Renal Physicians Association 2020 Annual Meeting
Agenda

Thursday, March 19
5:30pm – 7:30pm  Registration Opens
6:00pm – 7:00pm  Welcome Reception

Friday, March 20
6:45am to 7:45am  Government Affairs Open Committee Meeting
                  Quality, Safety and Accountability Open Committee Meeting
7:00am to 8:00am  Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
8:00am to 10:00am General Session I
8:00am to 8:05am  Welcome
                  Ronald Hyde, MD
8:05am to 8:25am  RPA Year in Review
                  Jeffrey Perlmutter, MD
8:25am to 8:55am  RPA Advocacy Agenda
                  Gain an understanding of current legislative and regulatory issues affecting
                  nephrology practitioners.
                  Robert Blaser
8:55am to 9:00am  Q&A
9:00am - 9:45am  Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative
                  In July 2019 HHS announced an effort to improve kidney care in the US. The
                  initiative proposes specific solutions to deliver on three goals: fewer patients
                  developing kidney failure, fewer Americans receiving dialysis in dialysis centers,
                  and more kidneys available for transplant. What does this mean to the
                  nephrology community?
                  Speaker to be confirmed
9:50am to 10:00am Presentation of Awards
                  Distinguished Nephrologist and Distinguished Practice Manager
10:00am to 10:45am Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
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10:45am to 12:00pm  
**General Session II**

10:45am to 10:55 am  
Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

10:55am to 11:20am  
**End Stage Renal Disease Treatment Choices (ETC) Payment Model**

*CMS proposed the mandatory model is proposing the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Treatment Choices (ETC) Model to encourage greater use of home dialysis and kidney transplants. This proposal has been under tremendous scrutiny since its release. Learn about the reasons for the kidney community concerns and what might come next.*

Terry Ketchersid, MD

11:20am to 11:40am  
**Voluntary Payment Models**

*Come hear a description of what the proposed voluntary payment models entail and what they might mean for the future of nephrology reimbursement.*

Jeffrey Giullian, MD

11:40am to 12:00pm  
Panel Q & A

12:00pm to 1:30pm  
Lunch on Your Own

12:00pm to 1:30pm  
Satellite Symposium hosted by Industry

12:00pm to 1:30pm  
RPA PAC Board Meeting

12:30pm to 1:30pm  
SIP Appreciation (*invitation only)

1:30pm to 2:30pm  
**General Session III**

1:30pm to 1:55pm  
**Maximizing the Pipeline for Renal Allograft**

*Ways to increase kidney transplantation is part of the goal for the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative. We will look at ways to improve kidney allocation—keeping kidneys for kidney patients.*

Krista Lentine, MD

1:55pm to 2:00pm  
Q & A

2:00pm to 2:25pm  
**Increasing and Maintaining Peritoneal Dialysis Rate**

*Home treatment gives patients a greater lifestyle flexibility and independence. Increasing home treatment is another goal of the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative mandate—fewer kidney patients receiving dialysis in dialysis centers.*

Harry Giles, MD

2:25pm to 2:30pm  
Q & A

2:30pm to 3:15pm  
Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
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Friday, March 20 Continued

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Deep Dive into New Payment Models
As discussed in the morning General Session II; get a deeper understanding of the ETC and voluntary payment models. Learn the risk, pitfalls and benefits.
Terry Ketchersid, MD and Jeffrey Giullian, MD

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Challenges and Solutions for Setting Up a Home Hemo Program
It’s all about the patient. Hear first-hand from your peers about the challenges and successes of implementing a home hemodialysis program.
Samaya Anunudu, MD, Arvind Garg, MD and Brent Miller, MD

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Clinical Documentation Improvement for Physicians
Making sure your documentation properly reflects the work you are doing. If you don’t have good documentation you are setting yourself up for problems you don’t need.
Diana Strubler

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance
This presentation will cover a basic nephrology practice profit and loss statement; incorporation of RPA benchmarking survey data to help with practice efficiencies; reports that should regularly be reviewed by physicians and administrators to avoid month-end “surprises;” and a mathematical approach to answer physician’s questions about maximizing their personal income.
David Fisher, MBA

