



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with some mixed emotions that I deliver my final President's message as CSN President. The events leading up to spring 2020 transformed this role to something unexpected. But we all experienced significant transformations in our daily personal and professional lives over the last two years since I assumed the role in 2020.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have witnessed horror and tragedy, but have also connected more than ever as a Nephrology community – connecting more with patients in so many ways, and connecting with our colleagues, connecting with other programs provincially, nationally, and internationally. The commitment of our CSN members has been unsurprisingly outstanding especially in advocating for our most vulnerable patient population.

Our system of delivery of healthcare, like so many other aspects of our lives, has been a forced self-examination at a faster pace than what would have occurred otherwise, with the promise of more efficient and effectual patient care. The community has had several leaders who have championed solutions in this regard.

The CSN has continued to carry on its usual business. After having to unfortunately cancel our 2020 meeting, we also pivoted to the virtual world. Our Educational and Scientific Committees led by Dr. Juliya Hemmet and Dr. Rita Suri have provided exceptional deliverables at last year's meetings both at the CSN annual meeting as well as the World Congress of Nephrology. They have worked diligently to create an outstanding 2022 Meeting.

Our Community Nephrology Committee led by Dr. Bhanu Prasad has gathered the most comprehensive database of Nephrologists across the country to further engage all our colleagues. The Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee led by Dr. Gihad Nesrallah and now Dr. Anna Matthew championed a GRADE workshop and have refreshed the terms of reference looking forward to producing guidelines based on members' input. We have added the Sustainable Nephrology Action Plan Committee led by Dr. Caroline Stigant who has amassed a very energetic group looking to collaborate nationally as well as globally. We have adopted the CSN Quality Improvement Implementation Science Committee under the leadership of Dr. Sam Silver. Their work will be a vital collaboration across many of our other committees. The Task Force on the black race correction factor for GFR calculation, led by Dr. Navdeep Tangri, is reaching its conclusion and we look forward to the upcoming recommendations and publication.

We are moving forward with our Strategic Plan revision. Drs. Claudio Rigatto, Rita Suri and Bhanu Prasad have vetted the consultancy group to facilitate a professional process leading the CSN's path forward, engaging the membership to build our new Mission and Vision Statement.

The CSN continues to support all these endeavours both with the significant contribution of the Board and Committees, but also with the financial and administrative backing. Indeed, the Board has fully supported the application by this talented committee of experts, chaired by Dr. Azim Gangji, who put forth the application for a formal Royal College Area of Focused Competence (AFC) in Adult Glomerular Disease. Approval was received on May 3rd. Congratulations to the team on this very important success!

The CSN, as has been the case in the last decade or so, has continued to foster a strong, engaging, and mature relationship with our Industry Partners. We are grateful and appreciate this relationship which has advanced our Society's goals.

On a personal note, and with all humility and pride, I wish to express what an honour it has been to have served as CSN President with such an enthusiastic team within the CSN, following in the footsteps of Dr. Deborah Zimmerman, handing the baton over to Dr. Claudio Rigatto following this meeting, and under the financial stewardship of Dr. Manish Sood. The Board of Directors have been a pure joy to work with and I thank them for all their time and efforts. I would also like to thank Ms. Filomena Picciano for her limitless devotion to the CSN and leading a fantastic administrative team.

Lastly, in keeping with a sentiment we all must have felt repeatedly towards those close to us during this pandemic, I wish to especially thank my wife Tracey and our family for their unwavering support and understanding over the last two years.

The Canadian Society of Nephrology is as robust as it has ever been. I look forward to a very successful 2022 CSN Annual General Meeting and, moreover, look forward to seeing everyone in person at next year's meeting in Halifax.



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