



## Slovak Society of Nephrology

Slovak Society of Nephrology has 334 members, from among them about 200 nephrologists. The Society organizes every year a national congress. Moreover, at least two topic-oriented symposia with invited outstanding distinguished personalities are organized every year. Slovak nephrologists appreciate the possibility to participate at Winter and Summer School supported by ERA-EDTA. Thanks to Czech Society of Nephrology several young participants from Slovakia received travel grants.

Research activities are concentrated to three working groups. The group of pediatric nephrologists is very active in maintaining international cooperation and using research grants. It established National Registry of Dialyzed and Transplanted Children and since 2003 the annual incidence and prevalence of renal replacement therapy and transplantation activity has been published yearly. The group engaged in experimental nephrology has international cooperation for a long time, especially with University of Wuerzburg and with neighbouring countries. The third group is focused on clinical nephrology, namely on the problems of bone and mineral disorders (vitamin D, calcium homeostasis regulation), diabetic nephropathy, cardiovascular risk factors in patients with early stages of CKD. This group is carrying out several national grants and participated in several clinical trials. In the future, it will be very helpful to connect institutions with the similar research aims in order to prepare or attach to project or clinical study.

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