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<p><b>Meetings &amp; Courses</b></p> <p><a href="#">RA ESPN Conference</a></p>	
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	<p><b>NSF Headlines August 2009 :</b></p> <p><b>Working for better kidney care</b></p> <p>Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP): what will this mean for kidney care?</p> <p>The health service is facing a major challenge and that challenge is not one of its own making nor is it an ideological threat. We are all aware that the public debt has doubled from 40% of the gross domestic product to 79% of GDP as a result of the banking bail out. However soon the recovery comes that debt will still have to be repaid and that will put unprecedented pressure on the NHS and other public services. David Nicholson, the Chief Executive of the NHS, has estimated that we will have to find between £15-£20 billion and the Kings Fund have predicted an even bigger shortfall after 2011 - between £20-£26 billion. Figures almost too big to comprehend. It may not be possible to predict the future but</p>

one thing is for certain, the next 7 years will be years of relative famine and it will be a period of massive change. To read on please [click here](#)

If you have comments, suggestions or would like to be involved contact Donal on donal.o'donoghue@srft.nhs.uk

## Renal Science in the UK

In the second of our looks at Renal Science in the UK find out all about the work that goes on in Aberdeen by [clicking here](#). Alternatively go to our [home page](#) and catch up with all of our previous articles including this months.

Dr. Julie Williams  
Translational Scientist/Laboratory Manager



Arnold Osman, first president and co-founder of the Renal Association. A cartoon from Guy's Hospital Gazette of 1935

## Renal Association 60 years 1950-2010

### Your pictures wanted!

The Renal Association is the oldest renal professional organisation in the world.

A small group of RA members chaired by John Feehally is beginning to prepare for our 60th anniversary celebrations next year.

We are hoping to gather as much photographic evidence as possible of our history.

Do you have any interesting photos of:

- past RA meetings or other events
- RA 'senior figures' [no strict definition!]
- anything else relating to RA and the development of nephrology in the UK

With your permission we would like to archive all these images for posterity in a digital format, and perhaps use them as part of our celebration next year.

I will gladly receive any material in any format by any route of transmission.

Please contact John Feehally - [jf27@le.ac.uk](mailto:jf27@le.ac.uk) ; 07843 278459; 0116 258 4132

## Thursday 3rd September 2009 Symposium - Diagnosis and Management

Dear colleagues

Just a brief reminder that the Renal Association will be holding a joint meeting with the European Society of Paediatric Nephrology on Thursday Sept 3 at the University of Birmingham on Cystic Kidney Disease and other ciliopathies. We have a comprehensive programme with a 'bench to bedside' theme from a mix of exciting speakers working at the cutting edge of translational medicine and basic research in this area. In short, everything you ever need to know about the basic pathogenesis and clinical management of cystic kidney disease! For further details on the programme, please go to [www.espn2009.co.uk](http://www.espn2009.co.uk) or follow the link from the Renal Association website.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity and do tell your colleagues about the meeting. I look forward to seeing you in Birmingham.

With best wishes

**Albert Ong**  
on behalf of the RA/ESPN scientific committee

[Click here](#) for more information

## **Thursday 3rd September 2009**

### **Cystic Kidney Disease and the Role of the Primary Cilium**

Primary cilia are evolutionarily conserved organelles of uncertain function which were first described in 1898. Almost every cell in the body carries a primary cilium. In the past ten years, abnormalities of the primary cilium have been associated with several important diseases affecting the kidney including polycystic kidney disease, nephronophthisis, Meckel's syndrome and Bardet-Biedl Syndrome. These ciliopathies have in turn led to new insights into the functions of the primary cilium and its related organelle, the centrosome or basal body.

This one-day meeting will highlight and summarise for the practising clinician the major scientific advances in this rapidly changing field as well as the exciting therapeutic and diagnostic advances in the management of cystic kidney diseases.

[Click here](#)

Early bird registration is now closed.

[Click here](#) to visit the ESPN 2009 website

The meeting has been approved for CPD accreditation.

## **Advanced Nephrology Course Part 1**

### **Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester**

### **28th September - 1st October 2009**

Covering the most clinically important, recently advanced and challenging areas in nephrology, this course is specifically aimed at consultants and senior SpRs wishing for updates on difficult or developing clinical issues.

**Early bird deadline is Monday 7th September 2009.**

[Full programme](#), click for details.

To register online visit [www.renal.org](http://www.renal.org)

## **Basic Renal Ultrasound Course**

### **Education Centre, Royal Preston Hospital**

### **21-22 November 2009**

Ultrasound has an essential role in clinical nephrology but most nephrologists have little opportunity for training in ultrasound. The aim of this course is to teach basic knowledge of ultrasound and provide a first hands-on encounter with ultrasound scanning of native kidneys, transplant kidneys and vascular access.

To view the course programme and to find out how you can register please [click here](#)

## **Infections and the kidney**

### **Royal Society Medicine**

## 30th November 2009

For details of this course please [click here](#)



### **NephroRad** **A motorbikers club!.**

NephroRad was born some ten years ago with the deliberate intention to bring together nephrologists from different Countries in the event of National and International meetings sharing the common passion of motorbiking.

[Click here](#) to visit the website

### **Member Suggestion Box**

If you have any ideas or would like to include an article or event in eNews, please contact the Renal Association Secretariat on 0845 1800 484 or [renalenews@mci-group.com](mailto:renalenews@mci-group.com).