

Renal Physicians Association
2018 Preliminary Agenda

Thursday, March 15

- 8:00am to 5:00pm Pre-Conference Workshops
- RPA Leadership Workshop (separate registration)
 - Fundamentals of Nephrology Coding and Billing (separate registration)
- 6:00pm – 7:30pm Registration Opens
- 6:30pm – 7:30pm Welcome Reception

Friday, March 16

- 6:00am to 8:00am Breakfast Satellite Symposium
Satellite Symposia are not part of the official RPA meeting program as planned by the RPA Education Committee.
- 7:00am to 8:00am Registration Open
Continental Breakfast
- 8:00am to 10:00am **General Session I**
- 8:00am to 8:05am Welcome
- 8:05am to 8:25am **RPA Year in Review**
Michael Shapiro, MD, RPA President
- 8:25am to 8:55am **RPA Advocacy Agenda**
Robert Blaser, Director of Public Policy
- 8:55am to 9:00am Q&A
- 9:00am to 9:40am **Being a Leader in Advocacy**
Advocacy is an expression of the most basic rights to have your voice heard on the issues that matter most to you in the practice of nephrology. Learn how to effectively engage policy makers and lead change in nephrology practice.
Paul Conway; President of American Association of Kidney Patients
- 9:40am to 9:50am Q&A
- 9:50am to 10:00am Presentation of Awards
Distinguished Nephrologist and Distinguished Practice Manager
- 10:00am to 10:30am Visit Exhibits
- 10:30am to 12:00pm **General Session II**
- 10:30am to 10:40am Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

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PAY FOR PERFORMANCE

- 10:40am to 11:10am **Preparing for Practice Transformation**
Gain insight on how to move your practice forward in this new care paradigm under the Quality Payment Program.
Adam Weinstein, MD, Kidney Health Center of Maryland
- 11:10am to 11:20am Q&A
- 11:20am to 11:50am **RPA Advanced Payment Model**
Under MACRA, physicians can choose to participate in Alternative Payment Models. These models seek to further improve Value in healthcare and to return some of the financial savings back to physicians. During this session, we will discuss the RPA-designed Incident Dialysis Alternative Payment Model focusing on the optimal transition to dialysis, including pre-emptive transplantation, modality choice, advanced care planning and care of the incident dialysis patient.
Jeffrey Giullian, MD, MBA, RPA Board of Directors
- 11:50am to 12:00pm Q&A
- 12:00pm to 2:00pm Lunch on Your Own
- RPA PAC Board Lunch
- Practice Administrator Town Hall
Lunch will be served
- RPA NCAP Steering Committee
- Lunch Satellite Symposium
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- 2:00pm to 3:00pm **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**
- 2:00pm to 3:00pm **Understanding CAHPS & Implications for Nephrologists**
CAHPS is publicly reported data for dialysis facilities. In this session, physicians will learn the basics about In-Center Hemodialysis CAHPS including the methodology, subject sections, evidence and best demonstrated practices for improving overall scores. Attendees will also have an opportunity to share and discuss hurdles and best practices from their own experiences.
Lorien S. Dalrymple, M.D., M.P.H., Vice President, Epidemiology and Research, Fresenius Medical Care

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- 2:00pm to 3:00pm **The Medical Director As A Team Leader**
High-reliability, high-performance organizations have recognized the value of teams over the last twenty years. Dialysis facilities, by the nature of their activities, have to be high-reliability, high-performance organizations. Medical directors have unique responsibilities related to the delivery of dialysis and the clinical background to recognize and support optimal care for ESRD patients. The ability for the medical director to bridge these roles is enhanced by understanding how and when to lead the team in the dialysis facility.
Bryan Becker, MD, Bryan Becker, MD, MMM, FACP, CPE, Chief Medical Officer
DaVita Village Health
- 2:00pm to 3:00pm **Women in Leadership**
This workshop will seek to enhance skills and share ideas to build more inclusive environments in which female leaders can improve personal and organizational performance. There is a need to offer targeted development opportunities for women to improve capabilities, communication, understanding and sensitivity between genders and cultures. This workshop seeks to grow and achieve “girl magic” personally and professionally. Women need support for addressing the unique internal and external obstacles they face.
Eleanor Lederer, MD, Immediate Past President, ASN; Rebecca Schmidt, DO, Immediate Past President, RPA; Ellie Kelepouris, MD, Chief, Division of Nephrology & Hypertension, Drexel Nephrology
- 2:00pm to 3:00pm **Business Management Track: How Do Requirements in the 2018 Medicare Fee Schedule Affect Practice Operations**
Understand how developments in the Medicare Fee Schedule will affect your nephrology practice.
Emmy Clancy, MHA, CMPE, CPC, CCS, CDEO, Emmy Award Healthcare Consulting, LLC
- 3:00pm to 3:45pm Visit Exhibits
- 3:45pm to 4:30p **General Session III**
- 3:45pm to 4:30pm CKD and Nutrition
Speaker to be confirmed
- 3:45pm to 4:30pm **Concurrent General Session-Business Management Track: ESCO Management**
Mary Alice Stanford, MBA, CMPE; Executive Director, Renal Associates of Baton Rouge, LLC; David Arrieta, MBA, CMPE, Nephrology Associates Nashville; Jennifer Huneycutt, CPA, CMPE, Executive Director for Metrolina Nephrology Associates; Carole Ann Norman, Columbia Nephrology Associates PA
- 4:30pm **Meeting Adjourns**

