ASPN Clinical Affairs Committee: Accomplishments

<u>1. Education/CPG</u>

i) UNOS peds by-laws/Public comment

- Presented UNOS proposal in kidney notes
- Worked with PPC to submit ASPN statement for public comment
- Put out blast email with PPC to encourage community to comment

ii) Generic Templates repository

- Initiated collection of repository of generic templates on how to effectively obtain PAs and appeal denials. For example, Nutropin, Aranesp, Rituximab, DinaMap , Synagis.

iii) Twitter

- Reached out to Ibrahim Shatat to have CAC send him article links for the ASPN twitter site.
- First manuscript was the article authored by Deborah Stein and Michael Somers on the new classification for prenatal and post-natal urinary tract dilation. Link added to Clinical toolbox.
- Plan for regular tweets from CAC.

iv) NICHD/NIH Pediatric terminology harmonization

- Solicited interest from CAC to join workgroup

v) FDA drug shortage task force

- Kidney notes submission with PPC about FDA drug shortage task force
- Asked interested members to join to ensure regional representation

vi) Clinical alerts

- Ebola virus
    - Solicited input from CAC membership on ASN FAQ on Ebola and dialysis:
    - UNOS and DTAC announcement on Ebola
- Baxter PD shortage and PD fluid import issues

2. Ethics subcommittee

- Newly developed subcommittee headed by Aaron Wightman
- 3 roles:
    a. to provide assistance in developing society policies and statements
    b. to initiate an annual bioethics symposium at beginning at the ASPN annual meeting
    c. to regularly contribute a small section to Kidney Notes. The Kidney Notes section will consist of a case or topic discussion. First submission in Feb kidney notes.

Activities to date:

- Sent out announcement of new group in Kidney notes and invited membership to join if interested.
- Submitted workshop idea for PAS 2016
- Presented small article in Kidney Notes in February
- Working on RPA guidelines on shared decision making

3. Website

- Maintaining links in clinical toolbox
- Adding links to KDIGO etc.
- Interest in monitoring usage of website.

4) Practice management
- Published final list of codes from the final Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and added to PM part of website
- Webinar on ICD-10 planned. Mark Joseph agreed.