General Session presentations will focus on leading the way in a changing landscape.

**Meeting Highlights**
- Outpatient Dialysis Access Management in a Changing Landscape
- Navigating Difficult Cases – Expert Panel Discussions
- Controversies and Debates
- Surgical Techniques for the Non-Surgeon
- Vascular Access Innovations
- Roadmap to Increasing AVF Prevalence

**Hotel Reservations**
The Grand America Hotel, will be the headquarters hotel for the Annual Scientific Meeting.

To find out more about accommodations, visit: [www.asdin.org/14hotel](http://www.asdin.org/14hotel)

Special ASDIN Group Rate: $219
Available until 1/25/2018 or until all rooms sold, whichever is earlier.

**Program & Registration Info**
Program and registration information available on the ASDIN website.
Contact the ASDIN office at info@asdin.org or call 601-924-2220 or visit our website at [www.asdin.org](http://www.asdin.org) for more information.
UPCOMING DEADLINES

Call for Nominations to ASDIN Council Election Cycle 2018

*Deadline extended to Friday, October 27, 2017*

There are two (2) open Councilor positions for a 3 year-term (2018-2021).
Submit nomination here: [http://www.asdin.org/?page=CallforNominations20](http://www.asdin.org/?page=CallforNominations20)

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**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS IS NOW OPEN**

Abstracts are now being accepted for the 14th Annual ASDIN Scientific Meeting.

*All abstract submissions must be submitted NO LATER THAN 11:30 p.m. PST on Tuesday, October 31, 2017.*

Visit [http://www.asdin.org/?page=14thCallforAbstracts](http://www.asdin.org/?page=14thCallforAbstracts) for more information and to submit.

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**CALL FOR INTERESTING CASES**

"I have been there!" – clinical cases of “near-miss” moments

"How I did it." – clinical cases with great teaching value

"The worst? or the best?" - clinical cases that could fool you!

Submit by

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

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**Call for Interesting Cases - Deadline 10/31**

Visit [https://asdin.site-ym.com/page/CallforCases_14th](https://asdin.site-ym.com/page/CallforCases_14th) for more information and to submit.

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**FASDIN FELLOW OF ASDIN**

**Fellow of ASDIN (FASDIN) - Open 11/1**

FASDIN applications will be accepted beginning November 1st through January 31st.
[Click here](http://www.asdin.org/?page=14thCallforInterestingCases) for more information.
Physician Fee Schedule - We Need your Help!

In its 2017 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Final Rule, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized significant cuts to Medicare payments for vascular access centers. Cuts to key vascular access preservation services in the physician office totaled 39% and these services are now paid at 25% of what is paid in the hospital.

The Dialysis Vascular Access Coalition (DVAC), of which the American Society of Diagnostic & Interventional Nephrology is a Member, is working hard to correct these cuts and recently filed a strong comment letter with CMS asking the agency to reverse the cuts (the letter is available here).

Now we need YOUR help! - A highly effective way for policymakers to learn more about the effects of a policy is by hearing from physicians and staff on the frontlines of care. We need you to contact your Members of Congress to express your concern with cuts in the CY 2017 PFS Final Rule through phone calls and email communication.

DVAC has created an online tool that will allow you to easily and quickly send a letter to your lawmakers in the U.S. Congress asking them to protect Medicare funding for vascular access preservation services. A suggested email and phone message have been created at the link below. It takes just a few minutes of time to make your voice heard.

CLICK HERE TO CONTACT CONGRESS TODAY!

I encourage you to take action today to help ensure that ESRD patients can continue to receive vital vascular access services in the physician office setting.

Thank you,
Timothy A. Pflederer, MD, Chair, ASDIN Public Policy Committee

Certification & Recertification Update

Effective July 1, 2017, membership must remain active while certified in HVA, PD, Renal Ultrasound and Associate Certification. If ASDIN membership lapses, certification will be suspended and dues must be made current before certification will be reinstated.

Associate Recertification process now in effect

View the recertification application here:

Requirements for ASDIN Associate Recertification:

• Continue to be an ASDIN member throughout the certification period. Dues will need to be current at time of recertification application.
• Continue to be in a direct patient care role in a vascular interventional setting; to be documented through letter of recommendation by employer at time of recertification.*

*Please note that this requirement does not apply to original grandfathered candidates who are recertifying. No letter of recommendation required of original grandfathered candidates.

• Continue a current license by a state board of nursing or current license from ARRT. Licensure which will be validated upon renewal.
• Continue to attest to uphold the Ethical Standards outlined in this document.
• Continue to attest to utilize established universal precautions and guidelines set forth by appropriate governing bodies when performing all procedures.
• Submit recertification application and recertification fee ($75 member) up to 6 months before certification expiration and no later than 6 months after recertification expiration.
• Submit an updated copy of candidate CV (if it has changed since original IVN certification)
ASDIN Annual Report 2016

To view interactive report online - visit www.asdin.org/2016Report

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Additional measures have been put in place to assure that a healthy bottom line will be reached in FY 2017.

* Research Grant will be awarded every other year going forward

* Scientific Meeting structure has been changed to insure meeting income and expenses are better balanced than past few years

Membership has been boosted by International Affiliate memberships

Need US Membership to stabilize and increase

Need Corporate Sponsorship to stabilize and increase
Certification Applications by Year by Category 2003-2016
International Committee Report
Tushar Vachharajani, MD, Chair, International Committee

ASDIN endorsed the 6th Annual AVATAR (Association of Vascular Access and Interventional Renal Physicians -avatar.org.in) Meeting held in Goa, India during the month of July 2017. The meeting was organized by AVATAR Foundation in collaboration with Mumbai Nephrology Group with Dr. D. S. Rana and Dr. Hemant Mehta as Organizing Chairs. AVATAR has evolved into a leading organization in South Asia and is attended by interventional nephrologists, radiologists, vascular surgeons, cardiologists and general nephrologists. The meeting was held in Goa on the west coast of India and was attended by 400 delegates from 11 countries from Asia, Africa and Middle-East Region. ASDIN has supported an endorsed this meeting for the past 3 years and this year was represented by Dr. Tushar Vachharajani and Dr. Bharat Sachdeva. The scientific program covered fundamentals of dialysis vascular access, advanced therapies such as endovascular AVF creation and a session on advanced therapies for sepsis and extracorporeal therapies. Dr. Vachharajani was invited as a keynote speaker to give a talk in honor of Professor Vidya Acharya. Dr. Sachdeva was invited to lead the live hands-on session with ten trainees. The other international experts on vascular access included - Dr. Charmaine Lok (Canada), Dr. Maurizio Gallieni (Italy) and Dr. Colin Forman (UK). The meeting concluded with an interactive session with regional leaders from India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan to develop a robust model to improve awareness and overall quality of dialysis vascular care in the region.
NEW Beathard Interventional Nephrology Curriculum available NOW!
The online offering replaces ASDIN's long-standing and popular print Core Curriculum for Interventional Nephrology which is no longer available for purchase. This entirely new training manual was authored by Gerald Beathard and peer-reviewed through ASDIN's Curriculum Subcommittee (a subcommittee of ASDIN's Education Committee).

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DID YOU KNOW?
ASDIN’S IN-SAP Program, free for ASDIN members, has been moved over to our eLearning platform and is now available to non-members, for a nominal fee. Take advantage of our NINE hours of CME TODAY!

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