will be conducted in **four stages**: College Round (July 2026), Divisional/State Round (online, **22 August 2026**, tentative), Zonal Round (mid-October 2026), and the **National Finals at ISPNCN 2026, Bengaluru (6 December 2026)**.

The quiz will cover key areas of **pediatric nephrology**, including basic sciences, glomerular and tubular disorders, CKD and hypertension, acute care nephrology, recent advances, visual diagnosis, and rapid-fire rounds.

Participants must **not have completed their postgraduate training before the National Finals** and should **not be previous national winners**.

All zonal and national finalists will receive **certificates of participation**. The National Champion and Runner-up teams will receive **cash prizes of ₹30,000 and ₹15,000**, respectively.

The quiz is coordinated by **Dr. Aditi Sinha** and **Dr. Jitendra Meena**, with support from zonal coordinators under the aegis of the ISPN Academic Committee.

College registrations are now open <https://forms.gle/o1UKsdMi1z2kYWBt8>

Asian Congress of Pediatric Nephrology and International Pediatric Nephrology Association Meetings



Important Information and Abstract Submission Deadline

- The **21st International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA) Congress** will be held from **9–13 March 2027** in **Kyoto, Japan**, hosted by the **International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA)** and the **Japanese Society of Pediatric Nephrology**.
- The congress theme, "**Bridging Tradition and Innovation in Pediatric Nephrology**," will focus on advances in pediatric kidney health, basic and translational science, and strategies to improve global pediatric kidney care.
- **Abstract submissions are now open.** Investigators are invited to submit original research across all areas of pediatric nephrology through the official congress website.
- **Abstract submission deadline: 15 July 2026.**
- ISPN members are encouraged to submit their abstracts well before the deadline to avoid last-minute technical issues.
- Further information and abstract submission are available at <https://ipna2027.org>.

Join the Global Paediatric Nephrology Community!

This is a wonderful opportunity to become a member of the *International Pediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA)*, **with FREE membership** for individuals from low- and lower-middle-income countries, including ours! Connect, collaborate, and grow with a global network of experts in pediatric nephrology.

👉 Register now through the portal: <https://theipna.org>