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- 5:00pm – 6:00pm RPA PAC Reception
*invitation only
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm AAKP Reception and Dinner
*ticket required and can be purchased from [AAKP](#)

Saturday, March 17, 2018

- 6:45am to 8:00am Committee Meetings
- 7:00am to 8:00am Registration Open
Continental Breakfast
- 8:00am to 10:00am **General Session IV**
- 8:00am to 8:05am Opening Remarks
- 8:05am to 8:15am Presentation of Awards: Exemplary Practice and Special Recognition
- PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOMES**
- 8:15am to 9:00am **Improving the Patient Experience**
Patient reported outcomes (PRO) will be an important component of payment for quality care in the future and reflects the essence of what nephrologists need to do. Learn how to measure and improve PRO to better tailor treatments and approaches to enhance patient well-being.
[Speaker to be confirmed](#)
- 9:00am to 9:10am Q&A
- 9:10am to 9:55am **Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Project**
[Speaker to be confirmed](#)
- 9:55am to 10:00am Q&A
- 10:00am to 10:45am Visit Exhibits
- 10:45am to 12:00pm **General Session IV**
- 10:45am to 10:50 Presentation of Award: Patient Safety

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10:50am to 11:50am **Louis Diamond Lecture: Leading A Successful Practice**
William Jessee, MD, former CEO of the Medical Group Management Association
and former Vice President for Quality and Managed Care Standards at the
American Medical Association

11:50am to 12:00pm Q&A

12:00pm to 2:00pm Lunch on Your Own

RPA PAC Board Lunch

Single Invoice Program Town Hall (*invitation only)

Lunch will be served

Lunch Satellite Symposium

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CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

2:00pm to 3:00pm **Patient Population Health Management**
Donald Molony, MD, University of Texas-Houston McGovern Medical School

2:00pm to 3:00pm **Maximizing Resources Offered by Advanced Practitioners**
*As the AP nephrology role continues to grow in practices across the country,
utilization and reimbursement models vary according to site of service including
private practice CKD and transplant clinics, outpatient dialysis rounds, ESCO
models, acute hospital rounds & academic institutions. This discussion will help
discuss the best ways to maximize the resources offered by your nephrology AP
team.*

Denise Link, PA-C, UT Southwestern Medical Center; Leah Smith,
Leah Smith, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, CNN-NP, FNKF, Metrolina Nephrology
Associates, PA

2:00pm to 3:00pm **Hidden Impact of MIPS**
Matthew Fusan, SA Ignite

2:00pm to 3:00pm **Business Management Track: The Art and Discipline of Nephrology Practice
Benchmarking**
*Achieve more with less by benchmarking your data. Learn how to apply
practical techniques that will help you make the best business decisions and
focus on the right things.*
Jennifer Huneycutt, CPA, CMPE

3:00pm to 3:45pm Visit Exhibits

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3:45pm - 4:30pm **General Session V**

3:45pm to 4:30pm **Using Data to Improve Practice Performance**

Learn strategies to harness your practice data to improve quality and practice performance. Understand the “why” of collecting data and how to use it for change.

Adam Weinstein, MD

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3:45pm to 4:30pm **Concurrent General Session-Business Management Track: View From An Auditor's Perspective**

Discover current audit focused areas by OIG and other payers and learn how to identify areas in risk of an audit.

Suzanne Leathers, CPC

4:30pm **Meeting Adjourns**

5:00pm – 7:00pm Florida Society of Nephrology Member Reception

Sunday, March 18, 2018

8:00am - 11:30am **General Session VI – Home Dialysis**

Home dialysis is an under-utilized modality that is accepted to provide distinct benefits to patients. It minimizes disruption to patient life and involves them in their own care, empowering them.

8:00am to 8:05am Opening Remarks

8:05am to 8:45am **Transitional Dialysis**

Robert Lockridge, MD, Lynchburg Nephrology Physicians

8:45am to 8:55am Q&A

8:55am to 9:35am **Self-Care in the Dialysis Unit**

Edward Jones, MD

9:35am to 9:45am Q&A

9:45am to 10:25am **Maintaining Home Care**

Speaker to be confirmed

10:25am to 10:35am Q&A

10:35am to 11:20am **Nephrology Literature Review**

Rachel Fissell, MD

11:20am to 11:30am Q&A

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- 8:00am to 11:00am **Concurrent General Session - Business Management Track**
- 8:00am to 8:05am Opening Remarks
- 8:05am to 8:50am **Effective Strategies to Managing Your Practice**
Nikole Mergo, Nexsen Pruet, LLC
- 8:50am to 9:00am Q&A
- 9:00am to 9:50am **Utilization of Advanced Practitioners in Private Practice**
The AP role in nephrology is growing across the country at a fast pace. How do you incorporate APs into your current practice in the office, dialysis and hospital environment? How do you recruit, train and effectively manage the APs in your practice? How can you ensure that APs are financially productive in your practice model? All of these questions and more will be answered in this timely discussion.
Leah Smith, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, CNN-NP, FNKF
- 9:50am to 10:00am Q&A
- 10:00am to 10:15am Break
- 10:15am to 11:00am **Revenue Cycle Best Practices and Analytics**
Carolyn Rubin, Dallas Nephrology Associates
- 11:30am Meeting Adjourns**