

Paediatric Nephrology: Challenges in Care

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Primary aetiologies of childhood renal diseases are very diverse. Initial clinical features and consequences of the diseases also manifest very variably at different age groups due to the changing physical, mental and psycho-social developments. During the management of children with chronic kidney diseases, possession of soft skills including emotional intelligence and empathy is equally important as having clinical acumen and technical expertise to handle the disease condition. In this talk I will focus on the unique issues of paediatric nephrology population in Sri Lanka, available services and the challenges in providing optimum care to these children.