



Thursday, March 19

- 5:30pm – 7:30pm Registration Opens
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm Welcome Reception
- 7:00pm – 8:30pm Satellite Symposium hosted by Industry

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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 treatment in dialysis centers, and increasing the number of kidneys available for transplant. What does this mean for the nephrology community?
Deputy Secretary Eric D. Hargan, Department of Health and Human Services
- 9:50am to 10:00am Presentation of Awards
Distinguished Nephrologist and Exemplary Practice
- 10:00am to 10:45am Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall



Friday, March 20 continued

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 is proposing the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Treatment Choices (ETC) Mandatory Model to encourage greater use of home dialysis and kidney transplantation. Learn about the kidney community's concerns with this proposal and how it may affect your practice.

Terry Ketchersid, MD

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

Hear a description of what the proposed voluntary payment models entail and what they might mean for the future of nephrology reimbursement and kidney patient care.

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 (invitation only)

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 Allografts**

Discover ways to improve kidney allocation—keeping kidneys for kidney patients—to help achieve one of the goals of the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative – increased kidney transplantation.

Krista Lentine, MD

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

2:00pm to 2:25pm **Helping Patients to Go Home**

Home treatment gives patients greater lifestyle flexibility and independence. Increasing home therapies is another goal of the Advancing American Kidney Health Initiative mandate.

Harry Giles, MD

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

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



Friday, March 20 Continued

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

- 3:15pm to 4:15pm **Deep Dive into the New Payment Models**
Gain a deeper understanding of the ETC and voluntary payment models. Learn the risks, challenges, pitfalls and benefits.
Terry Ketchersid, MD and Bryan Becker, MD
- 3:15pm to 4:15pm **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**
Make sure your documentation properly reflects the work you are doing. If you don't have good documentation you are setting yourself up for problems.
Diana Strubler
- 3:15pm to 4:15pm **Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance Tools**
This presentation will cover a basic nephrology practice profit and loss statement; incorporate RPA benchmarking survey data to improve 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: Appropriate Utilization of Advanced Practitioners and CKD Education**
Practical knowledge and experience 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.
Alexander Liang, MD

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

- 4:30pm to 5:30pm **Engaging People Across the Spectrum of Kidney Disease**
A kidney transplant patient and advocate shares his perspectives on how to engage your patients in their care.
Kevin Fowler



4:30pm to 5:30pm **Setting Up a Home Hemo Program (repeated)**

Friday, March 20 Continued

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

4:30pm to 5:30pm **Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance Tools (repeated)**

4:30pm to 5:30pm **Concurrent BMT: Ancillary Service Implementation: Appropriate Utilization of Advanced Practitioners and CKD Education (repeated)**

5:30pm Meeting Adjourns

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

6:30pm to 8:30pm 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 8:10am Opening Remarks

8:10am to 8:50am **ESCO 2.0 – Panel Discussion**

Find out what the new framework for ESCO 2.0 will look like and how to apply lessons from the past, to be successful in the future.

Moderator: Edward Jones, MD

Panelists: Timothy Pfleiderer, MD; Larry Weisberg, MD; J. Gnash Bhat, 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



Saturday, March 21 continued

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

10:45am to 10:50am Opening Remarks

10:50am to 11:35am **Louis Diamond Lecture**

Ordinary Medicine: Extraordinary Treatments, Longer Lives and Where to Draw the Line

Ordinary Medicine places nephrologists at the intersection of patients, modern technology and social/cultural attitudes about aging and life longevity. Get a unique perspective on the present and future of our specialty.

Sharon Kaufman, PhD

11:35am to 12:00pm **Walking Each Other Home: Strategies to Support our Patients with Advanced Kidney Disease**
It is a team effort when deciding end of life care for a patient. How do we do 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.

Brian O’Dea, CPA; Jack Rudnick, Jr, Ed.D; Shenila Mahkri; Heather Dague, MD, Sue Weyforth and Antone Crasto



Saturday, March 21 continued

3:15pm to 4:15pm **Poisoning and the Nephrologist in 2020**
This session will discuss the most common drugs removed by hemodialysis (toxic alcohols, lithium, and salicylates), how to optimize dialysis for poisoning, and briefly review novel drugs of abuse that patients with AKI and CKD may be using.
Josh King, MD

3:15pm to 4:15pm **Identify the Leader Within: AP Leadership in Nephrology Practice**
Identify the keys to effective advanced practitioner (AP) leadership, integration into nephrology practice and explore ways to retain the Nephrology AP.
Leah Smith, MSN APRN FNP-BC CNN-NP FNKF

3:15pm to 4:15pm **Business Management Track (BMT): Practice Finance and New Payment Models**
How to use your influence as an administrator to affect the direction of your practice in the context of the changing models of nephrology/CKD/transplant care.
David Arrieta, MBA CMPE SHRM-SCP

3:15pm to 4:15pm **Concurrent BMT: Ancillary Service Implementation: Chronic Care Management/Transitional Care Management/Ultrasound/Optimal Dialysis Start**
Hear perspectives from practice administrators from practices of various sizes about how they have utilized and implemented CCM, TCM, Ultrasound and Optimal Start programs.
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 **Poisoning and the Nephrologist in 2020 (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: Chronic Care Management/Transitional Care Management/Ultrasound/Optimal 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-Utilizing RPA’s Kidney Quality Improvement Registry for Research

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 worked with nephrology practices to collect real world data.

Adam Weinstein, MD

Panelists: Nelson Koypt, DO and Lisa Simonton

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

Can SGLT2 inhibitors really protect kidney function? Reduce albuminuria? Who should prescribe them?

Rita Rastogi Kalyani, MD, MHS

9:25am to 9:30am

Q & A

9:30am to 9:55am

Acute Interstitial Nephritis

Tejas Desai, MD

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.

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



Sunday, March 22 continued

- 8:05am to 8:55am **Practice Governance**
What are the requisite 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 9:50am **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 10:45am **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