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Concurrent BMT: Ancillary Service Implementation: Maximizing Advanced Practitioners and CKD Education
Practical knowledge and experience of implementing and maximizing both Advanced Practitioners and a CKD Education program within your practice including legal/billing requirements; time frames; and expected reimbursement for services provided to patients.
Speaker to be confirmed

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Patient Engagement Strategies
Get a personal perspective from a kidney transplant patient and advocate on how to engage your patients in their care.
Kevin Fowler

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Challenges and Solutions for Setting Up a Home Hemo Program (repeated)

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Clinical Documentation Improvement for Physicians (repeated)

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance (repeated)
Friday, March 20 Continued

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Ancillary Service Implementation: Maximizing Advanced Practitioners and CKD Education (repeated)

5:30pm  Meeting Adjourns

5:30pm to 6:30pm  RPA PAC Reception (PAC Contributors only)

6:00pm to 9:30pm  AAKP Medal of Excellence Dinner (Ticket required, Visit AAKP for tickets)

Saturday, March 21

6:45am to 7:45am  Health Care Payment Open Committee Meeting  
Clinical Practice Committee Open Committee Meeting

8:00am to 10:00am  General Session IV

8:00am to 8:05am  Opening Remarks

8:05am to 8:10am  Presentation of Exemplary Practice Award

8:10am to 8:50am  ESCO 2.0 – Panel Discussion  
*Prepare for the new version. Find out what the new framework for ESCO 2.0 will look like and how to take lessons from the past, to be successful in the future.*

**Moderator: Edward Jones, MD**

**Panelists:** Timothy Pflederer, MD; Larry Weisberg, MD; Brigitte Schiller, MD

8:50am to 10:00am  Disruptive Innovation  
*Three different companies. Three different care delivery models. Hear new market strategies on how they are approaching kidney care.*

**Moderator: Gary Singer, MD**

**Panelists:** Bruce Culleton, MD; Carmen Peralta, MD; Shika Pappoe, MD

10:00am to 10:45am  Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

10:45am to 12:00pm  General Session V

10:45am to 10:50am  Opening Remarks

10:55am to 11:35am  Louis Diamond Lecture  
*The book Ordinary Medicine places nephrologists at the intersection of patients, modern technology and social/cultural attitudes about ageing and life prolongation. Get a unique perspective on the present and future of our specialty.*

**Sharon Kauffman, PhD**
Saturday, March 21 continued

11:35am to 12:00pm  Walking Each Other Home: Strategies to “uphold” our patients with advanced kidney disease
   
   It becomes a team effort when deciding end of life care for a patient. It’s important what we do to them is what they want us to do for them.
   
   Ann O’Hare, MD

12:00pm to 1:30pm  Satellite Symposium hosted by Industry

12:00pm to 1:30pm  Practice Administrator Lunch

1:30pm to 2:30pm  General Session VI

1:30pm to 2:15pm  #NephTwitter
   
   Explore modern communications that are revolutionizing the nephrology community.
   
   Joel Topf, MD

2:15pm to 2:30pm  ABIM – MOC Town Hall

2:30pm to 3:15pm  Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Catalyze Renal Practice Entrepreneurial Leadership
   
   Get a practical blueprint for improving performance by refining and streamlining workflow. Lean Six Sigma (LSS) is a proven practice that optimizes an organization’s return on investment (ROI) by reducing waste through the application of tools and practices for process efficiencies. The secondary benefits of team engagement and communication combine to make LSS a useful consideration for entrepreneurship and improvement opportunities in medical practice.
   
