IFKF Needs Assessment Survey

The mission of the IFKF is to foster creation, growth and international collaboration between local kidney foundations and to empower member organizations to attain the goals of our organization.

To ensure that IFKF meets its goals, the Education Committee and the Strategic Taskforce have developed a questionnaire that will be circulated during the next few week for members to complete.

The IFKF Council supports this endeavor and the results will be valuable for IFKF to plan and prioritize future activities for the benefit all members. Therefore, it is important that we receive as many returns as possible. We are using the simple "Survey Monkey Survey" system and the results will be presented at the IFKF Annual Meeting in Tokyo, Japan...

This survey should take about 15 minutes of your time and we would very much appreciate if you could kindly take the time and complete it by the deadline specified on the first page of the questionnaire.

Many thanks for your collaboration.

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Standardization program

By sustained work over four years the Kidney Foundation of Northeast of Argentina has coordinated and managed the program to standardize creatinine in clinical laboratories of the Chaco Province, Argentina. The province of Chaco has pioneered the development the process of standardization of assays of creatinine in Argentina, which is essential to improve the quality of the calculation of eGFR, and early diagnosis of CKD.

The National Kidney Disease Education Program (NKDEP USA, 2006) has recommended the standardization of creatinine measurements in all clinical laboratories. Considering this recommendation, the Sociedad Argentina de Nefrología (SAN), Asociación bioquímica Argentina (ABA), the Confederación Unificada Bioquímica de la República Argentina (CUBRA) y la Fundación Bioquímica Argentina (FBA) released a multidisciplinary document for the detection of CKD, where the need to standardize the determination of creatinine was highlighted. The Ministry of Health of Argentina has implemented a Comprehensive Approach to Chronic Kidney Disease which promotes standardization. (PAIERC-INCUCAI).

In 2010 the program begun in the province of Chaco, involving 50 laboratories spread over an area of more than 1 million km², with more than 500,000 inhabitants. The announcement of the project was made by the Ministry of Public Health of the province and by the Biochemistry College of El Chaco. Twenty-nine clinical laboratories performed all the steps to reduce the random and bias error.

The work of the Kidney Foundation of NEA has shown that by institutional collaboration the mission of promoting early diagnosis and intervention on CKD was made possible.