



Short Bio/CV

I live and breathe the values and mission of the International Society of Nephrology. I am passionate about improving global kidney care and reducing inequalities for the men, women and children served by the ISN

Working as a consultant nephrologist at Barts Health London, I serve an ethnically diverse and socially disadvantaged population. As a leader in the field of health inequalities in kidney care, I have co-authored two national reports providing a strategic plan for the UK kidney community to reduce inequalities in kidney care. I chair the London Kidney Network Health inequalities group, successfully commissioning the first ever quantification of inequalities in kidney care in London. In my role as the national clinical advisor for chronic kidney disease (CKD) in England, I have led innovative service transformation for the prevention and treatment of CKD.

I am also a global kidney doctor, with first-hand experience of working in a wide range of clinical and research environments. Working in northern Australia in 2005 with an indigenous population exposed me to stark and unacceptable inequalities in healthcare. Following this, I spent a year volunteering in clinical nephrology in rural Uganda, providing medical education and service delivery to build capacity in line with the ISN's global mission.

Subsequently, I have spent 3.5 years working in Blantyre, Malawi where I was the only nephrologist for 16 million people. I initiated new, comprehensive and sustainable nephrology services including acute and chronic haemo and peritoneal dialysis, treating acute kidney injury, prevention of CKD and delivering a high quality research output.

I initiated an ISN Sister Centre partnership between units in Malawi and Barts Health UK - in 2019 we were awarded the ISN Schreier prize for best sister centre partnership.

I have been a leader in the ISN at multiple different levels, chairing both the Young Nephrologists Committee and the Educational Ambassador Committee. As a member of the ISN core programmes committee and the Western Europe regional board, I have actively participated in regional and global innovation for kidney care, exemplified when I helped initiate the collaboration between DOPPS and ISN research teams to assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global kidney care. I am a steering committee member for the Emerging Leaders Programme, supporting the development of the next generation of ISN leaders.

My unique strengths are the breadth of my global clinical and research career, expertise and leadership in kidney health inequalities and my leadership within the ISN to date. My career passion is to identify and reduce unjustifiable and unacceptable inequalities in kidney care - in Western Europe and globally.

I am very excited to collaborate with colleagues from across Europe to advance kidney care and support the mission of the ISN. I am proud to be an active and innovative member of the ISN family – I will be so for the rest of my career. Thank you for supporting me as the Western European Board regional deputy/chair and as an ISN councillor.

Candidate's Statement

As the deputy/chair of the Western Europe regional board, I will work with the expertise of the kidney community it represents to focus on:

- Using a data-driven approach to support the identification of inequalities in kidney care across Western Europe – working to describe and quantify inequalities in kidney care in underserved communities in Western Europe.
- Leveraging ISN advocacy expertise to prioritise promoting, identifying and treating kidney disease at national and EU levels in order to reduce inequalities in kidney care.
- Encouraging and promoting all WEB countries to actively participate in all ISN programmes and activities – building capacity by focusing learning opportunities on young nephrologists and allied kidney health professionals.

As an ISN councillor I will:

- Promote and enhance the engagement of kidney allied health professionals across all ISN activities in line with my lived experience of the value of the multi-professional team in building capacity for kidney care globally.
- Use the combination of my expertise in kidney health inequalities, experience in LMIC settings and my clinical leadership in the UK to support the ISN leadership to achieve the ISN vision and mission.