Because of you, NEPTUNE is furthering the understanding and treatment of nephrotic syndrome. *Thank you!*

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**Did you know?**

88 supporting NEPTUNE projects have been approved so far (which means more questions about Nephrotic Syndrome are being studied with information provided by you!)

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**Meet a NEPTUNE Researcher:**

**Laura Barisoni, M.D.**

Dr. Barisoni is a renal pathologist, so her primary job is to look at kidney tissue to help diagnose kidney disease. She has over 20 years of experience, and works with the kidney biopsy samples collected from NEPTUNE participants. We talked with Dr. Barisoni to learn more about what she is studying.

**How do you use NEPTUNE kidney samples in your research?**

We are studying kidney samples to see how we can improve diagnosing people with kidney disease, so that better and more precise treatments can be recommended. Since NEPTUNE data include participant’s response to treatments, we can study the biopsy tissue to see if there are patterns that predict outcomes of kidney disease.

**In your opinion, what is the most important part of your research?**

By learning more about how different kidney diseases affect kidney tissue, we hope to develop specific treatments for each patient depending on what structural changes their kidney biopsy shows.

**What is the next step in your research?**

We are exploring how computers can help pathologists examine kidney tissue samples to better diagnose and categorize kidney disease.

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Please address any questions/suggestions to your coordinator to give to the NEPTUNE R&R Committee