

EDITORIAL NOTE

This issue of the African Journal of Nephrology like the previous one also has two parts.

The first part includes a review article on the integrated management of burden of disease leading to renal failure. This highlights the double epidemic in Africa and the developing countries where change in lifestyles worsens the prevalence of diabetes while the disease resulting from HIV infection continues to burden health care facilities. This integrated approach in the management of these epidemics is eloquently presented by S. Naicker. Also in the first part A. Assounga et al present an original article that analyses the HLA distribution in patients in a South African transplant centre. The diversity across various race groups is exposed. Its impact on kidney allocation and success of kidney transplantation is discussed.

The second part of this issue of AJN presents abstracts of the 2013 combined Congress of African Association of Nephrology, The African Paediatric Nephrology Association and Ghana Kidney Association held in Accra in February 2013. This part showcases the nephrology research and practises throughout the African continent.

As a repository of knowledge on nephrology for the continent, the journal in this issue, records the information presented during the Congress.

On behalf of the editorial board of African Journal of Nephrology we take this opportunity to thank the contributors, assessors and the readers for their interest in the development of the journal.

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