   Jack Rudnick, Jr, Ed.D; Brian O’Dea; Shehnila Mahkri; Heather Dague, MD; and Sue Weyforth

3:15pm to 4:15pm  The Dialyzability of Less Common Drugs
   
   Josh King, MD

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Identify the Leader Within: AP Leadership in Nephrology Practice Settings
   
   Identify the Keys to Effective AP Leadership; Describe the Director of AP Role & Management of the Nephrology AP; Discuss AP Integration Into Nephrology Practice Settings; Explore Ways to Retain the Nephrology AP in Practice Settings
   
   Leah Smith, MSN APRN FNP-BC CNN-NP FNKF
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3:15pm to 4:15pm  Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance and New Payment Models
Conversation about the changing model of nephrology/CKD/transplant care, and how to use your influence as an administrator to affect the direction of your practice.
David Arrieta, MBA CMPE SHRM-SCP

3:15pm to 4:15pm  Concurrent BMT: Ancillary Service Implementation: Ancillary Service Implementation – Chronic Care Management/Transitional Care Management/Ultrasound/Dialysis Start
Practical knowledge and experience of implementing and maximizing Chronic Care Management, Transitional Care Management, Ultrasound, and Dialysis Start programs within your practice from the perspective of small and large nephrology practice administrators.
Amanda Walker and Anika Porter

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Cooking for Your Kidneys- Creating Flavor on a Low Sodium Diet
If you catch a whiff of flavorful aromas; that would be Dr. Blake Shusterman aka the Cooking Doc whipping up some Kidney Friendly Cuisine.

4:30pm to 5:30pm  The Dialyzability of Less Common Drugs (repeated)

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Identify the Leader Within: AP Leadership in Nephrology Practice Settings (repeated)

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance and New Payment Models (repeated)

4:30pm to 5:30pm  Concurrent BMT: Ancillary Service Implementation: Ancillary Service Implementation – Chronic Care Management/Transitional Care Management/Ultrasound/Dialysis Start (repeated)

5:30pm  Meeting Adjourns
Sunday, March 22

8:00am to 11:00am  General Session VII
8:00am to 8:05am  Opening Remarks
8:05am to 8:30am  Real World Management of Hyperkalemia—How RPA’s Kidney Quality Improvement Registry Can Be Used
  The RPA project on the Real-World Management of Hyperkalemia was designed to better understand clinical care patterns in managing non-acute hyperkalemia. Learn how RPA used chart abstractions and patient surveys to collect real world data.
  Adam Weinstein, MD
8:30am to 8:50am  Panel Discussion
8:50am to 9:00am  Q & A
9:00am to 9:25am  SGLT2 Inhibitors for the Prevention of Kidney Failure: Practical Considerations
  Rita Rastogi Kalyani, MD, MHS
9:25am to 9:30am  Q & A
9:30am to 9:55am  Reversing Diabetes
  Reversing type 2 diabetes with diet
  Speaker to be confirmed
9:55am to 10:00am  Q & A
10:00am to 10:50am  Nephrology Literature Review
  Join this rapid-fire presentation to learn the latest news about clinical advances in nephrology. Be sure to stay for this final session so you can head home with essential clinical knowledge you can implement in your practice.
  Edgar Lerma, MD
10:50am to 10:55am  Q & A
10:55am  Closing Remarks
11:00am  Meeting Adjourns

8:00am to 11:00am  CONCURRENT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TRACK
8:00am to 8:05am  Opening Remarks
  Carole Ann Norman
8:05am to 8:10am  Introduction of speaker
Sunday, March 22 continued

8:05am to 8:55am  Practice Governance
What are the absolute certain documents each practice should have as part of their practice governance? What is the most prevalent structure type?
Jason Greis and Scott Downing

9:00am to 9:05am  Introduction of speaker

9:05am to 9:50am  Communication and Leadership
Explore barriers to effective communication resulting from the different mental models used by physicians and managers, along with strategies to improve communication processes. The leadership models of transformational, shared, and servant leadership will be presented as alternatives to the traditional dyadic leadership structure.
Jeff Stevey

9:55am to 10:00am  Introduction of speaker

10:00am to 10:45am  Billing and Audit Documentation
Learn the billing do's and don'ts; experience with OIG audits; and documentation/billing requirements for ancillary services.
Suzanne Leathers, RHIT CEMA CEMC and Tiffany Jones

10:50am to 11:00am  Closing Remarks

11:00am  Meeting Adjourns