



**NAME of the Society**

Slovenian Society of Nephrology

**NAME of the Society in the original language**

Slovensko nefrološko društvo

**YEAR of the Society's creation**

1996

**Approximate number of members**

100

**Please write the names and family names of the current President, Vice President, Secretary and end of their tenure.** Please also include the name of President/Vice President/Secretary Elect if available

**President:** Prof. Damjan Kovač, M.D., Ph.D., councilor (end of tenure 2016)

**Vice president:** Igor Rus, M.D. (end of tenure 2016)

**Secretary:** Andrej Škoberne, M.D. (end of tenure 2018)

**Society's webpage**

<http://www.nephro-slovenia.si/>

**Society's medical journal (webpage)**

The Society is currently not publishing a medical journal.

**Society's Registry (if any)**

Slovenian Renal Replacement Therapy Registry (part of the ERA-EDTA registry)

**Fellowship programs or educational opportunities for young doctors (if any)**

Formal fellowship programs in nephrology are organized by the Medical Chamber of Slovenia. There are two calls published every year – one in spring and one in autumn. An exchange program for foreign students is in operation at the Faculty of Medicine in Ljubljana and Maribor with undergraduate and postgraduate courses available. The University Medical Centers in Ljubljana as well as in Maribor are both keen on accepting foreign doctors for research and clinical fellowships.

**Short description of the Society (preferably no more than 2000 characters)**

The Slovenian Society of Nephrology is a voluntary, non-profit association of doctors working in the fields of clinical nephrology, dialysis, renal transplantation and pediatric nephrology. The Society represents the professional body for Slovenian nephrologists.

The Slovenian Society of Nephrology is part of the Slovenian Medical Association, one of the oldest medical associations in central Europe, established in 1861. The Society is involved in planning and overseeing the postgraduate education of clinicians interested in kidney disease and in the production of educational medical literature in the Slovenian language. It is involved in organizing educational events, congresses and courses, seeking to promote clinical excellence in our field of medicine. The Society is also actively involved in creating guidelines, consensus statements and other relevant contributions to the professional doctrine, particularly as it relates to the establishment and maintenance of a nationwide network dedicated to the care of patients with kidney diseases. Within the Society, working groups with different areas of expertise are active in creating standards of evaluation and therapy of different diseases, currently in the field of kidney stones and diet in CKD. An important element of our activities is also a continuous collaboration with the United Kidney Patients Associations of Slovenia, tackling the day to day dilemmas and challenges facing patients with kidney diseases. The Society is actively involved in organizing activities, especially at the time of World Kidney Day, aimed at raising awareness of chronic kidney disease among laity, including early detection of CKD, prevention and appropriate lifestyle modifications. Currently we are planning to begin with a national program for CKD prevention to provide early detection and timely treatment of kidney diseases and related complications with special emphasis on the proper education of patients with CKD. In addition we are in the process of implementing a program for assisted peritoneal dialysis that will increase the access to and prevalence of peritoneal dialysis in Slovenia.